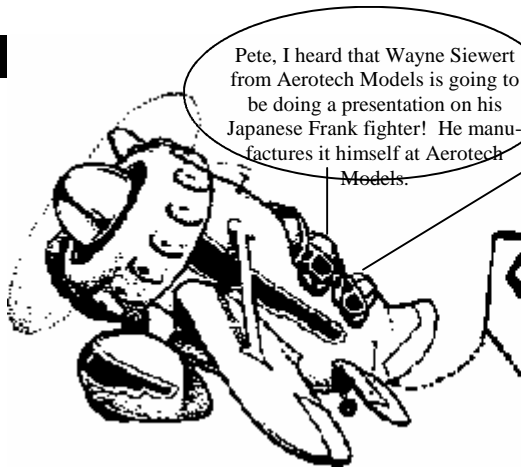
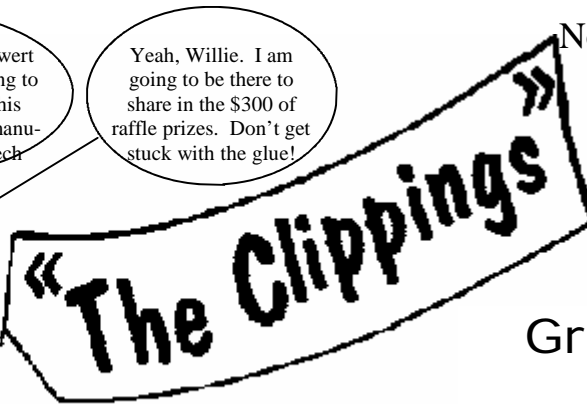




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Yeah, Willie. I am going to be there to share in the \$300 of raffle prizes. Don't get stuck with the glue!



The Newsletter of the Grassfield Radio Control Club, Brooklyn Park, MN

Notes from the President

by Richard Steine

This flying season has been a very active one. I have enjoyed seeing and meeting many new members, usually on Saturday or Sunday when I normally fly. I have watched the emergence of a very competent trainer in Danny Collier, whom I have seen helping many of the new fliers.

Now the building season is beginning. (No Del, the B-25 will not be done for the Builder's Show, I think it will actually fly before the end of the summer.) *Editor, hmmm*

Over the last three years I have had the pleasure of working part time with Wayne Siewert at Aerotech Models, www.aerotechmodels.com. I have learned many things about molding, fibreglassing and the production of large scale models. Wayne will be showing some of the great things that he markets for the scale crowd. We also will see a fine Japanese, KI-84 "Frank" fighter that we have built for a modeler.

This meeting will also be election night so bring the names of any nominees you may have to the board or just nominate them at the proper time. Every vote counts.

The board decided to increase the amount of money spent on the raffle to \$300 so we can get some nice prizes. I think it has helped, but give me some feedback as I am the one buying the prizes. Let me know what you would like to see in a the raffle. See you at the meeting.

Richard

Do You Know This Modeler?



Photo from Grassfield R/C Website

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Notes from the Editor

By Phil Zuidema, editor, phzuidema@aol.com

You may have noticed (or probably not) the Grassfield's website, www.grassfieldrc.org is now hosted at a new company. The new hosting company is one of the premier, business-class hosting companies in the Twin Cities, Digital North, www.digitalnorth.net. Scott Holm-Hansen has taken over the webmaster responsibilities from Bill Hempel for the time being and was instrumental in getting our site moved over to Digital North. This is a nearly shameless plug for the sister company of the one I work for, DKS Systems, which is a web development/systems integration firm, www.dkssystem.com.

O.K. Now I'll make a shameless plug for you to send me articles, pictures and information about what's happening in your corner of the hobby. I would think you all would be getting tired of my same old stuff, so send me some stuff about you and your flying buddies that I can print.

Thanks!

Grassfield Monthly Meeting

This month's meeting will be held at:

Date: November 12, Friday
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Location: Brooklyn Center Civic Center
 6301 Shingle Creek Pkwy.
 Brooklyn Center, MN 55430

See www.Grassfieldrc.org for a map.

Notes from the Secretary

By Pat Galarneault, et. Al

Pat asked me to help him out this month and update you guys on what's going on. Well, I will make an attempt to do that. At the meeting this Friday, Wayne Siewert, owner of Aerotech Models, www.aerotechmodels.com, will present to the Grassfield some of the challenges of running a model-related business and he will also present his Japanese fighter, a KI-84 Frank, that he kits. (See the *Notes from the President*, column, page 1.)

Also, we will be holding elections, for Vice President, Safety Officer and Field Marshall. The nominees (and current office holders are, Dave Norman, Scott Holm-Hansen and Jerry Bednark, respectively.) At the meeting, we will take nominations for these positions for anyone else desiring to make the commitment to the club to serve in these positions.

Phil

Last Race of the Season and the Exciting NCPL Championship Race Were Costly for Some

By Al Schwartz

Well the SS (Steine/Schwartz) racing team has done it again. First in Expert Class and first in Master Class. That's three in a row for the team. This time Richard Steine collected the trophies. I was his caller all day and he finished with 21 points to take the Big Trophy. Picture 7 is a shot of the winning team with their trophies.

