

"Prop Kicks"

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A New Season

President's Corner

Well, here we are in the New Year already and it sure has been hostile for anyone wanting to get out there with the skies (aircraft that is) and give it a go. It is a much better time to just stay indoors and increase or rebuild your air force. This has been my plan since really thinning it out at the November Swap Shop in Delaware. I have added both ARFs and kit-built models to my hanger this winter. I now have at least six models to give check-flights to and am still working away at it. I'm getting back to basics, which are kits v.s. the ARFs. I'll have one of them at the February meeting, and invite you all to bring one of your latest endeavors for us all to admire.

Speaking of the February meeting, it is very important that each member renews his AMA membership and your Club membership by the end of that meeting. You may send your dues to Brian Swarts or Leif Thomson before the meeting if you are not planning to attend. Those who do not get this done will be dropped from the membership rolls. Anyone having difficulties accomplishing this should please give me a call.

Other items of business at the next meeting will include voting in the 2003 officers, discussing activities for the season and some discussion regarding membership caps and potential options to control this and still grow our club.

The meeting starts at 7:30 at the West Grove Fire Hall, and I hope to see a good turnout.

See you there.

Dick Plyler

February Meeting

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 11th at 7:30 PM at the West Grove Fire Hall.

Please plan to attend as we will be voting for the club officers for the 2003 season.

Nomination of Officers

At our December meeting the nominating committee proposed the following nominees for officers in 2003:

President - Richard Plyler
Vice President - Mark McQuaide
Treasurer - Brian Swarts
Secretary - Leif Thomson

These nominees have been contacted and are willing to accept the responsibility of carrying out the duties of office. Of course, any other qualified candidates may be nominated before we vote for the officers at the February meeting.

Membership News

Remember that you must renew your AMA membership before renewing your membership with the Cloud Kings. Club membership fees are \$35 for full members, and you must renew by the end of the February meeting.

If you do not plan to attend the meeting, please send your membership fee with proof of AMA membership to Brian Swarts or Leif Thomson.

Secretary's Note

It is with great sadness that we note the loss of the Space Shuttle Columbia and crew on Saturday, February 1st. I was privileged to see the launch of this mission in January during a business trip to Clearwater, Florida (although we saw it from over 100 miles away). Space missions have become so routine in past years that sometimes we forget that this is still a dangerous and challenging area of aeronautics.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the families and friends of those lost on this mission.