

The Tale Spinner

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hello Sun Dancers,

Another month is here and we are starting the New Year off great. The weather has been just perfect. First off the February meeting will be held on the 2nd Thursday of the Month which is February 9, 2006. Hope to see you all there. The Big Bird event is rapidly approaching and we are still looking for volunteers. Please contact Ken Bridges and donate some of your time to our club. For those of you looking for something to do, a group of us will be attending the Giants Over Deland big bird event. The dates are February 1-4, 2006. This is truly a great event and worth the drive. Midway is looking great, the road in is nice and smooth. I hope everyone is please with the direction of the club and as always please let us know how we are doing and any comments good or bad are welcome.

Chris



WALLY EHRLICH

Wally 86, is leaving for California to live closer to his son. Check out Walt's comments about Wally on page 6.

AGENDA FOR FEBRUARY MEETING

Regular meeting February 9, 2005

Call to order, 7:30 PM
Secretary's report (vote approval)
Treasurer's report (vote approval)
Big Bird Fly-In Status
Vote on License plate purchase
Vote on paying Big Bird volunteers
Field Search Status Report
Presidents comments
Old business
New business
Show and Tell
Adjourn

Regular Meeting Minutes

Date of Meeting: Thursday, January 5, 2006

Place of Meeting: IRCC, Fort Pierce, FL

Time of Meeting: 7:30 PM

Number of Members present: 26 including 4 Officers and 2 Board Members

Meeting called to order by: President, Chris Costantino

Secretary's Report: Minutes of regular meeting of December 1, 2005 were approved as published in previous newsletter.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's report of November 1 to November 30, 2005 was approved as published in previous newsletter.

Vice Presidents Report: Jim Julian thanked those that helped with the War Bird Event and spoke on the merits of club members volunteering for specific assignments for the Big Bird Event.

Field Report: Midway field remains in excellent condition. With good weather and many members returning to Florida, the field is seeing increased usage. This increase in traffic is adding to increased trash scattered on the field site. Please help pick up after yourself and others. Adequate trash bins are available. If we all pitch in we can keep the field well maintained.

Old Business:

The War Bird Event was successfully held as scheduled. Approximately \$600.00 in profit for the club was realized.

The PAL Youth event was successfully held as scheduled on December 10, 2005. Approximately eight (8) young people have signed up for the program and training is being held on Saturdays to teach them initial flying skills. The kit construction portion of the project is still in the planning stage.

The planning for the Big Bird Event scheduled for February 25 and 26, 2006 is well underway. Several key positions have been filled. Many volunteers are needed. **Please step-up to the challenge and make your talents available to the club.** We cannot make this event a success without your help. If you are not contacted by one of the key personnel for assistance please let any Board Member know of your willingness to help and we will line you up with the proper individual. Thank you in advance for being available to help.

New Business:

A motion was made and seconded to make available for club members to purchase a front license plate with the club logo. The plates are expected to cost about \$5.00 each in quantities of 50 to 100 units. **This should be voted on at the next regular meeting.**

A motion was made and seconded to give a \$25.00 credit to club members on next years dues for working eight (8) hours at the Big Bird Event up to a maximum of sixteen (16) hours (\$50.00). **Discussion and vote on this motion will be held at the next regularly scheduled meeting.**

The **Next Meeting** is scheduled for **February 9, 2006.** This week later date is due to the fact that many members will be attending the DeLand Flying Event on the date of the normally scheduled meeting

Show and Tell presenter Charlie Fisher demonstrated a beautiful Grumman Widgeon aircraft model. The 50/50 Raffle was held. Carl Saporiti pocketed 50% of the funds while the other 50% went to the Show and Tell presenter.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Submitted by Vern Gillespie
Club Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT December 1 to December 31, 2005

