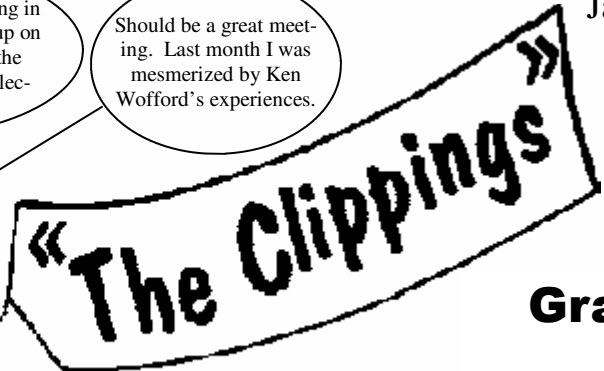


Willie, there is a lot happening in the modeling world. Catch up on the details in this issue of the Clippings, the first totally electronic edition

Should be a great meeting. Last month I was mesmerized by Ken Wofford's experiences.



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**From the President**

by Al Schwartz

**That Will Never Happen to Me**

Well it's New Year's Day and I'm sitting home building on a new model. Where should I be? At the field flying in the Annual St. Paul R/C Club Freeze Fly. I haven't missed a New Year's Day Freeze Fly in thirty six years The St Paul club has a Freeze Fly every year to start the season off. My wife gave me the "Are you crazy?" look and I looked at the temp and said, "Well it's a little cold. I could fly my Zagi." I'll wait until 10:00 and see what the temp is.

Well, I'm a wimp. I stayed home. I am now a "fair weather flyer". So, I have attached some pictures of my present project. It is a Top Flite kit of the Piper Arrow. I am pretty far along on it. It is a real "builder's kit". In order to copy the paint scheme on the box I purchased covering and paint to match. I got the last can of the matching paint as the hobby store pointed out the matching paint is no longer available. I hope to have it ready for our Builder's Show which will be April 11.

The January meeting is this Friday, the 11<sup>th</sup>, and we are going to have a movie that Jim Brown took at the Owatonna fly-in. (See [www.mnbigbirds.com](http://www.mnbigbirds.com), editor).

We have solved the problem with the projector at the Civic Center. It seems the plug was knocked out by the people putting the chairs away. We are also going to have a couple of beautiful models to show. Richard Steine will be bringing his Spitfire and my flying buddy from Saint Paul R/C, Bob LaBrash, will be showing his P-47 Thunderbolt. SEE YOU THERE.

Note: See Page 2 for Al's Piper Arrow pictures.

**Do You Know This Modeler?**



Photo by Bill Hempel

I don't know who this pilot is. Can anyone match up this airplane with its "daddy"? My guess is Dave Rech. Are there any members who know?

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## Notes from the Editor

By Phil Zuidema, editor

Hello Grassfielders! This month we have contributions from Al Schwartz (of course, he has to because he's the 'pres'), and Bill Hempel. Bill has help from Scott Holm-Hansen to keep our website current and running, no small feat. They do a wonderful job at it. Bill also does a great job of documenting and sharing his photos and videos with all of us at [www.grassfieldrc.org](http://www.grassfieldrc.org). Please thank both of them next time you see them. They don't collect a big salary, so your expressed appreciation is the only perk they get.

Speaking of the website, that's where you're finding the *Clippings* this month, unless you're one of the four people who called me and asked for a mailed copy.

We have some interest in getting our Grassfield logo updated so that we can get new sportswear, caps, t-shirts, etc. if we want to. I have to get a confirmation, but we may have the supplier of logowear at the meeting to show us the quality and styles available to us.

Bring your projects to the meeting please. We all want to hear about your kit and your opinion of it. If it's not a kit, we admire your craftsmanship, so please bring that, too.

## Grassfield Monthly Meeting

This month's meeting will be held:

**Date:** Friday, January 11th, 2008  
**Time:** 7:00 p.m.  
**Location:** Brooklyn Center Civic Center  
 6301 Shingle Creek Pkwy.  
 Brooklyn Center, MN 55430

**Next Meetings:** Friday, February 15, 2008  
 Friday, March 14, 2008  
**Builder's Show** Friday, April 11, 2008

See [www.Grassfieldrc.org](http://www.Grassfieldrc.org) for a map.

