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R-C Fliers, Inc.

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SR-71 Blackbird. This bird was on static display at Barksdale AFB, LA. Photo by Jim Orsborn

President's Message

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Official Notice!

1. An election of officers will be held on March 11th, 7:30 pm at the Lewis Building in Billerica (see back cover for address) due to the lack of quorum at the Annual Meeting.
2. A proposed change to the Club By-Laws will be brought up for a vote at the same meeting. The proposed change is to reduce the percentage of members required for a quorum from the current 20% to 10%.

Winter News Update by Jim Orsborn

Holiday Party

You did make it to the Holiday party, didn't you? Well this year's party was held at the Great Wall in Bedford. Everyone thought that the food was excellent. There were no leftovers, because we ate from the full buffet. Everyone had plenty to eat including desert items.

After dinner, we had a few words about activities over the year, and then started drawing raffle winners. As most of you know, we offer door prizes for both members and spouses at our banquet. Our outgoing President, Jeff Ward, won the big raffle which was a new ARF package. Other prizes included a field charger (your truly), a winter transmitter cover, and gift certificates. There were pretty good odds, so

everyone had a good shot at going home with something. Following the tradition of the past several years, there were also a few gift certificates for the guests in attendance.

Annual Auction

This year's Auction was held at the Marshall Middle School. This was our second year at this venue, so things went pretty smooth. There was some initial concern because the building was not open, but once inside everyone started working together and we were ready to start on time.

The weather was a bit better this year (no snow), but the recent financial changes have put a bit of a damper on the whole hobby industry. Despite the challenges, rumor is we met with basically the same fi-

nancial success as last year.

Jeff will be providing more details at our next meeting, but apparently we had the same attendance, roughly the same number of sale items and made approximately the same profit (our share should be around \$500.00).

Great job by all. This is a major fundraiser for both clubs, so the help and support from members is important.

Winter Flying

Good days at the field have been pretty scarce this winter; with snow, wind and overcast days — How DID that groundhog see his shadow?

Anyway, a few dedicated souls have hit the field a few times over the winter.

Oops, sorry Dave and Rich, I didn't mean to mention that you had crashed again. What I was trying to say is I

had talked with a few guys who had been to the field for some good conversations, even if we didn't get to fly.

Seriously, there have been snow skis at the field, and occasionally they were on planes. Dave, thanks for trying your snow blower on the runway too. I think they use one with a really wide opening, so the field doesn't seem like a carrier deck. Maybe we could include that in our next fun fly competition — land on Dave's runway.

WRAM Show

Who went to the show this year? I heard there were a few late cancellations — Girl Scouts? Well Ray and I made the trip. The show was smaller than years past, but as always there were a few good bargains for those who knew where to look. Electrics, batteries, ...



Jan / Feb Meetings

Well I thought I could fill the column without bringing up this topic. But the fact is, *We Really Need to Talk*. Basically there was no club meeting in February, because the January meeting failed to attract a quorum and we couldn't hold an election. There were no candidates for president and vice-president, and Jeff and Jerry have announced that they will step down, so we don't have a president or VP.

We Need Your Help

Yes, the club has a desperate need for a couple of volunteers. The Nominating

Committee was not able to fill a slate of officers for the coming year, and there were too few members in attendance at the January meeting to elect a new slate. The previous Board has agreed to help work towards forming a new Board, but your assistance is needed to make it happen.

President:

The Club needs someone who is willing to serve as President for 2009. After

looking at the Club's by-laws (see inset) we discovered that the only "required" function of the President is to preside at the club's meetings. With the exception of the *required Annual Meeting*, the number of meetings is up to the President and the Board of Directors. Pretty simple duties actually, so why the shortage of volunteers?

Again, there is no requirement for the President to

- **The President of the Club, or in his absence the Vice-President, shall preside at all meetings of the members and of the Board of Directors and shall perform the duties usually devolving upon a presiding officer. The President shall see that all resolutions of the Board of Directors are carried into effect. At all meetings presided over by the President (or acting President,) the President (or acting President) shall cast no vote, except as required to resolve a tied vote.**
- **The Vice-President, in the absence or disability of the President, may perform the duties and exercise the powers of the President and shall be responsible for the care and accounting of all Club property. The Vice-President shall provide a written account of all Club property at the annual meeting.**

run club events, give speeches, or even cook meals! All of these roles can be delegated to others. The President is really a facilitator — someone who helps make it possible for others to function.

Vice President:

The Club also needs a Vice President. The duties here (fill in for the President as needed) are even less demanding.

Board of Directors:

Your other officers and Board members have already said that they will stay, so all we need is two candidates.

Volunteers:

Now this is where we really need help, because no matter who we get for Officers, they can't make the club function without volunteers of all kinds.

Yes, this is where we need cooks, speakers, authors, instructors, men-

How to Become Involved.

So you want to know how you can volunteer? That's easy: Contact Jeff Ward, or any member of the 2008 Board. Everyone's contact information is on the back cover.

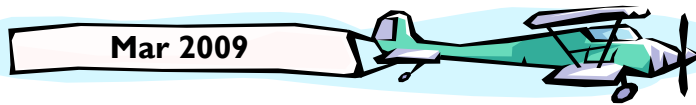
Seriously, call any of us if you would like to volunteer in any capacity.

March Meeting

The March meeting will

be an especially important event as we move forward. We need everyone to attend, so that we will have a quorum and be able to conduct business. Plans are to have FOOD, RAFFLE PRIZES,

SHOW N' TELL just to help attract as many club members as possible. We would welcome additional volunteers at the meeting, but we will also need your attendance so that we can have a full quorum to vote in a new slate of Officers and Directors for 2009.



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