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President's PreFlight by John Kreitzer

The election is over, the votes are counted and we now have a new president, Paul Hohensee. He was able to garner enough votes to win this year's election for President and his new Vice President will be Bob Lirette. Paul has been the president of the Electrons in the past and Bob has plenty of experience holding office for different organizations, so for them this should be a very easy task. With the help of the existing board, I am confident that these two guys will do a great job keeping this club running smoothly. I want to thank Chris Milbauer for his service as Vice President these past 3 years. He did an excellent job offering his help, support and advice. Thanks, Chris.

This is it, my last Preflight Letter as president of the Flying Electrons. It seems like just yesterday I was trying to think of what to write for my first one. How time flies. It's been quite a ride serving this extraordinary club. I have to say that I've really had a good time over these past three years. We've had a few ups and downs, but mostly they've been ups. One of my main goals when I took over was to not do anything "stupid" that could cause the club harm and unless I missed something, I think that I accomplished that goal.

I can honestly say that things could have never gone as well as they did had it not been for the support of the other officers of the club and the directors. They were all very helpful during my term. I'd just like to say a few things about each of these guys.

Chris Milbauer, Vice President. Chris was always available when things needed to get done. If there was a problem to be discussed, he always had an opinion on how to settle it. I'd have to say that we didn't always agree on the settlements, but when all was said and done, we would find a solution and move on. Thank you Chris for everything you've done for me and for this club. Without your support, my job would have been much more difficult.

Tim Becker, Secretary/Treasurer. Tim has been the secretary/treasurer for the past two years. He has done one heck of a job handling the books for the club. He's always available when a question arises and has a complete "open book" policy in regards to the clubs finances. Like myself, I believe one of Tim's main goals was to not let us do anything that might put the club in jeopardy and he handled that job wonderfully, Thanks Tim.

Mike Bohlman, Director. Mike has been involved in one way or another for as long as I've been a member of this club, either as Newsletter Editor, Vice President or a Director. Talk about someone who wants to stay active in the club, if you look up the definition of service to the Electrons in the dictionary, you'll see Mike's picture. The list of Mike's accomplishments with the club could fill this whole newsletter. All I can say is thank you very much Mike for everything.

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Todd Davis, Director. Todd is one of the most level headed individuals I know. If the board was discussing a topic and it started getting a little crazy, Todd was always there to keep us on the straight and narrow. He's been a real asset to the board and we'll be lucky to have him on there in the future. Thanks Todd.

Mike Dorna, Director. Mike is a staple in this club and hobby. He has been involved with this hobby for probably more years than he would care to admit and with this club for most if not all of those years. Whenever I needed help on any issue, Mike would always be available. He was always there when something would need to get done. He's a tremendous asset to this hobby and more so to this club. Thanks Mike.

Ron Jans, Director. I met Ron shortly after I joined this club. I remember him asking me to help him put out signs at an event (probably the Charity Event) and we've been friends ever since. It's hard to put on paper what Ron means to me as both a friend and a member of the board. He gives as much to this club as I think anyone else does. He's been taking care of the field for as long as I've known him and has done just a spectacular job. Yes, he has been compensated for his duties there; however, he has gone above and beyond what any compensation could ever cover. I don't know if everyone realizes all the "little" things he does to make sure that all of us have a wonderful field to fly at, but trust me, it's a lot. Thank you very much Ron.

Finally I would just like to thank everyone in the club for making my job a lot of fun. As I said at the last meeting, when I look at the people from this club, I'm looking at a whole group of friends (yes you can never have too many) and I really do mean it with all sincerity.

Have Fun, Be Safe.
See you at the field.

Member Notes:

Renewals

I want to thank everyone for the great response to renewals so far this year. To date 70 members are ready to take to the skies in 2009. This is more than I had at the end of December for the 2008 renewals.

All I can say is keep them coming! Avoid the late fees and renew on or before the January 2009 meeting.

Looking for club documents?

The club secretary has them available electronically. If you would like a copy send Tim Becker an email at tim_b2008@yahoo.com. The following documents are available:

Bylaws	Start Up Cost Estimate	Pilot-Instructor Checkride
Field Rules	Training Program	Sound Abatement
Flying Electrons Application	Field Manager Duties	New Member Orientation
Ground School	Criteria for Honorary Life Membership	

Pilot Status

Attention student pilots! Once you pass your pilot checkride make sure you give me a shout so I can send you a key and update the club records. You can keep and use your Student (yellow) card with the club instructor's signature on the back or request a Pilot card with your key.

Flying Electrons Monthly Minutes
Board of Directors Meeting
November 9th, 2008

Meeting Called to order at 6:00 PM.

Location: DiMarini's Restaurant, Menomonee Falls, WI

Attendee's: John Kreitzer (President), Chris Milbauer (Vice-President), Tim Becker (Treasurer), Ron Jans (Director), Mike Bohlman (Director), Mike Dorna (Director), absent: Todd Davis (Director)

The treasurer's report was read into the record, the numbers are available upon request. Tim announced that to date he had 40 renewals in; it appears that the reminders he sent out to the membership were working. Tim announced that he forwarded the money he received from the R/C Association to Tim Steinke of the Boy Scouts.

Mike Bohlman asked that we invite the Village Board Members to the Xmas party again this year, Mike Dorna agreed to do it again this year.

Chris announced that anyone who would need tickets for the Xmas party should contact him and he would get take care of them.

Tim Becker attended the meeting of the R/C Association and announced that they were looking for volunteers for the Swap Meet which will be held at the Waukesha Expo Center on Sunday January 4th, 2009. Volunteer's can contact Laurie Jones at 414-461-6013.

The board agreed to set up a Bereavement Fund to cover the costs of sending flowers or cash donations in the event a current club member passes away (Life Members would be included in this list). A limit of \$50.00 was agreed on. The board agreed to solicit donations from the general membership to cover the costs of the fund. The board also agreed to put a separate line in the budget to reflect the fund, which would be kept at \$200.

John announced that the manager of the Currie Park Golf Dome had contacted him to possibly arrange setting up flying arrangements for this winter. Mike Bohlman agreed to contact him to look into the arrangement.

Tim Becker agreed to get the Kohl's Gift Certificates for the Xmas Party.

With no other business to be discussed, the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by: John Kreitzer

Next Event

Sunday, December 14
Christmas party

Building a Scale Jug – To Be Continued

By Steve Maurice

This month the weather turned cold, and the remaining work I have to do on the Jug involves a lot painting. Since I don't have a heated garage, the rest of the work will have to be completed in the spring. I will be going on a hiatus, but in the spring/early summer I will have 1-2 more articles to go over the final painting, the details, and the weathering. Until then, have a good building season!

As always, if anyone has any questions or comments, you can email me at stevemaurice@wi.rr.com.

Have a Merry Christmas, everyone!



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