We had another beautiful day, although the wind was a little gusty and coming in from the west, which made it a little tricky on takeoff. I didn't see any takeoff mid-air but, there were some aircraft lost to mid-air.

SAD STORIES

1. Jerry Elert

Jerry took his number one plane out for a test flight and had a problem and it flew over the trees and crashed in the beans. LETS BAN TEST FLIGHTS. Then he took his backup plane out for the first heat and it rolled over and crashed right on takeoff - ailerons reversed. Jerry made an excellent starter the rest of the day.

2. Pat Redig

Pat lost two aircraft. I think one was a midair and the other just stopped listening and flew into the beans at pylon number one.

3. Del Berryman

Del lost his only plane to a mid-air at number one. He made a good lap counter the rest of the day.

Pat Galarneault, Brian Vacha, Carl Kummer, Jerry Bednark, Dave Norman, Chuck Eldridge all lost planes but, I can't recall the details of each.

After the race we had the fly off for the NCPL Season Champion. At the Annual NCPL meeting, Chuck and Max Kern proposed that we have a fly-off instead of declaring that the flyer with the most points at the end of the year is the champ. So the top eight point-holders were set up in two separate heats and then the top two from each heat were the Final Four. Chuck Eldridge, Randy Etken, Dave Norman and Phil Zuidema were the Final Four. Pictures 1 and 4 are the final four at the

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Photo on the Front Page is:

You may not know this person, but he has been involved in R/C since he was almost a child. One day while in his home in Brooklyn Center he heard the high-pitched whine of a model airplane engine. He wandered outside to see what was going on and met his neighbor out there testing a new engine. His neighbor happened to be a founding member of the Grassfield Club. He got the boy involved in R/C and he has been enjoying it ever since. Lately, he's been tearing up the pylon racing circuit, frequently winning the Standard Class. He is a high school math teacher in Champlin.

The person in the photo is Tim Pettman. His neighbor was the inimitable, late Vic Leerhoff.

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starting line.

What a race that was! The first incident was a mid-air between Chuck and Dave. Dave lost his tail and crashed outside of 2 and 3. That left three planes. Chuck had pulled his throttle back after the mid-air, so Phil and Randy were out front. Then Chuck realized that his plane was still flying so he got back in the race and then, while trying to catch up flew very tight at number two and took out the flag on number two pylon. WOW! After all that, his plane was still flying. Later, Chuck found a piece of Dave Norman's prop in his fuse and it cut the fuse almost in half right behind the firewall.

After the smoke cleared Phil Zuidema was the winner with NO CUTS. This was truly amazing since Phil was number 8 of the top eight and held the title for the most cuts in one heat for the day at 6. Phil and his caller, Pat Galarneault are picture number 6. Congratulations Phil!!!!!!!

Picture Number 7—The Winning SS Team Racks Up One More



Above—Photo by Phil Zuidema, Below, Al Schwartz



Pic Number 4. About to begin the final race. Jerry Bednark, Dave Norman, Pat Galarneault, Phil Zuidema, et. Al.

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Flying Combat is fun! fun? Fun! This looks like racing!



Picture Number 1

Photo by Al Schwartz

Chuck Eldridge is helped by Don Martinson for the final race. Randy Etken is helped by Dick Steine and Phil Zuidema is held by Pat Galarneault. Jerry Bednark, (far pad) holds Dave Norman's airplane.



Picture Number 6.

Phil Zuidema and Pat Galarneault pose for Al Schwartz after the final race, winners of the NCPL Season Championship.

Photo by Al Schwartz

Wish These Members A Speedy Recovery

Please wish the following members a speedy and full recovery from their current maladies, Wayne Jaax and Dick Barland.

If you fly during the weekday, you certainly know Wayne. After getting over his broken back, he is now fighting another illness. Wayne was one of the original members of the Grassfield R/C Club.

Dick Barland is also working on getting back into flying shape. If you fly combat (and even if you don't) you may know Dick. He builds the GNAT kit, for the combat event. He is also an avid combat competitor himself.

Please wish both of them a full and quick recovery.

Editor, If you know of anyone else who is under the weather and we need to give special TLC to, please e-mail me or let me know. Thanks.

Gone Flying Forever

One of our Grassfield members has been lost to an illness. Joseph Wetzel passed away last February. I am sorry, I just found out about it recently.

Catherine Wetzel, Joseph's widow, let me know that he enjoyed the hobby with us. I know those whom he flew with, have missed him already.

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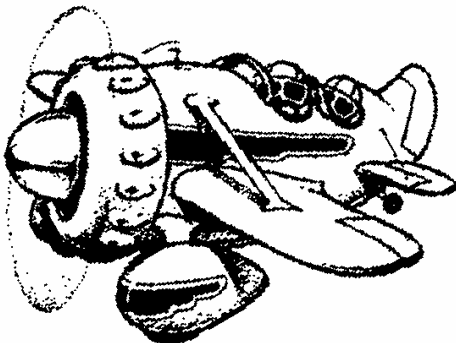
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