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President's PreFlight by Paul Hohensee

Well, January is here and this is my first *PreFlight* in almost twenty years! Funny how some things come full circle.

I am very honored that you, the membership, placed your confidence in me to run the club for 2009 and I assure you that I do not take that responsibility lightly. I believe this is the first time in a number of years that we had an actual election for the office of President and I think this is good for the club. It shows there were a number of individuals that are interested in the running of the club and to "throw their name in the hat!" As I said, this is a good thing! Chris and I share a passion for the success of the Electrons and I know I can always count on him for help, support and guidance to that end.

The first thing on the agenda for this month is to take a minute and thank our exiting President for his service over the last few years. John Kreitzer has done a great job during his term as President and leaves the club very strong. The balance sheets look good, we have an established editor and a new website. These are all good things, but more importantly, I think the morale within the club is strong and there seems to be more people willing to volunteer. The importance of this, I think, John has instilled in the rank and file of the club. This is most likely the most important attribute a club like the Electrons can have. I will talk more about this in the upcoming months. Again, John, thanks for the leadership, patience and guidance over the past few years. Take a break, enjoy going to the field to just fly, and now you have more time to practice!

So, where do we go from here? What do we want to accomplish in 2009? This is what I will be discussing with the Board in the near future. Just one of the many thoughts I have on what is important, and what we should be focusing on in the next year and maybe beyond, is our field. I think the most important asset the club has, besides its' membership, is our field. Without it, we have nowhere to practice our passion for the hobby! With the advent of Park Flyers, we now have a little more freedom in where we fly, but our field offers more than just a place to fly. It is the place where we all can meet, talk, laugh and oh yes, fly.

We need to make sure that we do everything in our power to maintain our presence at our field. Nothing could put our club at more risk than to lose our field! There are many activities that help support this idea and that will be the main focus of our first few Board meetings.

I hope everyone had a wonderful and safe holiday season. The swap-meet in Waukesha should be over when you are reading this, so between that and the holidays, hopefully most of you are contemplating how to get your new projects completed for show-and-tell and its' first maiden flight.

With that, I will let you read the rest of this issue.

Keep the CA off your fingers and I look forward to seeing you at the meeting!

Paul

The Milwaukee R/C Association is holding the 31st Annual Auction and Swap Shop on January 4th, 2009. Volunteers are needed to support the event. You can sign up for 3 different time slots: 7:00 – 9:00, 9:00 – 11:00, or 11:00 – 1:00. By supporting the event you get free entry and the Flying Electrons will receive \$10 for each member that helps out.

To get involved contact Laurie Jones at 414-461-6013.

Member Notes:

Renewals

Renewals are still going strong. Remember to pay your 2009 dues on or before the January meeting to avoid late fees. Happy New Year!

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.



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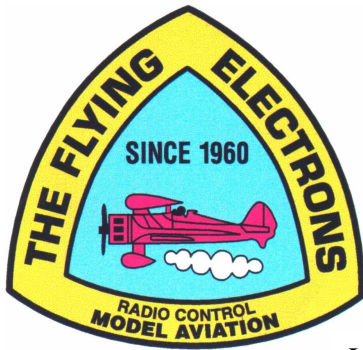


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