

Pete, did you know that the Grassfield meeting is this Friday? Phil Zuidema is doing a presentation on painting and we are going to have elections.

Willie, don't you have to build airplanes to know how to paint?



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The Newsletter of the Grassfield Radio Control Club, Brooklyn Park, MN

## How Do Your Kids Like The Hobby?

By Phil Zuidema

So, we're feeling pretty good about the hobby. Right? Maybe you're thinking about that winter project that lies ahead. Maybe it's an ARF, maybe it's a new kit, or maybe you're going the high road and building a scratch project. Whatever you have in mind for the winter, you should think about this: Who are you mentoring in the hobby that will carry it on after we can't or don't want to participate?

My kids used to come to the field with me. Andy, Chris and Libby were with me often, helped at races and learned to fly. Although Chris has a passing interest, and threatens to come out and race with us sometime, the nefarious "I love model airplanes and can't get enough of them.", bug never grabbed him like it grabbed a hold of me.

I remember being in my workshop, working on a Byron F-16 ducted fan. My son, Andy, about twelve at that time, looked at a *Wild Thing* kit I had sitting in a corner. (The *Wild Thing* was the very first .15-sized combat plane.) He asked, "Dad, is it O.K. if I build that?"

Up to that time, he had never seen a plan or built a kit. He had watched me a little bit, but that was it. I said, "Sure." Later I glanced over my shoulder and found him reading the plan and laying out the parts. He took that kit out, read the directions, and built the airplane with minimal help from me. To say I was amazed would be an understatement. My point is this; sometimes, with just a little help and encouragement, you'll be amazed what your kids/grandkids can do.

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## Do You Know This Modeler?



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## Notes from the Editor

By Phil Zuidema, editor, phzuidema@comcast.net.

Peeling pictures off the web site is what I do for pix. A BIG "Thank you" to Bill Hempel for being our de-facto club historian.

So, this is my perpetual pleaful plaint for pictures... please send me some. Does anyone use all those digital cameras that you just "had to have"? Take a picture of your workshop project. Send it to me. I'll publish it in here. You'll be rich. You'll be famous. I'll give you your fifteen minutes (a la Andy Warhol. If you don't know who Andy Warhol is, Google him.) AJ, this means you!

Also, I love articles. I can help you along if you have some ideas you want to express and edit or construct it for you. I need fodder. Enough said.

Get busy on your next model and let your kid or grandkid get involved while you do it.

## Grassfield Monthly Meeting

This month's meeting will be held:

**Date:** Friday, November 14th, 2008.  
**Time:** 7:00 p.m.  
**Location:** Brooklyn Center Civic Center  
 6301 Shingle Creek Pkwy.  
 Brooklyn Center, MN 55430

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

## Notes from the Secretary

By Phil Zuidema

This month we will hold elections. The positions up for election are: Treasurer, Secretary and Safety Officer. It seems a little anticlimactic after November 4th.

Phil Zuidema will be doing a presentation on painting and prepping for painting. Although admittedly, I am an amateur at painting compared to many other of our members, I was the one who volunteered. If anyone else would like to contribute, please feel free to bring props (that's as in support materials), and take some time on the floor sharing all your hard-earned and hard-learned lessons on painting.

You may sign up for your 2009 membership at the meeting and get ahead of the curve a little bit.

I'll see you at the meeting.

## How Do Your Kids Like The Hobby?

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Well, now what? Look around you at the meeting. See all the gray (or no) hair? Who here is going to carry on our legacy? Horton?

The question is why don't we attract new blood? How can we get people involved in building/flying/competing/enjoying model airplanes? I'd love to have a discussion at the meeting and see if there are factors that we can impact in order to get our kids involved. Think about how you got involved. That thought may help us help others enjoy the passion that we have all found.

It would be tragic to let our hobby wither.