Bank balance as of 12/1/2005 **\$23777.73**

Income

Membership Dues

To General Fund \$4225.00

To Field Fund \$1520.00

Warbird Event \$1220.00

Total \$6965.00 **\$6965.00**

Expenses

Grass cutting \$512.50

PAL Event Food \$107.54

Warbird Prizes \$536.99

Storage Locker \$ 45.79

Newsletter Printing \$118.07

Office Supplies \$126.01

Stamps \$185.00

Field Maintenance \$ 30.44

*Road Improvements \$825.00

Total \$2487.34 **\$2487.34**

Account Balances 12/31/05

General Fund \$ 11495.67

Field Fund \$ 16514.29

Total \$ 28009.96

Bank balance as of 12/31/05 **\$28009.96**

* Field Fund Expense

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Date of Meeting: January 03, 2006

Place of Meeting: Johnny's Restaurant, Port Saint Lucie, FL

Time of Meeting: 6:30 PM

Number of Members present: Six of eight. Chris Costantino, Ken Bridges, Vern Gillespie, Vinny Giuffre, Jim Julian and Bill Squillace

Meeting called to order by: President Chris Costantino

Secretary's Report: Minutes were approved as published from last meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Report was approved as read.

Old Business: The Warbird Event was reviewed for what went well and what can we do better.

Safety rules and sign-off policy for "new flyers" needs additional work. We plan to have a draft ready for the next board meeting to review and propose to our membership.

New Business: The Big Bird event was discussed in detail. Ken Bridges will be the Event Coordinator and Ivan Gutierrez will serve as the Contest Director.

A proposal to change the by-laws to allow our treasured to pay bills of an increased amount without the vote of the entire membership was discussed. A change will be drafted and presented at the next board meeting. If an agreement is reached it will be put to the membership for a vote. The proposal is to increase the amount from \$500.00 to \$1,000.00 or more.

We need a volunteer to replace Wally Ehrlich who has been handling the Cap and Shirt sales. He is moving to California in early February and will not be able to continue his help. If you have an interest, please let any Board Member know your willingness to help.

Events discussed for Year 2006 include the following:

Big Bird Event: February 26 and 27, 2006

Awards/Recognition Banquet: Still looking at an early April date. We are asking for input from the membership to see what the majority would like to have as an event. Please let your Board know your opinions. We hope to finalize a date and set a theme at the next Board Meeting

The **Next Meeting** is scheduled for Tuesday, January 31, 2006, 6:30PM at Johnny's.
The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Submitted by Vernon Gillespie

BIG BIRD FLY-IN VOLUNTEERS

The Big Bird Fly-in is coming up soon, about four weeks from now. Ivan Gutierrez is the Contest Director and Doc Bridges is the Event Director. To run this event it takes a lot of volunteers to make the event run smoothly. Doc has been busy talking to members and asking for help. Below is the list of the jobs and the volunteers we have so far:

Contest Director: Ken Bridges

Event Director: Ivan Gutierrez

Setup and Teardown: Lead - John Wikoff

Registration: Lead - Charlie Fisher
Jim Cargill

Parking: Lead -Ken Frehafer

Publicity: Doug Grant

IMAA Safety Inspection: Lead - Vinny Giuffre

Flight Line Control: Lead - Strat Ryan
Tony Muro, Jim McCune, David McCune, Steve McCune, Jerry Hopson

Frequency Control Impound: Lead - Paul Teitel
Pat Buzzeo

Photography: Paul Hess

Food Service: Lead - Jeff Beacher
Frank DiGiano, John Wikoff, Ricky Calero,
Vinny Rosato

Public Address: Lead - Jack DeLisle
George Capel

Raffle and Prizes: Lead - Tobe Kallner
Walt Swentzell

Air Show - Ivan Gutierrez, Nick DeFelilci

If you would like to help give a call to Ken Bridges at 489-0500 or 201-5509. You can also call or contact the lead person for the area where you would like to help.

Note : The volunteers will participate in a special volunteers only raffle with some great prizes.

The Snowbird

Been there, Done that,

I attended the Sun Dancers meeting of January 5 and it brought back old and sad memories regarding volunteers.

