



NEWS AT THE TOP

February, 2019

Frank Fanelli award:

The award was a Life Achievement Award from the Cloudbusters Model Airplane Club of South Eastern Michigan.

This award is for achievement in either model or full-scale aviation, for people that have made significant contributions over many years.

The award was first made in 1990, and continued when awards were made to a number of well-known names, William Bishop (Comet), Al Bladder (designer & competitor), Joseph Dallaire (manufacturer), James Doolittle (military aviator, Petroleum engineer), Dave Dulaitis (designer & competitor), Dave Scott (co-Founder FAC), Robert L Scott (military aviator, CBI), James H. Stewart (military aviator), and Bob Thompson (co-founder FAC).

In subsequent years one to five awards were made until 2008 when the award was last given. The list of recipients includes numerous well-known names both in model aviation such as Art Adamisin, Dr. Walter A. Good, Earl Stahl, Edward Packard (Cleveland), Dave Platt, Henry Struck and some world renowned full scale aviators such as Neil Armstrong, Robert A. (Bob) Hoover, Burt & Dick Rutan, and Jeanna Yeager just to mention a few of the recipients.

Some of the older members of our club recently suggested resurrecting the award, and I agreed to chair a committee (which includes Joe Hass and Paul Smith) to select recipients for the award.

This year the committee selected four names to receive the honor, John G. Brodak (Brodak Manufacturing, control line), Lee Campbell (Campbell's Custom Kits, free flight), **Frank Fanelli (editor Flying Models)**, and Lloyd Shales (designer, manufacturer, distributor and teacher).

Secretary's Report – February 2019 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was call to order at 7:35 PM. There were 14 members present. Tony and Pat were the only officers present. The minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved without correction.

Treasurers Report:

No Report – Craig was absent and did not send a report in.

Field Reports:

Jon Ace gave a report on Reynolds Field. The grill was turned over and a chair was on top of the ridge. Pat mentioned that the road at Hardyston was muddy.

Membership:

The club roster is not finalized as of yet. A call was put out to former members asking if they were interested in rejoining.

Old Business:

Tony mentioned that the Web Site and mass email facility issues has been resolved. The root cause was that the site had a login and was not secure. Doug Salemi spent a good amount of time upgrading and securing the site.

Bob Grodeska is doing well after his accident traveling to the last meeting. A few members talked to him since.

Progress on our District II event is moving along. Pat submitted a request for the venue with the town manager.

New Business:

Pat talked about the FAA's proposal that requires remote ID's on all radio-controlled aircraft. He brought in a few template letters and encourages members present to take a letter and mail it in. He also asked Tony to send the templates to all members (which he did following the meeting). A discussion followed.

After the business part of the meeting, Pat gave an award to Frank Fanelli. See details of this award on page 1.



Frank receiving the award from Pat:

Frank sent out the following thank-you letter.

Mark, Joe, Paul and Cloudbuster members:

Editors are supposed to find the appropriate words for any occasion such as the presentation of your wonderful award. Humbled, honored thankful, amazed are the words that come to mind, but they really don't measure up to the sentiments I feel for what your recognition and esteem mean to me. To be in the same company as the illustrious notables who have received the Life Achievement Award in the past is incredible. I often thought of myself as just a facilitator for so many outstanding modelers in this thoroughly enjoyable pastime.

As Editor of Flying Models I learned from some of the very best in the hobby and was privileged to absorb and pass on their treasure trove of knowledge to so many others who enjoy this wonderful mix of technology, craftsmanship and flight. It was an enviable position to be in, especially with their support, and I'm grateful that I could be a part of it.

So, a very heartfelt thank you to the awards committee and Cloudbuster members for this honor, and it is a high honor coming from the rich history of your own club. Hopefully our paths may cross again in the future.

Frank Fanelli

For Sale

John Wynne has a list of Futaba receivers and transmitters that are gathering dust. They all work, but have not been used for about 8 years. He is hooked on Frysky and has no interest in these items.

Futaba Receivers:

Type	Qty
R606FS	4
R6106HFC	3
R616FFM	2

Transmitters

T6EX. 2.4 ghz Futaba Fasst

T7CAP. I changed the RF stage to a Frysky 2.4 ghz output and there is no telemetry. This was FCC approved in ~2012, don't know if it is still approved.

T7C. 2.4 ghz Futaba Fasst

Note: I added a safety switch in all 3 transmitters that forces the throttle off in one position, and allows normal throttle in the other. The transmitters have no battery.

In addition, the following Frysky receivers are also gathering dust and are compatible with the modified

T7CAP:

D6FR	4
D8RP-XP	1
D4R-II	1

These Frysky receivers feature limited telemetry, but there is no way to use the data on the T7CAP. I used these receivers with the modified T7CAP for several years before I purchased a Taranis transmitter. They use the 'D8' Frysky protocol versus the 'D16' protocol, which has telemetry, and is all I use now.

He would like to sell these items to a club member(s) for a very reasonable price. John can be reached at: (973) 897-5390

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Event Schedule for 2019

Monthly Meeting	
January 17, 2020	
February 20, 2020	
March 19, 2020	
April 16, 2020	
May 21, 2020	
June 18, 2020	
July 23, 2020	
August 20, 2020 Hardyston	
September 17, 2020	
October 22, 2020	
November 19, 2020	
December 17, 2020	

***The next club meeting will be
on March 19th
at 7:30pm***

Treasurer's Report – January/February, 2020

We ended the year with \$7,140.91 in the Treasury, down \$1,698 from our opening balance. The reduction is broken down into \$1,339 from the Reynolds Field Reserve and \$359 from Operations.

We collected \$6,596 which is \$1,054 less than budgeted and spent \$6,955 on club operations, thereby reducing the General Reserve by \$359 to \$2,141.

This year will be a tight budget for sure. However, barring any substantial loss to membership and if we are to keep spending to last year's level, we should be ok.

Moving into 2020, the club reserves have been repositioned as follows:

General Reserve	\$2,141
Event Reserve	\$2,000
Reynolds Field Reserve	\$3,000
Total	\$7,141