



The Knight Flyer



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Secretary: Andy Paszkiewicz - 827-1189

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Treasurer: Ken Northern - 668-3766

Meeting Dates:

Board Meeting - Dec 3rd - 7:30 PM - Ron Partacz's House (674-6240)

Club Meeting - Dec 6th - 7:30 PM - St. James Church - Club Christmas Party

Nominations Opened

Nominations for club Officers and Board Members were opened at the November 15th club meeting. As of this date the ballot looks like this:

President - George Northern

Vice President - Ron Partacz

Treasurer - Ken Northern

Secretary - Andy Paszkiewicz

Board Members - 3 Needed

Stu Brierley

Bill Eberhardt

Rich Kurpiela (? Interested)

Jim Pravel (? Interested)

Nominations will be opened again at the December 6th club meeting / Xmas party. Make sure you are at this meeting to exercise your support for the leaders of The Flying Knights for 1997.

Leftover Fuel

We have (2) Gallons of 10% and (5) Gallons of 15% 4-stroke fuel for sale at \$10.00/Gallon. If you are interested see George Northern.

Coming Events

- * Dec 6th - Club Xmas Party - St. James Church
- * Feb 14th - Club Chinese Auction

Proposed Bylaws

The proposed bylaws were handed out at the November 15th club meeting for review. All members are asked to review the bylaws and submit corrections and/or suggestions to Ken Northern by the December 3rd Board Meeting. The bylaws will be voted into effect at the January 3rd Club Meeting. If you need a copy of the bylaws to review contact Ken Northern.

Club Christmas Party

The December 6th club meeting is our annual Christmas party. Pizza, wings and pop will be served. There will be five \$15.00 Gift Certificates to Fields Hobby Center raffled off and hopefully the Great Planes Extra 300 rollover raffle will take place. Also, the meeting attendance raffle for the radio will take place. A reminder about the radio raffle - you **MUST** be present to win and you may purchase tickets for the radio raffle only at the December 6th meeting.

New Members

The Flying Knights would like to welcome Stuart and Brian Wiesmore of Derby and Nathan Treusch of Eden to the club. Thanks for choosing The Flying Knights as you R/C club. We hope you will enjoy being members.

A Donkey Has the Answer!

A man, his son, and their donkey were traveling through the country side. The son rode the donkey. People passed and said *'That selfish boy, making his father walk while he rides.'*

Overhearing what was said, the father had his son dismount, and he got astride the donkey. Another group passed and said, *'That selfish father! That poor boy walks while he rides the donkey.'*

So the father stopped the donkey, dismounted, and both he and his son walked, leading the donkey. Soon they passed another group who also talked among themselves saying, *'Look at the stupid man and his son walking while leading the donkey. If they had any sense, one of them would be riding that beast.'*

Let's apply that parable to our club. Those who are serving as officers and in other capacities and working to serve the club are often criticized for the things they do. Accusations such as *'They are trying to run the club,'* or *'There is a clique running this club.'* are often heard.

A few other *'behind their back phrases'* often heard are: *'Why should I say anything at the club meeting? They will just vote down any motion I make. I am not going to try to submit any articles or ideas to the newsletter. Why should I? He only writes what he wants anyway. "Why should I go to the club meetings? I didn't vote for the*

president. I'm not going to help with the club contest. They always run it.'

Of course the above are only a few of the reasons given by the few who harass, obstruct, make trouble for, or try to make things as unpleasant as possible for those who are working for the club. The fact is, ANYONE can make a motion, vote for or against any motion, run for an office, or stand up and make his or her opinion known. There is no reason for a few members to criticize and belittle every action

taken by those who do the work.

Yet a few do, and probably always will.

This is to remind all officers and workers that you must consider the source of these criticisms and treat it with the same kind of disrespect it deserves. You will

never please everyone. *'Behind your back criticism'* is soon recognized for what it is. It is never constructive, nor will it ever stop. Most of it comes from those who whisper and keep secrets. Perhaps they are ashamed of what they are doing. If so, perhaps there is hope for them.

Whatever the reasons, remember the man and his donkey. Keep doing the best you can and ignore secret mumbling and muck raking. Our officers and many others are doing a great job. Let's support them. It works.

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