My club in Michigan has been having a hard time getting officers the last few years because all of the “old” officers have the feeling that they have done their part and let “someone else” do it and younger members are reluctant to take on the so called responsibilities of holding an office. That issue for the River District R/C Eagles was resolved by practically begging people to take a position. Our new Treasurer is about 82 years young and normally spends most of the winter here in Florida in Sebring? I don't know how that will work out?

I'm saying all of this because I would like you to think what our Sun Dancers would be without volunteers. In the first place, there wouldn't be any Sun Dancers and we wouldn't have any place to fly. There isn't any second place.

So when you are setting under the shelters at the field and shooting the breeze with your fellow Sun Dancers one or more of them might have installed those shelters? They were volunteers.

When you are at a Sun Dancers Meeting and Chris Costantino, Jim Julian, Vern Gillespie and Doc Bridges are setting up there and fielding your questions and comments it's because they volunteered.

When Walt Swentzell stands up and says that he has been in contact with the city fathers of Port St. Lucie and progress is happening on getting our new field he is doing that as a volunteer.

The very fact that you are reading this newsletter is because Larry Olsen again volunteered to be the editor of the Tail Spinner.

I could go down the list on the left hand

column on the front page of this Tail Spinner and mention all of the volunteers there but I don't need to do that do I!

There was talk at the meeting of charging non-participating Sun Dancers extra dues and that was decided to be not the answer to our lack of volunteers because it's a “free country” so to speak.

The last suggestion and finally a motion made was to deduct \$25 for the 16 hours of volunteering for the upcoming Big Bird Rally. Vern Gillespie was to check on the possibility of that? (Ed-see meet min.) All that being said. Don't be a back seat driver. Volun-



teer for our Sun Dancers activities starting with the Big Bird Fly-In.

It only takes a little time and effort and your flying skills won't diminish enough in the time given to the Sun Dancers that your fellow fliers will even note the difference.

And to top everything off, your head will be held higher and there will be a certain strut to your walk and in general you will feel much better.

And if you don't believe me, ask Doc Bridges. After all, he is a doctor.

Jack DeLisle

MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY GANG

By Al Chiaverini

Well it's the Friday before New Years Eve. What a beautiful day and they came to fly and enjoy what we do.

Vinny Giuffre was checking out his new radio and installing all of his planes with a little adjusting he was flying well as usual.

Walt Moucha Flew Jimmy McCune's Mr. Mulligan which was built by Frankie Suspenders and finished by Walt. A fine job was done by the builder and finisher it flew like a dream. Jimmy's got to be happy with its performance and looks.

Pat Fallacaro flew his B 25 it hummed and flew Marvelously of course, Pat was behind the controls the landing was rough, the landing gear wasn't in good shape.

It seemed like it was a Big Stick day Chuck Giaccone, Strat, Steve and someone else, I didn't catch his name, were all flying the Stick it looked like a Stick convention but a nice looking sight when several flew together.

Several ladies from the hood came with their children and sat under our tents to enjoy the sights. They thanked us as they left the field. Great P.R.

Several days ago Ricky Colaro brought his German "Wing Thing" which I think he designed. Pat Fallacaro flew its maiden flight with just some slight adjustments it flew very well. A few birds were flying near the "Wing Thing" and at a quick glance you could mistake it for one of the flock.

I've got to check with our group I will suggest we should go by the flying B.B.Q.'S. instead of M,W,F, group.

It was Nice to see Norm Greve back flying he missed a year with us do to last year hurricanes Norm make sure you don't forget your field box.

We've had some good and some bad weather, mostly good, and there has been some great flying at the field.

A long awaited day finally came to pass, the **Great Chef** Frank DiGiano arrived and the first thing I said to him was, "what are we having for lunch?" Now I don't have to cook anymore.

Well that's it for now, good flying and greater landings.

