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The Prez Sez...

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Say Hey, Sharksters!

Wow, these 4-week months go by in a hurry when you're responsible for a monthly article! It's even worse for Dave, because he has to wait for me before he can complete the newsletter and send it out electronically and snail-mail for the technically challenged. ☺ Thanks, Dave!

The Oostburg indoor flying has been going really well. A few of our pride-n-joys have suffered some wear and tear, but Kvindlog Hobbies is close by with glue, factory authorized parts and complete replacement or upgrade aircraft. (Shameless plug... You're welcome, Bill.) By the time you read this, Bob Nyhuis, Bill Kvindlog and hopefully others will have delivered the first installment of our contribution to OHS' technical education program, a Spectrum radio and Phoenix flight simulator. It seems we've gotten a "thumbs-up" from Oostburg High Principle Scott Greupnik, so next winter is already looking pretty promising. Keep up the good work of maintaining their facilities and donating to the OHS fund.

I managed to stop out to the field a couple weeks ago, but it was quite a hike through snow deeper than I expected. I got the fallen tree out of the way, Rod. The east-west driveway was over 2 feet deep, I got a soaker when I broke through the ice near the southwest curve, and there were 3 foot snow drifts in the pits. It'll be a while before we thaw out. The building doesn't look too bad, but a couple water coolers still had what used to be water in them. They're a little distorted, but maybe they'll reshape themselves in the sun when the ice inside them melts.

My town hall parking lot was empty the other morning when it was pretty nice out, so I got my February outdoor flight in. I'm so glad to have these days that remind us spring is almost here.

We have AHC movie night Friday, March 11th, when we'll show 633 Squadron. I have NO idea what that's about, so I guess I'll find out with everybody else. Volunteers are asked to be there by 6:00pm, and bring something small to fly for the crowd. They really appreciate it.

Our March meeting will be Saturday, March 12th, when we'll finalize the swap meet plans, start taking annual election nominations, and talk about our plans for another fantastic year of SHARKS flying.

Oh, almost forgot... After some prodding from Don Riemer, I've got us on Facebook! Be sure to stop by at: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Sharks-RC/193397727361029>. You'll have to "Like" the page before you can post anything, but have a ball with it as this winter winds down. Put as many pictures up as you can, and hopefully we'll keep expanding our positive exposure to our surrounding communities.

That's it for now.

Mike

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AHC Movie Night

Friday, March 11th is Movie Night at the Aviation Heritage Center. This month's movie is *633 Squadron (1964)* starring Cliff Robertson, George Chakiris, and Maria Perschy. An RAF squadron is assigned to knock out a German rocket fuel factory in Norway, which is part of the Nazi effort to launch rockets on England during D-day, by flying up a well-defended fjord at low level.

Doors open at 6:30pm and the movie begins at 7:00. Helpers should be there by 6:00. The Aviation Heritage center features locally made Palo Popcorn at the concession stand.

The Cornfield Bomber

On February 2nd 1970, while assigned to the 71st FIS at Malmstrom AFB, Montana, Captain Gary Faust ejected during an in-flight emergency. The pilot somehow got himself into a flat spin -- considered generally unrecoverable in an F-106, and he did what the flight handbook said to do -- get out of it, i.e., eject. Before ejecting, in a vain attempt to break the spin, the pilot had lowered half flaps, rolled in takeoff trim, and throttled the engine back to an approach power setting.

After ejection at 15,000 ft., the aircraft recovered from the spin on its own, and established a wings level low rate descent under reduced power to the ground. An accompanying F-106 pilot, Major Jimmy Lowe, observed the ejection and also observed the jet straighten out right after ejection and reportedly transmitted, "Gary - you'd better get back in it!" Ground effect broke its rate of descent, and it settled into a near-perfect gentle belly landing in a farmer's snow-covered cornfield.

When the local sheriff came upon the scene, the engine was still running. The aircraft was situated on a slight decline, and was creeping forward slowly under the thrust of its still-running engine, as the snow compressed to ice under it. Concerned about where it might be headed, the sheriff didn't think he could wait for the recovery team to get there from Malmstrom which was about 50 miles away, so he got himself connected to the aircraft's squadron for engine shut down instructions before he entered the cockpit to secure the engine.

A depot team from McClellan AFB recovered the aircraft and it was eventually returned to service. When the 71st FIS was disbanded in 1971, 58-0787, now famously known as the "Cornfield Bomber," was transferred to the 49th FIS, where it finished out its operational service life.





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4th Annual All RIC Swap Meet

Kettles
Area
Flyers



**Sunday, April 10th, 2011
8:00am to NOON**

at the



Sheboygan County Airport
Highway O & TT Just North of Hwy 23

Featuring all types of Radio Control Hobby items!

Airplanes - Cars - Boats - Helicopters - Trucks
Kits - Radios - Motors - Parts - Accessories



Raffles!

*** Drawings at NOON ***



No Table Fee!

Admission: \$5 12 and under: FREE

A pancake breakfast will be available for a nominal cost
served by the EAA Chapter 766!