

# The Fliteline

## Screaming Eagles R/C Club, Inc.

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Next Club Meeting

7:00 PM – Monday, December 4, 2006  
 Duke Energy Headquarters - 1000 E. Washington Street - Plainfield, IN 46168



### December Election 2007 Slated Candidates



**President**  
 Mark "Crittter" Crittenden



**Vice-President**  
 Bob "Fritz" McClure



**Secretary**  
 Ronald Richardson



**Treasurer**  
 Richard Dietz



**2007-08 Exec Committee**  
 David Bloomer

### 2007 Proposed Budget

Income	2006 Budget	2006 Actual (Nov 27)	2007 Budget
101 Dues	\$6,400	\$5,510	\$4,960
102 Interest	\$65	\$15	\$30
103 Promotions	\$1,000	\$644	\$650
103A Flight Events	\$0	\$100	\$0
104 Other	\$0	\$201	\$0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,465</b>	<b>\$6,470</b>	<b>\$5,640</b>
Expenses			
201 PREF	\$1,800	\$1,488	\$2,250
202A Field Operation	\$3,700	\$3,614	\$2,310
202B Capital Improvements (CIP Reserves)	\$1,500	\$1,401	\$0
203 Flight Events	\$0	\$100	\$0
204 Promotions	\$500	\$364	\$360
205 Information	\$400	\$81	\$120
206 Safety And Instruction	\$100	\$0	\$0
207 Social Events	\$150	\$18	\$0
208 Administration	\$800	\$528	\$600
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8,950</b>	<b>\$7,596</b>	<b>\$5,640</b>

### President's Message...

I want to start by thanking everyone that helped out this year! That list is too long to mention everyone here; however, I will be passing out certificates at the December meeting for those that did. Even with membership and attendance at the field down from our past experience, overall I think the year went well. The PREF Flying program went two months longer than it ever has, we lost a few planes, but I think it went great.

We had the Triathlon, City-Wide, July 4<sup>th</sup> family picnic, and Fall Fling this year and overall, they all went very well. I wanted the Screaming Eagles to win the City-Wide contest, but we can't always have everything we want. I spoke with other clubs during the City-Wide and they indicated that they were experiencing the same problems this year, i.e., low field activity and a drop in membership. I have heard from several people over the year who think this is a normal cycle of the hobby and/or may be the rise in the popularity of park flyer electrics that can be flown about anywhere. I don't know the answer and probably never will.

Good news! I am happy to announce that we have established great relationships with the management and staff at PREF. They have been most accommodating to our requests, e.g., the airplane eating trees on the Southeast corner of the field are scheduled to be removed when the corn

## President's Message ... (Continued)

is harvested; and they plan to enlarge the field perimeters to reduce the impact the corn has had on our runway approaches. Even more importantly, PREF is going to take over the improvement, maintenance and upkeep of the flying field. While we will still provide seed and fertilizer, they will use our field to teach landscaping to their residents. This will include mowing the field once a week. They intend to maintain our high standards of mowing frequency and grass height.

Don't forget the election of club officers for 2007 at the December 4th meeting. We now have candidates slated for offices next year. Dick Dietz says dues are slowly coming in for next year, so send yours in if you have not already done so. Also, don't forget to renew your AMA membership, too. I am looking forward to next year. See you at the field.

**Doug Fish** – [IM.FISHY5@aol.com](mailto:IM.FISHY5@aol.com)

## PREF Winter Model Building Program Begins...



Program Chairman Bob McClure conducting a building session at a recent meeting with PREF Residents. Doug Fish is also helping with this program. Anyone wanting to help and participate with this program, even if on a limited basis, should contact Bob or Doug. [remc59@tds.net](mailto:remc59@tds.net) or [IM.FISHY5@aol.com](mailto:IM.FISHY5@aol.com)

### Program description...

- Building rubber powered Delta Dart airplanes
- Learning aerodynamics, flight trimming, repair, and adjustment
- Official timed duration flight contests
- Certificates awarded to first, second, and third place contestants
- Planes and equipment supplied by Screaming Eagles R/C Club
- The sessions will be every other Thursday 6:00-7:30 PM
- The competing airplane must be flown by the builder of the model.
- Timed competitions will be from the time the plane leaves the contestant's hand until it comes to a complete stop.
- All timing and judging will be at the discretion of the attending Screaming Eagle member

## Mika Woodward's Projects



Yeah, I'm still around but kind of busy. I had to do some quick building in just a little over two months. I just finished these two Cobras for the Sky Soldiers Demonstration Team. Give their web site a visit to read what they are all about.