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THE SUNDAY GANG

By Jim Julian

No report this month

Two Big Days of Big Bird Flying

**IMAA
BIG BIRD FLY-IN**

Saturday, February 25th and
Sunday, February 26th
2006

**Sun Dancers Aero Squadron
Chapter 307**

*Kenneth Bridges, IMAA Chapter President
Larry Olsen, IMAA Chapter Secretary*

Port St. Lucie, Florida

- \$10.00 Landing Fee
- AMA Sanctioned/Membership Required
- IMAA Registration On-Site
- Airworthiness Safety Inspections
- Flying: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- Campsites Available (no hookups)
- Motels 6-8 mi. away (St. Lucie West, 195 \$ to exit 121)
- Registration 7 a.m. - Pilots Meeting 9 a.m.
- Concession stand on site

Fly-In Director, Ken Bridges (772) 201-5509
9639 Fairwood Court, Port St. Lucie, FL 34986

Fly-In Coordinator, Ivan Gutierrez (772) 528-3799
3461 SW Pumpkin Street, Port St. Lucie, FL 34953



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SERVO ARM INTERCHANGABILITY

Using the wrong size servo arm on a servo can lead to disaster if the arm slips on the spline. Using this chart you can be sure that your arm fits the spline.

Make	Spline Dia.	No.	Spline Hight	Arm Color
Futaba	.235	26	.160	Black
FMA	.235	26	.160	Black
JR	.233	24	.122	White or Gray
Hobbico	.225	24	140	White
Hi Tec	.225	24	.140	White

Futaba and FMA interchange as do Hobbico and HiTec.

TUESDAY-THURSDAY-SATURDAY GANG

By: Walt Swentzell and George White

We are now fully into our winter (spelled windy) season and have had a few days when even the most hardy (another word for stubborn) fliers don't venture off the ground. The trees on the east end of the runway have grabbed a number of planes lately as well as the "pond monster". I guess due to not judging the wind effect as we come in on "final" approach.

The Saturday morning PAL program is going along well with seven boys ranging in age from 8 to 13 taking lessons. A couple of Walt and Larry's students have progressed to working on approach and landings already. This keeps the instructors very alert!! We have given a total of 27 lessons to date and three fathers/grandfathers have also started taking lessons with their kids. We are on the track of getting deep discounts or free trainer kits from Great Planes. Thanks to suggestions from Pat Fallacaro and Ricky Calero. We have received two used Windows 98 computers from member donations and hope to install flight simulators programs. The simulators will be used to aid in student proficiency. Some Saturday mornings are quite busy with all the lessons, but everyone is enjoying it.

George

We will be losing an old friend, Wally Ehrlich. Wally has been a member of the Sun Dancers since 1990, and has been a loyal and hard working guy, attending all of our functions and events. One familiar face at all the Big Bird events was Wally at the entrance gate for parking. To my knowledge, he has never missed a banquet either. In recent years we have flown with Wally on the "buddy box". He is 86 years old and flies very well except when he loses sight of the plane. We stand by with the buddy box. Wally is always ready to fly.

Wally is moving to California to be near his son. He will be living in an assisted living hotel where he doesn't have to cook meals. I'm sure he will find as many friends there as he has here. He is taking his Tiger 60 with him in hopes that he will be able to fly there too. He will have a new laptop computer when he get there and we can keep in touch with him by email at waldron78@aol.com. His snail mail address will be Waldron Ehrlich Apt. 713, 2721 Wilow Street, Burbank, CA 91505.

Wally is like an old soldier, they don't die they just fade away. We will miss you old friend.

Walt

ADVERTISEMENTS

Ads are free for member's to buy, sell, trade model equipment, to buy something special or advertise a model service. Just call in or e-mail your ad to the editor. You must, however, notify the editor each month if you wish to continue your ad in the next month's newsletter, otherwise, it will be assumed that your item has been sold or located. Commercial ads will remain as a courtesy to our local area hobby vendors until they request otherwise. The local area code is 772.

GB's Hobby Shop – 460-2844 – 6839 South U.S. 1, PSL in the Lexington Shops 0.9 miles north of Prima Vista Blvd is a full line hobby shop with a full service shop.

