

January 2009

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**Inside Loop**



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### President's Soapbox

Happy New Year, and a belated Merry Christmas! I'm writing this just a few days before the New Year, so...here's hoping the snow melts off the runway so we can get in a celebratory New Year's Day flight. If it doesn't melt, then I guess skis or floats are in order. One way or the other, I hope to see you at the field for the first flight of the year FAW tradition.

Did Santa treat you well? Don't be shy... bring new stuff to the monthly club meetings to show off. Monthly club meetings start again in January. January 19<sup>th</sup> to be exact. Ideas for projects or activities that you would like to see at FAW are welcome. If you have a pet peeve about the condition of anything at the field, please say so. We can start a list for our annual clean-up and repair day in early spring. Volunteers for ongoing maintenance are also very welco-

me. If any of you are willing to spend some time on the mower this year please let me know. Keeping the field mowed at least weekly during late spring and early summer can be quite a challenge.

The January issue of Model Aviation had an interesting note about First Person View (FPV). FPV involves using a video camera with its own wireless transmitter and receiver to allow an RC pilot to see from the perspective of the cockpit. The viewing monitor fits like a pair of goggles, so you lose the ability to see the model while it's in the air. AMA has issued a supplement Code 550 that details the safety requirements for FPV to be in compliance with AMA safety code. Two AMA pilots operating the FPV aircraft with a buddy box are required. (What was that joke...."how many AMA pilots does it take to...?") The pilot without the FPV headset is on the master radio and maintains visual contact with the aircraft. I thought this technology was pretty ex-

January 19<sup>th</sup>



You guys think you had problems. Here I am 6 inches tall stomping around in 2 feet of snow. If I was in Chicago I could buy a Senate seat. There is enough hot air in the Senate to keep me toasty warm all winter.. See ya. SQ Earl V

citing and it could be a blast to fly this way. Wonder when we'll see one of these systems at FAW?

I'm looking forward to seeing you all again throughout the year.

Let's fly!

*Scott E*



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Almost ready to go. It will fly some time in the spring.

*Don S.*

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Brian Watts and his dangling bomb miss one



It was a Cub



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