<http://www.armyav.org/index.htm>

They keep a lot of history alive. They also fly and give rides in Hueys that have been in combat. All of their pilots are active or retired from duty. Most of them have active combat time past and present. These birds are two of the four that they fly now at shows across the USA. Their first show was at the Dayton International Air Venture late July 2006. These birds are used for their displays. They have 120v motor geared down to spin the blades slow along with lights and flashing beacons. This will be number three and four that I have built for them.

Some of you might remember the Huey and the Attack Cobra that I did before. I will be taking them down to their home base Hampton, Georgia. When I get there I will get the ride of a life time. I will get to fly front seat in one of these great looking birds. I will be leaving Thursday, Nov 23rd and get my flight Friday afternoon.

## Mika Woodward's Projects (Continued)

Yep, it will be well worth the drive. The Sky Soldiers Cobras are now the official Air Show Team for the US ARMY. For those of you that enjoy football be sure to watch the ARMY - NAVY game December 2nd as the four of them will be flying formation just after the Blue Angels do their rip roaring pass over the playing field, plus they might do a demo during half time. When I get back I'll let you all know how my flight went in Georgia with the Attack Cobra.

**Mika Woodward**  
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## For sale...

**Great Planes Phantom II Kit**  
New in box \$180.00  
Frank Wise - 271-2163

## Airplane Eating Tree...



Taking advantage of the bare limbs on "Airplane Eating Tree No. 2, Doug Fish, rescued the plane lost in the tree during the July City-Wide. It was in sad condition after so long out in the weather. Doug found pieces of other planes devoured by these notorious trees, too. Seems some planes were lost to the trees and not reported!

## Blasts from the Past (circa 1985...1986)



In memory of quintessential Screaming Eagle member, Charlie Swan. Charlie, a Viet Nam USAF combat vet, retired from the telephone company. Charlie was always in a good mood and a character of nothing but good will toward all. When we moved to the current field in 1983 Charlie was a leader in getting the field into flying shape. He was a little wacky at times. For example, he loved to fly in a snowstorm, and delighted if he landed with ice on his wings. Sadly, Charlie died much too young a few years ago.

Charlie's constant companion was Jeff Anderson who now, 20+ years later, is a corporate Lear Jet pilot for Hunt Corporation. Our club's old-timers will remember these guys with warm affection.

For you "newbies", check out the photo of Charlie on the tractor and notice the parking lot. Yes, it was cinders from the power plant...it was awful. The dust made a mess on cars, shoes, airplanes, etc. Also notice all the trees on the northeast corner...fortunately; they were thinned out several years ago.

In the picture of Charlie in the red club jacket and Jeff about to hand launch the airplane... (Yes, that is Cris Ragsdale with her back to the camera)... notice all the trees on the southeast corner of the field. Five were removed years ago, leaving only the two airplane eating trees that are scheduled to become history shortly.



During the mid-eighties, the club sponsored three "Jet Scrambles". Several nationally known modelers attended these events; e.g., Byron Airshow Team, Bob Violet (Bob Violet Models), Tom Cook (Jet Model Products), Dennis Crooks, Terry Nitsch, Dr. Butch Rosser, Bill Harris, and Jerry Caudle of Superman Jet Scramble fame. Events like this enabled the club to raise the money to replace the carpet with asphalt. These are all ducted-fan jets, long before the advent of the current turbine jet engines.

*(Editor's Note: If you have some blasts from the past pictures and memories you can share, please send them to me.)*

## Thanks to the Spauldings!



A special thanks to Sid and Jon Spaulding for their donation of several 12-volt flight box batteries. These “freebies” were put in the new barn at the field for the membership to help themselves.



To say they went fast would be an understatement!