South Florida Hobbies – 465-9441 – Hobby Shop – 2921 South US 1, South Fort Pierce. One block north of the railroad crossing and behind Pizza Hut.

Walt Swentzell - 465-4454 - Foam wing cores. Make wing kits.

The Craft House Hobby Shop – 683-0764 – Joyce Hart has a very well stocked hobby shop located at 1379 North Military Trail, West Palm Beach.

Ricky Calero—HiTech Servos, Glue & Epoxy
Call 878-4602

FOR SALE

George Button - 231-9410 George is cleaning house and needs to sell some great planes.

Hangar 9 - PT19 Never flown - new Saito150-4C, on board ignition - All servos & Rec. \$450 OBO

Balsa USA Phaeton 90 - OS-120-4C - All servos and Receiver - Futaba. \$300 OBO

Great Planes 40 size Big Stick - OS 46 -All servos and receiver - Futaba \$150 OBO

Doug Grant - 220-2833 Doug has several planes that he wants to sell. He loves to build them but hasn't been able to enjoy flying them. He feels that they would be happier with a more active life. These planes are all ready to fly with all servos and receivers installed.

Great Planes Tiger Moth biplane with a new OS91FS 4 cycle engine. Futaba CH-36 \$400.00

Goldberg J-3 Cub 6.5 ft. wingspan with a new OS70FS 4 cycle engine. Futaba CH-36 \$300.00

BVM Maverick with BVM-91 ducted fan engine.

The receiver is JR CH-41 Flown twice \$1200.00

BVM Bobcat XL with Jetcat 80 turbine, digital servos, JR PCM rec. on CH-41 All new \$7500.00

SUN DANCERS RADIO CONTROL CLUB, INC.

Membership Application

Name.....Spouse's First Name.....

Street.....

City.....State.....Zip.....

Phone.....E-mail.....

AMA Number.....IMAA Number.....

Occupation.....(Former occupation if retired)

First name for membership badge.....

Family Membership (List family members names below):

Spouse.....AMA Number.....

Child.....AMA Number.....

Child.....AMA Number.....

List radio control transmitter frequencies (channel numbers) that you will be using on a
Regular basis.....

The 2006 calendar year membership dues are as follows: Full Member \$75, Family \$90 (Full member, Spouse & Junior age Children), and Junior \$25 (less than nineteen years of age before July 1st.) After June 30th all dues are half price for new members. Those initially joining the club after September 30th may pay dues for the full year and be entitled to membership for the balance of the year and all of the following year

New members must pay a onetime initiation fee of \$25. Junior members are exempt from the initiation fee.

Memberships expire December 31st. Members have a grace period for renewal until January 31st, after which a \$25 late fee is required to renew the membership.

ATTACH A COPY OF YOUR 2006 AMA MEMBERSHIP CARD to this application along with a check payable to Sun Dancers R/C Club for the membership dues. Send or deliver to Sun Dancers Membership Chairman Ken Bridges, 9639 Fairwood Court, Port St. Lucie, FL 34986

Signature.....Date.....

SHOW AND TELL



Charlie Fisher brought his beautiful Grumman Widgeon. Wingspan is 60 inches and it is powered by two Magnum 52 four cycle engines. Paint is dope. Charlie bought the kit at a swap meet where the price was very low. He found out why when he discovered two left wings. Walt cut him a new right wing. Now we need a lake to fly.

SUNDANCER SHIRTS & HATS

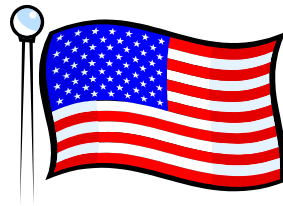
Shirts Available in
Small, Large, X Large, XX Large and XXX
Large
Shirts \$10
HATS \$15

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NEXT MEETING - February 9, 2006 7:30 PM

KOBELGUARD STUDENT UNION BLDG., IRCC, FORT PIERCE