

## Modelers Memo – January - March 2012

by Dick Baumer

ORCM started the new year with a new slate of officers including yours truly as president, Sharon West as Vice President. Greg Salmonson (Treasurer), Neil Tryhus (Secretary) and Dale Nelson (Safety Officer) continue in their 2011 positions.

The relatively mild winter has allowed some flying in January, February, and March. It is a personal goal to fly every month in 2012 and at this writing I am ¼ of the way toward that goal.

ORCM took a giant leap into the 21<sup>st</sup> century as we now have a Facebook page. Clicking on the PHOTOS button on the web site will link you to the Facebook page. Or you can simply Google Owatonna RC Modelers Facebook.

ORCM is currently working with the Steele County Planning and Zoning Dept and a contractor that has applied for conditional use permit for a gravel pit just to the south of the field. We are working very hard to ensure the mining activity does not negatively impact our site, our activities, or our equipment and buildings. An agreement was reached with the mining operators on March 28, 2012. The mine operators (JJD Companies LLC) has agreed to cease operations on our major event dates including the Fun Fly, Rotary Ringout and the OSCAR emergency preparedness event. They have also offered to give the club two new blowers to keep the runway clear of dust, and they will gravel our driveway. The conditional use permit was approved by the Steele County Planning and Zoning Commission at the monthly meeting held Monday, April 2. The permit now moves to the Steele County Board for additional review and review.

March 23 – 25 ORCM had a booth at the Home & Recreation show at the Four Seasons in Owatonna. A simulator provided an opportunity for young and old to try their hand at flying RC models. Activity at the booth was brisk,



With the arrival of the 2012 flying season, plan on visiting the field often. Fly often, fly safely, and most of all have fun. Do what you can to bring others into this enjoyable hobby. Invite folks along when you come to fly.