



Stetson Flyer

Stetson Flyers Model Airplane Club

February 2000

Next Meeting

Tuesday February 29, 7:30 pm

Scratch Building, Part II

Bring your Show and Tell!

Coming Events...

March Meeting
Organized by

Scale Night
Richard Robichaud

April Meeting

Auction Night

June 10th

Scale Event

It was a Chili day at the Flying field...

February 19, as about 25 people attended the Winter Fun Fly. Christine Devlin serves up a nice bowl of hot chili. You could not have asked for a better day with clear skies, almost no wind and just under freezing temperatures to keep the snow dry. Powder snow was about 60 cm deep in places, which made shoveling necessary in the pit area. It also made for some spectacular landings (see below), but with such soft snow there was seldom any damage.



Look inside for more pictures from the event.



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Dues:

\$55.00 per calendar year; \$30.00 for students under 18

Meetings

The Stetson Flyers meet at 7:30 on the last Tuesday of each month, except for December, June, July or August. The meetings are held at the National Aviation Museum in the Bush Theatre.

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<http://www.stetsonflyers.com>

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Rod's "Electric Knife"

By Rod Woolley

Reprinted from "The Electric Model Flyer"

Here is a good tip! Any time you need to cut rectangular cavities in foam, e.g., for a servo, receiver, landing gear or battery pack, then try using Rod's "Electric Knife"! Safe, fast, and cuts clean, accurate holes quickly and easily. Much better & safer than a "carve and scrape" approach. Just make a rectangular "U" shape of thin piano-wire about 1cm across and with two sides each 4 or 5cm long. To hold the ends still, push them through pinholes in a block of balsa or ply and glue in place. Solder two copper leads below the block and connect a single charged 1700 mah cell. It will work for around 5 minutes. (Other sized cells will work just as well but much smaller ones won't last long on a charge and will get quite hot.) The piano wire doesn't get too hot, i.e., it doesn't glow red but is just right to make cavities in foam. Avoid the fumes of course. Only use with Styrofoam not EPP or urea foam as they are really dangerous when "hot cut".

I marked the outline of the cavity with a permanent marker (Staedtler permanent medium black). A drawing motion broadside on makes a neat deep rectangular slot suitable for a servo for example. One plunges the hot "knife" into the foam at one end, runs the length of cavity required and then draws it out, usually with the waste material coming free at the same time. For larger holes the blade can be drawn across several times and works quite well moving sideways, too. A wooden rule makes a good guide but free-hand works well, too. Give it a try;

FOR SALE: If you have something you would like to sell, feel free to send me the details and I will add it to our next newsletter!

Minutes of January 25 Meeting

Location: Aviation Museum

Attendance: 50

1.0 Gerry opened the meeting welcoming all, including guests, to a very well attended meeting.

1.1 A motion was put forth by Gerry to accept the minutes from the last meeting. Accepting was Jim Brown, seconded by Ed Whynott, and it was passed.

1.2 Gerry thanked Richard Robichaud for providing coffee and a gift certificate to be drawn from Show'n' Tell participants.

1.3 Christine reviewed the club's financial position. The current bank balance is \$2597.28 with the GIC at \$6000.00.

1.4 The website domain fee was paid and Gerry thanked Roger Hiscocks for the quality of our site.

1.5 Gerry expressed that he was pleased with the executive for this season.

2.0 Upcoming events were discussed including the June fun fly and the Scale event. Doug Tufts and Chris Burrige, respectively, are heading up these events. Currently no dates are determined.

2.1 The executive put forth the following criteria they would like to have followed by event organisers. This included acceptance of event by club members, responsible representation of the club, financial report within 10 days of event, and if an advance is required a proposed plan for finances.

2.2 Mike Ingham put forth a motion to have the Giant Rally, seconded by Chris Burrige, and was accepted by the club.

2.3 Ken Langille proposed the motion to host

the Pattern event for September 2 and 3, seconded by Terry Vajionis, and it was passed.

2.4 A new proposal of having a confidential gate code to dissuade non-members from using the field on their own. The motion was accepted by Terry Satchell, seconded by Anthony Mitchelson, and was carried. The new lock code will take effect in the spring with all paid members to be notified. New membership cards will have the code.

2.5 Mike Ingham will be organizing the IMAA symposium at the Aviation Museum on April 1.

2.6 Christine offered to host a Winter Fun fly on February 19. Gerry accepted with Jean Populus seconding and it carried.

2.7 Ed Whynott got the first flight of the year in and was awarded a club crest for his achievement.

2.8 Barry Goss was awarded the Pranged Pig for his winter flying with questionable batteries.

2.9 Christine sold 50/50 tickets, Chris Burrige spoke on the merits of scratchbuilding, and Ed Whynott demonstrated his covering secrets.

3.0 Mike Ingham and Bill Pryde put forth the motion to conclude the business portion of the meeting.

Important Definitions

Exceptional Flying Ability - Has equal number of takeoffs and landings.

Final Approach - 1. Last pass a pilot makes at the opposite sex before giving up. 2. Many a seasoned pilot's last landing. 3. Many a student pilot's first landing.

Pilot - A poor, misguided soul who talks about women when he's flying and talks flying when he's with a woman.

S-turn - Course flown by student pilot from point A to point B.

Stetson Flyer's Winter Fun Fly

February 19, 2000