Stay tuned, if additional batteries come available members will be notified by email

## For Sale...

### ZDZ 120B2RV w/mufflers \$700 OBO

It's had some break-in time on it but it's never been bolted on an aircraft. The mufflers have never seen exhaust. I'm trying to finance a new project. **Joe Wilkins**  
856-1040 [jwilkins7297@comcast.net](mailto:jwilkins7297@comcast.net)

## Guess what...?



## Here's a hint...



## Critter Tale 1...



Mark Crittenden reports that on their trip back from Florida, his wife Vicky requested a sand-box break. So they stopped at a roadside gas station and Mamma Critter went inside where she requested directions to the restroom. To her horror, she was directed outside to the pictured port-a-pots. YIKES! But after all, they were in Tennessee, so when in Tennessee ya gotta do what the natives do! Papa Critter just could not resist taking a picture, but it is obvious that he did not have the nerve to snap as she entered or exited; so I took care of that for him... ☺

## Critter Tale 2...

The Editor of our fine newsletter asked me, as the slated candidate for Screaming Eagles President, to write a short article about my hopes and goals for the Club in 2007. Here's what I hope the New Year brings:

**Lot's of good weather and flying fun.** We can't do much about the weather, but we can do a lot about the fun. I hope that, as we visit the field, we can enjoy the time together as model airplane enthusiasts – encouraging each other, helping each other, making new friendships and strengthening others. It's important to remember that we're all in this for the fun and enjoyment of the hobby. For the safety of our members and guests, and the security of our field, there may be times when we must offer correction or criticism. I hope it will always be done (and accepted) tactfully, courteously, and in the spirit of education and improvement.

**New Members.** New members are essential to our survival and, with the explosion of the park flyer market; it's more difficult to attract new members. First impressions are important. We must take the time to greet and talk with people visiting our field, be positive and excited about our hobby, and answer the many questions we once asked. For the students who join our club, we must step our efforts up just a bit, ensuring that instructors are available for students when we say they will be, and that the instructors are helpful and enthusiastic about teaching. With other area clubs a possibility, and fewer new members to compete for, we must show them why their choice should be the Screaming Eagles.

**More members at our monthly meetings.** To attract them, the meetings have to be meaningful and interesting. The month-to-month business of the club is normally rather routine, so many members don't attend. There's a wealth of experience and expertise in our club, and there are people known for being experts in various aspects of our hobby. Perhaps someone could teach us how to cover a wing or fuselage, rebuild a carburetor, dye a canopy, set up a computer radio (with expo and mixes), or take us through the maze of the latest electric technology – li-poly batteries, brushless outrunner motors, and electronic speed controls.

### Critter Tales... (Continued)

The continuation of our great relationship with PREF. Just this month I read an article in Model Aviation about the importance of maintaining a good community image. Our flying site might someday hang in the balance. We must continue to be good stewards of the property, and good tenants on state-owned land. Everyone participates in this endeavor by following the rules and flying in the designated fly zone. In addition, we must continue our involvement with the flying program and the building program. I hope more members will get involved in these activities in 2007.

**More positive publicity.** In 2007, we can put our club on display where modelers, potential members, and the public can see what we have to offer. The proposed hobby show at the fairgrounds and the r/c tent at the Indianapolis Airshow are two examples. A display of airplanes, along with a photo display board and an informative member or two, could generate interest in our club.

**Lot's of good weather and flying fun.** I started the article with good weather and fun and, when the 2008 candidate contemplates the coming year, I hope it can be said that, in 2007, we had a lot of both.



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Corn's gone!!!

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That's the good news! The bad news is the flying season is about over ☹ Unless you are into cold, wind, snow, ice...ugh and pooh.



Bob Groves and Mika Woodward circa 1776 ☺ Brrrr!

#### 2007 Dues Schedule for New Members and Renewals

##### Full Club Membership

Single	Family	Junior
\$75	\$100	\$30

##### Control Line Membership

Single	Family	Junior
\$25	\$35	\$10

Make your check payable to the club and return it in the envelope that you got with your statement or mail to the above address. Membership cards will be distributed after AMA membership is confirmed at the club meetings or after the meetings by mail.

Thanks to all thirty-seven members who have renewed already! I look forward to hearing from the rest of you.

Dick Dietz, Treasurer [ridietz@tds.net](mailto:ridietz@tds.net)