## Notes from the Secretary

By Pat Galarneault

Well, it's another month gone by and another month closer to our next flying season. Please bring your 2008 AMA card when you pay your Grassfield Membership dues. I must record and report that to the AMA.

Don't forget the Freeze Your Ailerons Off next month. It's Saturday, Feb 23rd at noon.

Dick Steine will be bringing his new Spitfire to the meeting for a show and tell about how he revamped this plane to be a top quality, scale airplane.

## Al Schwartz's Piper Arrow



### Photo on the Front Page is:

Gee, I don't know. But he's showing us his best side.

"Will the real Edge 540 pilot, please stand up?"

## Grassfield Notes and News

**Art Smith** is flying most of the winter in sunny Grand Junction, CO. He is recovering well and loving his new shop. He beckons his flying buddies to come see and stay with himself and the lovely Linda in his new home in Grand Junction. He's got five planes lined up and ready to go on a moment's notice.

**Danny Collier** just got out of the hospital. If I can locate his address, I will have Bill Hempel put it up on the website so you can wish him well. Danny has always been a real spark plug at the field and embodies the fearless determination in improving his modeling skills as he does in fighting his illness.

**Dave Michael**, a past Grassfielder and past president of the Grassfield stopped out at one of our races last summer. I glanced up and saw him standing there, but he looked so naturally in place, it took a while to dawn on me that he moved to Colorado several (maybe more) years ago. We had a great little chat and he's doing well with his bride Rena in their Highlands Ranch, CO home.

**Ron Gage** is continuing his recovery from back surgery. He's getting ready to re-engage with our racing scene and his sport flying as well. He has a new little puppy dog. A week before he began the pooper scooper routine, he adamantly assured me he would never have another dog. Hmmm? "*Methinks thou dost protest too much.*"

**Jerry Elert, Pat Galarneault and A.J. Hemken** are getting ready to head to Phoenix at the end of February for a Quarter Forty race, the biggest one in the world.

Thanks to **Jerry Cornish** for lining up our guest speaker, Ken Wofford, a Tuskegee Airman last month. That's the first time I have not heard the "peanut gallery" in the back of the room.

**Jerry Bednark** is alive and well spending his winter near Tucson, AZ. Way to go, Jerr!

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Photo by Bill Hempel

Phil Zuidema with— SURPRISE! A Chipmunk. This is number four of five; one on loan from Dick Steine, one still in the box, one needs to be put in the trash, one with a small landing gear problem and one ready to fly! Of course, it's the ugliest one that's all ready to fly! Thanks Dave Norman and Jerry Elert!



What is this! (Hey, they're making clear duct tape, now, Bill.)



Al Pooley with his Miss America, P-51.

## Upcoming Modeling Events

**Grassfield R/C** is doing the **Freeze Your Ailerons Off** on Saturday, February 23rd at noon. There will be a chili cookoff with the winner receiving a paid vacation for two for four nights to Las Vegas. Second place will be a paid vacation for two for *two weeks* in Las Vegas. One footnote, the vacation is paid, but it's paid for by you! Bring chili or something that will go with it and you'll receive the adulation and adoration of all your fellow Grassfielders. Jesse Platt is the CD. His phone is 612 861-7010.

**Scale Flyers of Minnesota** (anyone can attend the meetings or join if you want to), holds monthly meetings the last Friday of every month ending in April, at the American Legion on Portland Ave. in Richfield (in the basement). They're also having their annual banquet on January 19th. Go to [www.mnbigbirds.com](http://www.mnbigbirds.com) and look for the Scale Flyers tab.

There is an **auction** sponsored by **TCRC** on Saturday, February 9th at St. Peter's Church in Richfield.

The **North Central Pylon League** will hold their annual meeting on Saturday, January 12th, noon, at the EAA building at the Anoka County Airport. Open to everyone who likes to race and eat.

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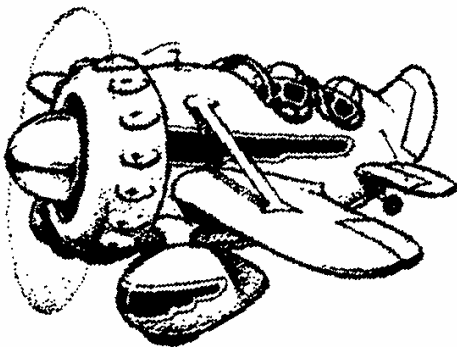
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