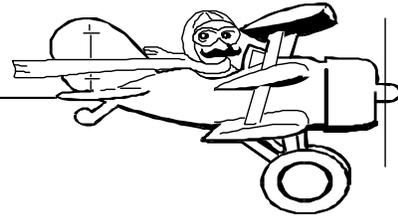


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Club Meetings are suspended until further notice.

**\*\*\* Please stay home and stay safe! \*\*\***

## MEETINGS SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE!

Please note that due to circumstances beyond our control, we will not be having club meetings for the time being. Please read about this in the "From the President" section below. →

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Last month's newsletter had information on membership renewals. Please remember that your membership expires at the end of this month. Please contact Glenn Topolski to renew your membership! →

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

As Christmas approaches this year there are many things to be anticipated. The joy of Christmas and its related family time, the possibility of a real vaccine for Covid 19 and that new airplane you've been looking at. For me it's a time for reflection on the events and situations that developed during this 2020 year and a time to prepare whatever the New Year brings. The 2 summer Winnie fly's were well attended and fun. There were examples of trees jumping out and grabbing airplanes, planes lost in the beans or planes' with "hard landings" all of which come with our flying hobby. As I reflect on this flying season I remember all the friendships and comradely that is present in our club. The good times far outweigh the Pilot error, lost signal and the "What the heck caused that" as we go out with a plastic bag to recover our plane. These pale in comparison to the spirit of our club members. This has been a good year for our club in spite of the limitations imposed by the pandemic and the weather.

Soon we'll be in the grip of winter and outside activities somewhat limited. It's a good time to build something new, rebuild something that might need a little "fine tuning" and checking the electronics. Remember to cycle your flight batteries and discharge them to storage capacity. With 20 batteries it's nice to spend some time discharging the batteries while working on another project. When spring comes it will be easy to charge up and go as everything will have been checked over and made ready. The storage voltage I aim for is 3.6 – 3.7 volts per cell. I also flush out my glow fuel tanks with alcohol to clean the system being careful not to get the alcohol into the engine. I use after run oil in the cylinder and plug the carburetor opening with a foam ear plug to prevent any contamination from getting into the engine.

There is always a chance that the weather will be just right on the right weekend for a winter fun fly. We can't promise that will happen but if the conditions are right we'll go for it. Floats work great on snow if you have them. We wish you a Merry Christmas, and a Healthy New Year. As always, Land Tail Side Up.

Brian

## WINTER FLYING

If you do it right, you can enjoy some winter time flights. Remember to keep your batteries warm before use and expect to get less time per flight than in the summer months. Add some skis to an existing plane; use your floats (they float over the snow); or get out a dedicated seaplane to get your flying fix.



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