

Feb 2006

The 107th CRASH CRONICLES!

Well I made it a whole month and nobody has threatened to impeach me yet! But please... stop with the bodily threat notes. There starting to clutter my desk!

The January meeting brought up some issues. Some of them old, but never the less still issues. After explaining and listening to your comments I believe we are getting close to ending one such issue due to your comments and suggestions. THE NEWSLETTER! Please plan on attending the February meeting to hear and vote on this issue. Other issues never seem to go away and personally (just my opinion) I believe some never will. I believe we should leave well enough alone, and learn to live with them instead of complaining about them unless we have a solution. Nuff said!

There was also some new ideas and thoughts brought up. One idea that was brought up by are esteemed Secretary Mr. Bob Boen. It was the suggestion of a Lotto type raffle in order to increase our treasury funds. I thought this was an excellent idea and we definitely should look into this possibility. Speaking of Bob Boen, he also brought in a beautiful Gee Bee Model Y with a Evolution gas engine for everyone to gawk at. It's my understanding that John Joseph also has one being prepared for the upcoming flying season. Can't wait to see these take to the air! Bob also brought in some examples of new Evolution engines for anyone interested in purchasing. There were some terrific deals offered through Bob Boen and Als Hobby.

On a closing note..... I HATE WINTER!! We just experienced a 56 ° day in the middle part of January. As usual, I did not have any of my flying machines ready to go so I was forced to suffer from this early spring fever with nothing to do but sit home and suffer from this intolerable fever. I'm starting to recover as reality again starts to sink in, but I would like to remind you to get them flying machines ready as spring will soon be here! Jeff W.



Now I ask you, doesn't this remind you of someone *YOU* know after a building session in the shop? Hey hey hey

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By Jeff Waligora

An Artistic Touch

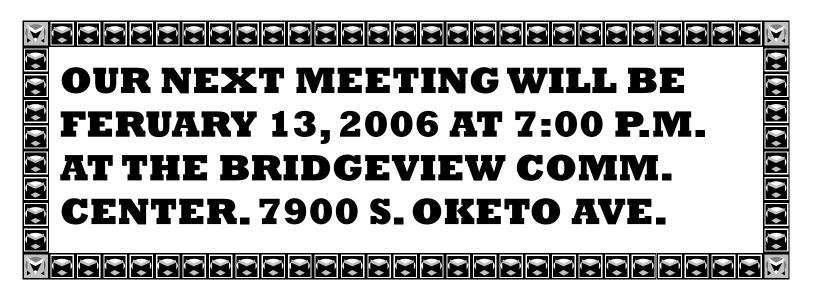
Here's a tip that might actually be useful to some of you. If your contemplating painting that super duty scale model here's a way to eliminate that bleeding you always seem to get under the masking tape that always seems to happen when painting the trim colors.

First let me begin by saying always protect yourself and any occupants of your dwelling by painting with only an OSHA approved respirator and for Gods sake.... Don't paint inside your house unless your wife has left town for at least a week minimum! (Experience talking here!)

After you paint your new masterpiece the base color of your choice. Let dry thoroughly before masking your trim. We wouldn't want to lift the base color when removing the masking. Next mask your trim as usual, and prepare the surface for painting. Now here's the trick so read carefully! Take your *base* coat color and spray the edges of your masking. What this does is seal any bleeding prone areas of the masking tape with your base color so that when you lift your masking, even if it bleeds under, it's the same color as your base coat. Neat huh?

Now that you sealed the edges of the masking tape, clean your gun, and spray away with your trim color (or pick up the other can of spray paint.) and let dry to the touch, but don't let dry thoroughly where your masking becomes one with the paint. This would create a major opps when lifting away from surface. I usually use a razor edge and lightly scar the edge of the masking tape while lifting <u>away</u> from the trim color in order to achieve a niece clean trim edge.

Now all that's left is to cover your tracks. After the paint has thoroughly dried (Read the manufactures instructions) you can generally polish any bleeding with a very fine rubbing compound or polishing compound in order to blend the bleeding areas into the basecoat. I always start with the finest polish in order not to rub through the paint. Paint is heavy and I try not to put much on to begin with. Now if your like me You'll have to complete hiding your tracks by cleaning up any over spray in your basement and change your furnace filters before your better half comes home! Oh Boy.... You should have listened to me when I said don't paint inside the house.



