

N.E. Kansas Blue Sky Squadron, Inc.

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Greetings, NEBKSSI Members,

I hope you all had a great New Year's, and are looking forward to another exciting year of flying. We had a great time with show and tell last month and hope to have some updates on some of the progress of those new planes in the making this month. **Our January meeting will be SUNDAY the 18th, at my house**, instead of the usual time and location.

Welcome to our new club Secretary, Bud Park, and thanks to continuing Treasurer Sam Brown for his good works. I would like to also thank Bill Miller for the past 2 years serving as our club President, and for all the extra work he does for our club. Thanks to all our members for helping make what our club what it is today and for all your hard work too. I would also like to thank John Kauk for the great job he does on our monthly newsletter. Make sure if you have something to share with the club that you let John know so he can put it in our newsletter. I hope to get some flying pictures from our Vice-President, Jim Eastburn, down in sunny Florida.

We will have a \$20 Dee and Mee gift certificate drawing at our January meeting. Members at the meeting will all get their name in the drawing once and can buy an extra ticket for \$1.00, so bring some cash if you want to improve your chances of winning. We will have the January meeting at our home just this once so I can show a few videos of some of the fly-ins we attended last year. Hopefully we can convince even more pilots to travel to these fly-ins with us.

My home address is 4112 SE Iowa. Go to 45th and California and turn north. Go to 42nd St and turn west (left), then to Iowa Ave and turn north. Our home is the blue house in the cul-de-sac. Park anywhere you can find. Carpooling would be helpful, if possible.

Don't forget the KC/RC Swap-N-Shop on February 7. <http://www.kcradiocontrol.com/events/2015SNSRegistration.pdf>

Hope to see you all **Sunday the 18th at my house** for our first club meeting of 2015.

Thank you, Vernon Nelson

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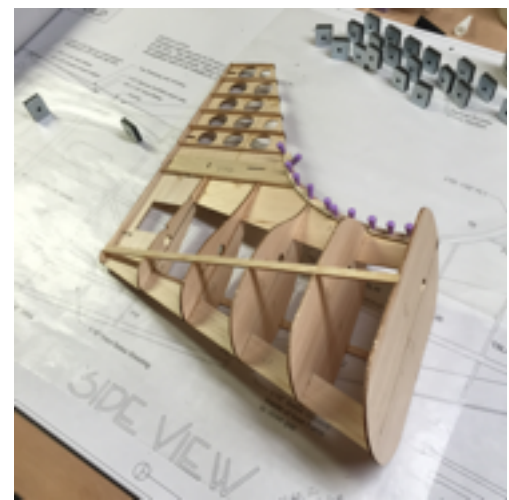
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Editor's Column

Back in November I wrote a little about a Grumman Goose I've started building. Since I didn't get any updates from anyone else about their projects, here's a bit about mine.

I've finished most of the tail feathers, which you see below left. To the right is the structure for part of the tail and fin.



Here you see the tip floats with some strip planking being done to sheet them. On the right, strip planking is complete and balsa blocks have been added and carved to fill out the shape.



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And here's the completed tip float, ready for final finish sanding just before fiberglassing.



Since I got these finished, life has interfered and I haven't done anything else on the Goose. But strip planking like this is something I expect to get a lot of practice doing, since much of the big fuselage and the nacelles will be sheeted that way. Next steps in the build are the wings and then I'll tackle the big boat-hulled fuselage.

That's it for January. Hopefully the cold spell will break long enough for a few flying sessions before Spring.

John Kauk
Editor