



Message from the President

My Fellow Pilots, Happy New Year!

We are beginning a new year and it has gotten off to a great start. Hopefully the holidays treated you well and maybe Santa brought you a new model airplane or some other nice gift that enhances your flying experience. The weather has been very cooperative and the turnout at the flying field is the best we have seen in a long time, and I look forward to a fun and engaging year. So, as we look forward to this year, we hope to put the past few years with all the chaos behind us and focus on the opportunities that are presenting themselves to our flying club. One cannot help but smile as you see the parking lot full of vehicles and the flight line packed with airplanes. The pit area buzzes with conversation about this aircraft and that radio. Our flight line is seeing constant use. Even the sound of gas and nitro planes has found its way back into our flying environment. What a great sound it is! Who does not like the sound and smell of those planes? It takes us back to our earlier days and many of our flying years. Even if you are not a fan of petroleum fueled model airplanes today, they still have a familiar and welcoming sense about them.

Then there is growth, growth in new members bringing an excited and interesting attitude with them, an attitude that refreshes us all. For where there is new growth there is hope, hope for our sport and hope for the continuation of our beloved flying club. The years have brought some dynamic changes to our hobby both good and not so good. Nitro has given way to electric, and foam has all but replaced balsa wood. Almost Ready to Fly (ARF) has put kit building in the back seat and the FM transmitter is a thing of the past. Our planes are mostly built for us, and our efforts are now more in learning the computer-based radios. But as with all changes those changes are changing as well. Does this sound like double speak, I think not? It is a fact of life on our little planet. The things we hold onto from the past were at one time changes themselves. We as humans like to find things we feel are constant and we cling to them with a grip of steel for they are comfortable, but they will in time change as well.

As we wander through this new year, I challenge everyone to find a little excitement in a new challenge in our club. Maybe flying a new style of aircraft. Building a new plane. Trying out some new functionality of your radio. Something to add a different facet to your current flying experience. Meeting someone at the field who you have never talked to. Offering to help in the maintenance of the field or the administration of the club.

With that, I welcome you to the new year and hope it holds some great and interesting RC modeling experiences in year 2022.

Thank you and have a great flying day!

John Flood



January Meeting Notes

- Please take a moment and say “Hello” to our new members as you meet them at the flying field. It is very important to the club that everyone feels welcome and has a great time in the club.
- Club dues will be raised to \$100.00 starting the first of the year. You can pay dues for the next year at anytime now.
- Let’s keep the airfield clean! Please pick up all trash and cigarette butts off the ground. The airfield is a great place for our club. We have amenities and a great flying location. As we look to attract new members and retain current ones it is imperative that we keep the location looking good. Please do your part in helping everyone have a great flying experience.
- We have a Runway Maintenance Group if you wish to volunteer please let John Bovis know of your willingness to help.
- Next meeting will be at the airfield on January 15, 2022 at the airfield unless otherwise notified.



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A Day at the Field.....



Danny out shopping for new EDFs



Just a little tape and glue and these things will fly great!



I have two motors and now the carnage begins...



I swore it had a prop when I put it in the car...



If flying is not your style try out our selection of used vehicles.



The Witness protection program has been compromised!



Aircraft of the Month

Ultra Stick



The Hangar 9 Ultra Stick Plug-N-Play Electric Airplane is well known for its versatility and simplicity. Hangar 9 has taken this a step further with this Plug-N-Play model. This model is pre-built, wired and covered so it only requires minimal setup. The Ultra Stick is equipped with 52BL brushless motor and a 60-amp ESC. Six 26g digital servos are used for precise control. This plane will be great is for the first time balsa pilots to the balsa enthusiast. A long time favorite at many flying clubs this plane symbolizes simplicity. A straight forward no curves body with straight wings and a simple tail pattern. It flies extremely well and is a solid aerobatic performer. Endless versions of the "Stick" have been produced and there is one style for every type of pilot out there.

Manufactured By: **HANGAR 9**

- ➔ **Build up is Precise and Quick:** Expertly constructed with lightweight, laser-cut balsa and plywood. No glue required for assembly and can be ready to fly in much less time than it takes to charge a battery
- ➔ **Timeless Design:** Tried and true Ultra Stick design
- ➔ **Solid Landings:** Rugged landing gear with scale covers and matching wheel pants
- ➔ **Easily Transported:** Two-piece plug-in wings for easier transportation and field assembly

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Businesses & Services

Take a moment and visit the following business if you are in need of their services. We are part of the community and growth is key to our enjoyment, longevity and success as a model airplane club. By furthering our relationships with folks who have businesses in our area we can promote our club and our enjoyment of RC Flying sport to our community.

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