## N.C.P.L. Year End Standings AMA 422—Quarter .40

PILOT	POINTS STANDING
AJ Hemken	95.1
Dave Norman	86.5
Jerry Bednark	86.5
Jesse Platt	86.5
Lee LaValley	60.9
Randy Etken	52.4
Jerry Elert	43.9
Pat Galarneault	35.3
Richard Steine	26.8
Phil Zuidema	18.3
Don Luce	18.3
Kent Haas	18.3



2008 Warbird Racers

## Do You Know This Modeler?

This modeler has been in the hobby for at least twenty five years. He has loved things that fly for much longer than that. The Raptor Center at the University of Minnesota, the best raptor center in the country, was a vision and creation of this modeler while he was still in veterinary school at the U of M. He now splits his time between running a world-class raptor center, and racing model airplanes. Please say "Hello" to Pat Redig nest time (spelling error intended) you're at the field or a race.

## N.C.P.L. Year End Standings Warbird .46 Class

PILOT	POINTS	STANDING
Jerry Bednark	16	1st
Pat Galarneault	15	2nd
Randy Etken	14	3rd
Don Luce	10	4th
Richard Steine	9	5th
Al Schwartz	8	6th(tie)
Phil Zuidema	8	6th(tie)
Jesse Platt	3	8th

## N.C.P.L. Year End Standings Warbird Unlimited Class

Ron Gage	15	1st (tie)
Kent Haas	15	1st (tie)
Richard Steine	15	1st (tie)
Phil Zuidema	13	4th
Jerry Elert	7	5th
Pat Redig	4	6th (tie)
Lee LaValley	4	6th (tie)
Dan Norlin	0	8th

## N.C.P.L. Shootout Results

Ron Gage	1st
Phil Zuidema	2nd
Dave Norman	3rd
Jerry Bednark	4th

Randy Etken  
AJ Hemken  
Pat Redig  
Tim Brockman

**Note:** There are eight entrants in two preliminary fly offs which determine the final four contestants.

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## N.C.P.L. Year End Standings AMA 428 Class

Jerry Bednark	393.3
Pat Redig	311.9
Randy Etken	292.0
Dave Norman	277.3
Tim Brockman	244.8
Phil Zuidema	226.9
Jerry Elert	206.1
Al Schwartz	180.3
Lee LaValley	178.2
Jesse Platt	166.9
Ron Gage	141.7
Kent Haas	131.1
Chuck Eldridge	116.7
Bill Hempel	109.9
Don Luce	107.6
Dan Norlin	104.7
Richard Steine	89.2
AJ Hemken	86.4
Pat Galarneault	73.0

## N.C.P.L. Year End Standings AMA 428 Class

Jerry Bednark	534.9
Dave Norman	489.4
Phil Zuidema	460.5
Pat Galarneault	350.2
Randy Etken	322.1
AJ Hemken	307.3
Tim Brockman	302.5
Ron Gage	293.7
Al Schwartz	257.9
Pat Redig	243.6
Jerry Elert	221.1
Lee LaValley	213.8
Dan Norlin	198.9
Don Luce	193.4
Richard Steine	179.3
Chuck Eldridge	176.7
Kent Haas	161.7
Bill Hemple	159.1
Del Berryman	121.9
Jesse Platt	98.7
Greg Hemken	86.6
Don Martinson	74.0
Tim Pettman	74.0
Derek Wodziak	23.9



Ron Gage, winner of the NCPL Shootout, and his caller, Randy Etken, bask in the fleeting glory of the moment.

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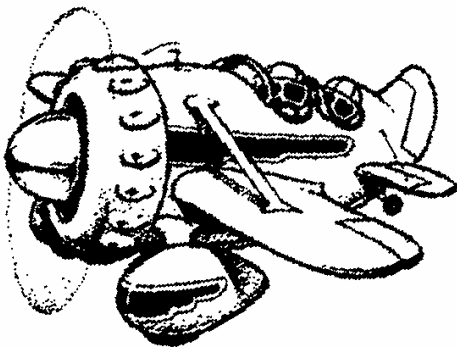
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