



Academy of Model Aeronautics

Chartered Club #970
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE...

ROSS JONES

First and foremost, I would like to thank the 2002 board and Darrell Watts for the great work they did this year. Darrell has shown me the ropes and pointed me in the right direction, and I feel I have some rather large shoes to fill. It was evident at the Christmas party that Darrell definitely gave his all – right to the very end of his term. The man even sings!!! Other present and former board members have offered their help for the coming year, and I have a good feeling about taking on this new responsibility and towing the line for the club.

While I've never witnessed an election where the candidate didn't campaign with a platform – I've just been voted in! Some of you might be wondering - who did you get as President? Well, I'll tell you... I'm 36 years old, live in Waterford and have been married to Jamie almost 7 years. We have two little girls; Arynne, 4, and Riley, 2. We also have another little girl on the way due in mid-March next year. Jamie shares my interest in aviation from a historical perspective (we go to a

lot of museums), but I have been unable to get her into radio control – she is a great fan of this sport and readily volunteers at our events. My daughters *really* enjoy their fathers' hobby and can do wonderful, even damaging things with a razor

what I'm like as an individual. I am exceptionally approachable and have been told I have a witty, dry sense of humor. I've never been afraid to find the humor in situations. Don't worry – I believe in the long term scenario, and I can be quite serious when I need to be.

Why did I run for the Presidency of Skymasters? Power, fame, prestige? No, it was simply my turn. I've been a member of Skymasters since 1997. My first event with Skymasters was the Bald Mountain Float Fly. K.C. Satchell (A prominent Skymasters member who has since moved away) helped me regain my flying skills that day after many years of dormancy. Over the years it has become apparent that without a **“core group”** of members

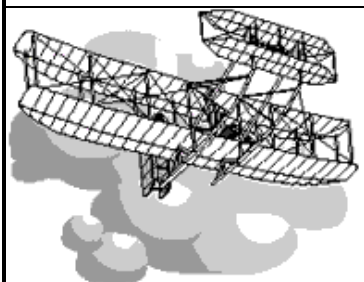
(members like K.C.) – the club simply could not function the way it does. This **“core group”** is present at every club event, meeting, public relations event and really runs the club behind the scenes. I've seen first hand how hard these folks work and as this group is relatively small, the rest of us all owe them

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saw and a block of wood when given the chance... I think at this point for them, it's more about the tools than the aircraft.

I've been a sales professional all my life. I own my own machine tool sales business selling custom made medium and high production rotary transfer machines and related tooling. This will give you a clue as to



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