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Your 2007 Propbuster dues should be paid by the end of December. Make sure that Denny marks you AMA card for the 2007 flying year.

The calendar of events for 2007 will be made at a meeting of the officers in December. Make sure you send any suggestions or desires for club events to Doc McGuigan.

Following a long process, it is with great pleasure that AMA announces the appointment of a new Executive Director: James A. "Jim" Cherry. He begins his duties on December 4th.

Celebrating Over 60 Years Service Lowell Hamilton Receives Founding Father Award

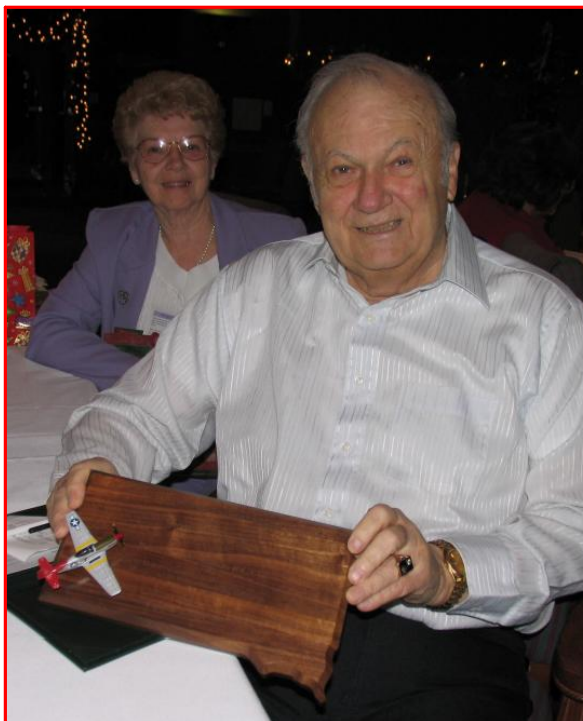
by Jim Tiller

At the Christmas banquet on Sunday, December 3rd, Lowell Hamilton received the Founding Father Award from an appreciative Propbuster membership. This award commemorates over 60 years of involvement with not only the Propbusters, but also the AMA and the surrounding modeling community.

Lowell, now 78, began his modeling as child and continued through his days at the South Dakota School of Mines where he graduated with an engineering degree. His association with the Propbusters began in 1949 in the back of what was to become Who's Hobby House. Lowell and Clark Besancon were two of the group who sat down and formed the club. Lowell and Clark shepherded the fledgling club through the first years, developing a control line flying site at what is now Story Book Island.

Lowell competed in control line stunt contests for many years and also, as a Propbuster, put on many shows and exhibitions at area fairs, schools and city events. One memorable control line contest was in Omaha. Lowell, Adeline and a few of the other local flyers

made the long trip to compete in an AMA event there. Lowell said he flew pretty well, but on landing, his plane hit one of the judges in the foot. According to Lowell, that pretty much finished his chances for a ribbon.



In the late fifties, Lowell and Clark began to explore the realm of R/C flying in a meadow on what is now the site of West Middle School. Once again, Lowell took his skills on the road and entered pattern competitions, and gave shows and exhibitions. One crowd pleasing maneuver Lowell did in exhibitions was a 100 turn spin. Lowell remarked that one time the 89th spin ended in the ground, but most of the time it went well.

Lowell also brought his son, Robert, into the hobby and was proudly watched his son compete in local events.

Lowell often mentions other fliers he enjoyed shared company with in the early days of R/C in the Hills area. Among those fliers are Buzz Sawyer, Dean Miller, Steve Powers, Rod Renz, Don Smith and Doc McGuigan.

Lowell still enjoys the hobby and, although he sold most of his airplanes a short time ago, is still an active AMA and Propbuster member. We salute you Lowell and also your lifelong flying partner, Adeline for your contributions.

Winter Hints and Tips

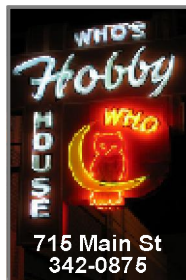
Here we are at the close of another flying year and entering into the joys of winter flying here in South Dakota. Most of you know the Frost Your Buns Fly is just around the corner.

We'll have our weekends of good flying weather and we will have some very cold ones too, if the past few weeks are any indication. 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. Many use a full body, cold-weather jump suit of used by hunters or outdoor workers. Others use layers of coats and sweatshirts. Remember to cover your head; not only to keep your ears warm, but to stop heat loss from the top of your head which is significant.

Next thing is to protect your hands. Some fliers use transmitter gloves that cover both hands and the transmitter. A few fliers can use gloves but most say they can't feel the sticks very well. Here's another solution, try a pair of hunting mittens. They have a flap that folds allow outside access. Just stick out one finger and 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.



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Coming Events

- 12/17 - Winter Solstice Fly. 10:00 a.M. Propbuster Field. Fun fly events. Everyone welcome. FFD:
- 01/01 - Frost Your Buns. 9:00 A.M. Flying and Chili for the brave or fool hardy. Everyone welcome.
- 01/09 - January Meeting. 7:30 P.M. Everyone welcome.
- 02/13 - February Meeting. 7:30 P.M. Everyone welcome.
- 03/13 - March Meeting. 7:30 P.M. Everyone welcome.
- 04/10 - April Meeting. 7:30 P.M. Everyone welcome.

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