

# Flite Lines

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**Next Meeting is Tuesday  
December 19th 7:00 PM  
M&M Lunch, Two Rivers**

## Note From Prez:

Well the weather outside lately really has been okay for flying, if we could have just gotten rid of the wind. But I guess we pretty much have to wait for nicer weather for outdoor, and we can all get ready for indoor. Indoor flying starts Wed. Jan. 3rd in the Mishicot High School Gym just like last year, the starting time will be 7:30 p.m. ending at 9:30 p.m. I hope to see alot of you there, to brush up on our flying skills or just get a chance to converse amongst each other. I want to wish everyone and their families a "Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year". Hopefully we can get something together after Christmas, for dinner and drinks with the whole gang!  
Happy Flying



**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!**



Currently the field is still under reconstruction. There are some problems with dirt around the field so be careful where you drive. The field has had the irrigation system installed and as a result there are some low spots on the field. There should be room to fly but you might have to watch out where you taxi. We now have electricity and the water is in place for next season. Big thanks to Jim Schneck!

## Tips & Tricks Winter Wear

Here we are at the close of another flying season—for most of us anyway. We do have a few members who fly year round. But don't give up on the weather just yet. The past several weekends have seen good flying weather and we should have several more before the cold really sets in. When the cold does come our way, you don't have to go into hibernation until spring; just be prepared for it. First, protect your body from the cold. I got myself a full cold-weather jump suit—you know the kind you see guys wearing at gas stations. In fact, my car mechanic got it for me. Next thing is to protect your hands. Some fliers use transmitter gloves that cover both hands and the transmitter. Personally, I prefer gloves but I found that I couldn't feel the sticks and that bothered me, so I found a solution. I got a pair of hunting mittens. They look like regular mittens, but the part that covers the fingers actually can fold back, presumably so you can fire a weapon. I just stick out one finger and my thumb to fly. Between flights, they join the other warm digits inside. Also, remember to keep batteries fully charged because they lose their charge faster in the cold.—*Rob Coniglio*  
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**Manitwo Flyers Schedule**

December 19th - Manitwo Flyers Meeting 7:00pm M&M Lunch in Two Rivers.

December 19th - Election of Club Officers for 2007 Season.

April 1, 2007 - Club Dues are due.

January 17th, 2007 - Manitwo Flyers Meeting 7:0pm M&M Lunch in Two Rivers

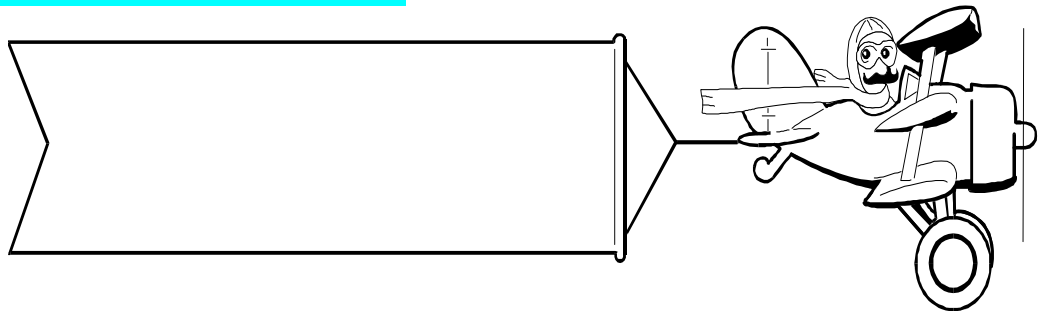
January - Club Christmas Party - Silver Valley Supper Club

April 2007 - Club FlyIn at Manitowoc County Airport?

May 2007 - Joe Noll FlyIn, Several members are planning to go to this world class event.

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## **.Rubber Bands Don't Hold in the Cold**

This is probably one that many don't know about, but a temperature of anything below 40° is too cold for rubber bands. I've experienced it personally and it's not a good feeling watching the wing separate from the fuselage as you're flying across the field. Actually you stare at the wing because it flutters slowly down like a leaf, while all of the important stuff in the fuselage does a kamikaze dive into the woods. So keep those models where the wing or anything else is held on by rubber bands home when it's cold. This holds true for glow and electric models. After all, rubber bands are rubber bands.

## **Fly with a Buddy**

In the wintertime there are fewer people using the flying site. This is both good news and bad news. The good news is that you have fewer people to watch out for, not to mention more parking. The bad news is you have fewer people watching out for you. If you get hurt, there are fewer people to help.

It's just good practice to fly with a buddy—especially in the winter months. We do this without thinking during the summer months. In the summer, usually every time I see someone flying, there is a spotter standing next to him watching out for all that ground clutter. In the winter, not only could we use the extra set of eyes the spotter gives us, but we're not alone in the "great white north" if a problem does arise. Besides, I always find it more fun to fly with friends than alone.

—both by Larry Dudkowski  
Plane Talk, Prop Masters newsletter

