

# “Prop Kicks”

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## Spring is In the Air

### *President's Corner*

We are finally reaching the point for cool spring-time flying. It has been a long cold winter, but it didn't go to waste. It was a good time to rebuild your air force and I did exactly that. I have some new planes to check out, which I plan to start in April. I hope many of you also took advantage of the downtime. If you didn't, you may be able to pick up a new model from myself or another fellow club member. I will have a list at the next meeting in April.

Following the February sign-up deadline, we have maintained our membership very well. We lost only four members and I continue to get calls from people who want to get into the hobby and join our club. We can continue to accept new members as long as a club member is willing to sponsor each new prospective member. This mentoring role is key to getting new members oriented and off to a good start. Any full member can sponsor, but only one inductee at a time. You don't have to instruct him to fly, but to learn the ropes, meet members and connect with an instructor through Henry Bohe. I am sure that Henry can use more folks who are able and willing to give an hour or two per week to assist in teaching our students to fly. We have at least 6 students and this will grow as we welcome new members.

Although West Field is now usable, we are planning to roll the field and apply some stone to the entrance road. We may want to replace the pilot security fence also. The plan is to have the portable toilet from June through September as we did last year.

Our April 8th meeting will be at West Grove Fire Hall at 7:30. We will discuss and vote to increase our membership cap to 75 and also to define a Junior Member as someone under 18 years old.

We will also discuss what activities and events should be in our plans for this year. Please come and give your input to these decisions!

See you there.

*Dick Plyler*

### **April Meeting**

***Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM at the West Grove Fire Hall.***

Please plan to attend as we will be voting for two important changes to the club bylaws.

## 2003 Officers

At our February meeting the club voted unanimously for the following slate of officers for 2003:

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

In addition to these elected positions, the following appointments have been made:

Safety Officer - Jack Douglas  
Field Marshal - Harold Dunkle  
Public Relations Officer - Alvin Johnson  
Flight Instruction - Henry Bohe

This is the same set of officers that served the club in the 2002 season. Thanks to all for agreeing to serve another term.

## Membership News

With the close of the renewal period, most of the 2002 club members have renewed for the current season. We have four previous members who did not renew this year.

Welcome to our newest Junior Prospective member, John A. Heckman. John is the son of James Heckman and will be eligible to join as a junior (family) member at the next meeting.

The April 2003 version of the club roster is included with the mailing of this edition of *Prop Kicks*. If you lose your copy, this is also available in electronic form on the club website.

## Proposed By-Laws Changes

The following changes to the bylaws were proposed at the February meeting:

### Membership:

1. *Proposal to increase the membership cap to 75 members.*
2. *Proposal to define a junior member as any member under 18 years of age.*

Changes to the bylaws can only be made after publication in the club newsletter and subsequent vote at a club meeting.

Please attend the April meeting to vote on these important issues.