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# WINGSNAPPERS



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**THE NEXT MEETING HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED!**  
**NEW DATE: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23RD @ 1:30 PM**  
**HAMBURG MOOSE LODGE**

**CHRISTMAS PARTY TO FOLLOW THE MEETING!**  
**MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES ARE WELCOME!**

## **DIRECTIONS TO MOOSE LODGE:**

Hamburg Exit from Route 22  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, 12 South 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Hamburg, PA

## **OFFICIAL FIELD LOCATION ADDRESS:**

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## President's Message...

Dear TCWS Members,

Thank you all for giving me the chance to serve the club as president for the past two years. This club and its members introduced me to the RC aircraft hobby, and gave me the help and encouragement I needed to get through the difficult process of learning to fly. I was glad to serve as a club officer to help give something back to the club and its members, in return all for what you all have done for me. Thank you all for your patience with me when I first started out as president, and thanks for your support as we worked through some of the more difficult/controversial club issues.

Please extend the same patience and support to Rich Kratzer next year, as he takes over the office of club president. I believe Rich has all the enthusiasm for our hobby that I had when I first started out two years ago, and I believe he will be a fine club president.

See you at the Christmas Party!

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

Paul Hartley

### **Editor's Two Cents**

Well, after two years, my time as club secretary has come to an end. I'm honored to have served the club in this position and hope I was able to make the newsletter a little more interesting from time to time. It was a great experience, not least because it gave me the opportunity to associate with such a great group of guys in the other officer and board positions. I also appreciated the active participation of Dan McCoach and Paul Hartley when I needed articles to add some flavor to the thing. You guys were awesome, and I always enjoyed reading what you'd written.

Also, it's been a real privilege to serve under Paul Hartley. He took on the position of club president and was never afraid to challenge the status quo. He brought creative ideas to the membership time and again...and while not every plan came to fruition, his commitment to the success and growth of the club never wavered. He was tireless in his efforts to promote the club, and did more behind the scenes than many realized throughout his tenure. I'm proud to have served with Paul, Terry, and Donald, and wish our replacements well as they step into our roles and put their own stamp on the club's future.

On a more personal note, I want to thank the club for their concern and sympathy as my family has dealt with the tragedy of my youngest brother's recent death. The flowers the club sent to the funeral were beautiful, and I was

touched by the expression of your compassion as a group. I'm especially thankful for the individual club members who have allowed me to lean on their shoulders when I haven't been entirely sure my strength was sufficient. Aaron was far too young to leave us, and the empty void he leaves behind can never be filled. But I'm glad that I was able to share this wonderful hobby with him, and just as importantly, that he was able to get a taste of the fun and fellowship our club offers.

Don't take this club for granted, people! What we have here is rare and special.

Mike Renzi, to whom I transfer the mantle of responsibility for the newsletters to come, has an infectious enthusiasm for the task at hand, and I know he'll do a great job, while bringing his own take on how the newsletter should look and feel. And that's the way it should be. I ask the club to give Mike whatever support he needs, and to encourage him when his work merits it, and to be gentle with him (as you have been with me) if he makes mistakes along the way. There is no training for this job...we just get thrown to the sharks and hope we come out with all our limbs intact! Mike, it's a fun, challenging, and rewarding ride, and I hope you enjoy it as much as I have. Mike, by the way, compiled the minutes below, in my absence at the last meeting, so he's off to an early start!

Once again, to Rich, Jack, and Mike, I offer my best wishes and gratitude for assuming the duties of their offices, and I look forward to their fresh approach to the challenges that lie ahead.

David Kilmer

Club Secretary

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### Unofficial Meeting Minutes...November 18th

President Paul Hartley called the meeting to order at 1:35pm at the TCWS Club field. (19) members and (1) associate member were present.

*The 50-50 drawing* was won by Marion Case, who donated her winnings back to the club. Thank you Marion!

**Mike Renzi** read the minutes from the September meeting, and no additions or corrections were made. Motion was made to approve by Jim Pauley, seconded by Jim Ellis, and approved unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report:** Donald Umbenhauer read the treasurer's report. George Case moved to accept, Dave Renninger seconded, and the club voted unanimously to accept the report.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Field Care:** George Case reported that the final treatment of the season was applied to the field and nothing more was needed this year.

**TCWS/Farview Jet Jamboree (October 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>)** – Paul reported that the event was a great success, especially in light of the short time available to advertise and promote it. Attendance was good, despite some windy, cold weather on Saturday. Revenues for the event were nearly as good as those for the Swap Meet. Unfortunately, Paul also reported that the event was extremely under-staffed. If such joint events are to continue, we must get a better turnout to assist with all the support activities that make the events possible. TCWS must pull its own weight or we won't be asked to partner with Farview in the future.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**2008 TCWS/Farview Events proposal – Member Vote** – Paul read an email that was sent to the TCWS Board of Directors with Farview's latest proposal for 2008 events. To summarize the contents of the email, the points made were as follows:

1. There are five (5) events proposed for 2008:
  - TCWS/Farview Swap Meet – joint Event, with members of both clubs expected to help out. Profits will be split 50/50 between the clubs.
  - TCWS/Farview Giant Scale Event – Joint event, members of both clubs expected to help out. TCWS will close down its field during this event. Profits will be split evenly for this 3-day event.
  - Farview/TCWS Jet Rally – Joint event, with members of both clubs expected to help out. TCWS will close down its field for this 3-day event, and profits will again be split 50/50.
  - Farview Event #1 (TBD...possibly an IMAC event) – This will be a Farview event, and members of TCWS will not be expected to help out. TCWS will close down its field for this event, and profits will be split 85/15 between the clubs, with the smaller share going to TCWS. This will be a 2 or 3-day event.
  - Farview Event #2 (TBD...may be a combat or heli event) – Same criteria as previous event.

Paul expressed his strong support of the proposal, and put it to a vote. 17 members were in favor and 1 was opposed. The motion passed.

**Mike Renzi proposed to enter a float** in the Temple Halloween Parade in 2008. Mike would use his own trailer, which would be decorated by the club. Mike is offering to do this out of his own pocket. Paul tabled discussion on the matter, and proposed that the incoming BOD take up the matter.

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** The next meeting has been rescheduled due to inclement weather! It will now be held at the Moose Lodge on Sunday, **December 23rd** at 1:30pm, followed immediately by the annual Christmas party downstairs.

**Motion was made by Bud Wunder to adjourn the meeting. Jim Ellis seconded,** and all present voted to close the meeting.

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**UPCOMING R/C EVENTS**

*Nothing on my radar this month...*

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*Time for me to fly off into the sunset....*