My Idol in life...... Who else could drink more than 1 beer at a time



Photo courtesy of Bob Boen



Great Planes Super Chipmunk, Fiberglass fuselage, 81' wingspan, 120 engine required. IMAA legal. \$300.00. NIB. See or call Marv

Sarich. (Editors note. I have this plane. Looks and flies great. If you do purchase this craft, talk to me before you assemble. I can give you some advice before you claim its too

OS 91 2 cycle engine (slightly used). With Pitts style muffler, eng. Mount, and assorted 14-6 thru 14- 10 props. All for the remarkable low price of \$200.00 Contact Martin Stanley.

2006 dues are now being accepted. Please see Ron King at the meeting or arrange other options by e-mailing him at King@107aerosquadron.com



This beautiful Gee Bee Model Y was brought in to the last meeting by Bob Boen. Rumor has it that there will be two of these hitting the skies of 107th and LaGrange this coming summer! Photo courtesy of Martin Stanley



Meeting Minutes

107th Aero Squadron

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1-9-2006 Location:

on: Oremus Community Center 7900 Oketo Avenue Bridgeview, IL. This Eindecker was built by Bill Doyle Jr. He tells me that the kit is from SR Batteries and was quick to build. It has a "100 wingspan. It's also powered by a First Place 20 C.C. gas engine equipped with a electronic ignition. He Also installed a smoke system in this jewel. The flying and landing wires are functional. His next project... a 1/3 scale Sopwith Pup from Balsa USA! (Editors note: These photos were sent to me vía E-maíl. If you have photos or just have something to say..... You can E-maíl me at leffwaligora@AOL.com.)



Next meeting: February 13th, 7:00 PM, Oremus Community Center

I. Call to Order & Announcements

The meeting was called to order by our new Club President, Jeff Waligora at 7:10 PM. Jeff announced that the price for the 2006 Christmas Banquet would be the same as last year (2005), and that the new date is December 10th, 2006 starting again at noon. Jeff also announced that this year's winner of the "Flying Frozen Finger Award" was non other than our own Joe Synal!

II. Treasurer's Report

Ron King was too busy adding on to his house again with club funds to bother showing up at the meeting, so no Treasurer's Report was given. Besides, according to Jeff and Ron, we're going broke, so who wants to hear negative numbers anyway.

III. Old Business

No one at the meeting could remember what we talked about during the November meeting, so no old business was discussed.

IV. New Business

Jeff reviewed some of the answers and comments that he got from the survey handed out at the Christmas Banquet. One item of interest discussed was if the club should hold specific "Fun Fly's" or competition relating to specific types of aircraft (i.e., war birds, pylon racers, etc.). It was decided to keep these types of events "informal" as we have done in the past.

The website, and club member access to it was discussed. It was decided that the "members area" of the website was too complicated to get into (security and passwords) and that the website should be converted into an "open" version, viewable by all with out passwords. It was also suggested that the e-mail function of the website is redundant to the e-mail clients that the club members are already using, and that the club member's e-mail addresses could be posted on the member's page in lieu of having a "club e-mail server" as part of the web site. Jeff said that he would talk to Ron about this before the next meeting.

Jeff indicated that he was still looking for an editor to take care of the club news letter. Joe Synal said he would try to handle some of the news letter work, with Bob Boen serving as backup

Bob Boen announced special pricing on selected items though Al's Hobby shop, available to club members attending meetings and club events. This month's "specials" include discount pricing on the two new Evolution gas motors (the 26 GT and the 35 GT), and the new Satio FA125. Special discount coupons are needed to get these special discounted prices, so any interested club members can see Bob at the next meeting for the coupons.

V. Show & Tell

Bob Boen brought in one of his precision-engineered storage/carrying racks with a 84" wing-span GeeBee "Y" attached.

John Joseph also has a similar GeeBee "Y" with a custom-modified tail, and he bought in the rather anemic looking Saito FA170 R-3 motor that he's going to try and fly the plane with this spring. Good luck, John...

Martin Stanley brought in some engines and mufflers that he is interested in selling. Interested members can contact Marty at the next meeting

VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:30 PM by Jeff.

Respectfully Submitted

Bob Boen Club Secretary