

GLITCH BUSTERS

WINTER 2025



Upcoming Events

Spring General Membership Meeting – TBA
Warbirds Over Delaware – July 9 – 12
Annual Flea Market – November 1

Photo by Sam Winder

It is with deep sadness to report the recent passing of two Club members.

George Haak passed away on November 16, 2024 and Mike Denest passed away on January 9, 2025. Both were long time active members of the Delaware R/C Club who graciously donated their time and efforts for the betterment of the Club and the hobby and sport of Model Aviation. Deepest condolences to their families and friends.



Membership Renewal for 2025 is now due. If you have not yet renewed your Delaware R/C Club membership the deadline before late fees is March 1. All Delaware R/C Club memberships expire on December 31 of the calendar year, with the exception of new members who join after September 1 of the previous year. If you do not have a 2025 Membership Sticker and 2025 Welcome Letter please renew your membership to avoid late fees. Each renewal is required to fill out and submit a 2025 Membership Application available at <https://www.delawarerc.org/membership.htm>

Entrance Fees for Lums Pond State Park go into effect starting March 1. Passes can be purchased at the Park Office (Go to <https://www.destateparks.com/park/lums-pond> for Park Office hours) or purchase online at <https://www.destateparks.com/passes-permits-and-fees>

Annual Club Flea Market will be held Saturday November 1, 2025 at the Delaware City Fire Hall, 815 5th St, Delaware City, DE 19706. Details and Table Reservations will be announced shortly.



Photo from the Annual Club Flea Market which was held on November 9, 2024

Minutes of the Winter General Membership Meeting January 1, 2025

The Winter General Membership Meeting was held at the Flying Field on Wednesday January 1, 2025. President Fred Butts called the meeting to order at 11:43AM.

Current slate of nominations for Board Offices were Dave Moyer for Vice-President and Daniel Teague for Treasurer. Call for additional nominations for Vice-President and Treasurer was called. No new nominations were made. Dave Moyer was seated as Vice-President and Daniel Teague as Treasurer.

Safety Officer Mike Watson discussed concerns regarding several recent 'close calls' from electrics flying off of the secondary runway with aircraft flying off the primary runway as electrics crossed over the primary runway on final. This issue is primarily the result of the fabric runway recently placed on the secondary runway. Board Safety and Field Rules (<https://delawarerc.org/fieldrules.htm>) specifically call out the 'No Fly' zone between the Secondary and Primary runways. A white pole marks the boundary, which the pole will be repainted to a brighter, more noticeable color. The Club failed to discuss this boundary during the discussions of the installation of the fabric runway, however, with safety in mind, the rule still exists. Several ideas were discussed with one moving the fabric runway to the Primary runway. It was stated that with crosswinds frequent on the Primary that small electrics would have a difficult approach to hit the fabric runway. With the Secondary runway facing mainly west, this lines up with prevalent winds. The best solution would be for pilots on the Primary and Secondary runways be close enough to be able to communicate intentions while flying.

Daniel Teague has been assigned to administer the Club Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/DelawareRC>) and has been posting regularly where the page activity has seen a recent significant increase! Thanks for volunteering, Dan!

It was mentioned that Park Entrance Fees start March 1st and Annual Park Passes are now available for purchase at the Park Office, as well as online.

It was suggested to move the charging station from the shed area to the pit area. It's not feasible to install solar panels and batteries at the pavilion, and a cable run would need to be placed from the shed to the pit area which would introduce voltage loss. The Board will investigate solutions and report.

President Fred Butts discussed the need for younger new members into the Club. The Club is interested in holding an event during this summer's Model Aviation Week. Any member interested in assisting please contact the Board. It was suggested that the Club offer a 1 year free Family Membership plan. The Board will review.

The meeting adjourned at 12:20PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Brian Pasternak, Secretary



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From the Editor

If you would like to submit an article, photos, suggestions, hints/tips/how-to's, or anything else for the Club Newsletter, please email your submission to news@delawarerc.org

Call for Volunteers for R/C Flight Instruction

The Club is in need of additional volunteers to assist with R/C Flight Instruction for Fixed-Wing, Rotary/Heli, and Drone aircraft. If you can assist with this important Club service please send an email to info@delawarerc.org and let us know how you can assist.

Useful Links

Club Website <http://delawarerc.org> Academy of Model Aeronautics <http://www.modelaircraft.org> Academy of Model Aeronautics National Model Aircraft Safety Code <http://www.modelaircraft.org/files/105.pdf> AMA Media Room <http://www.modelaircraft.org/aboutama/mediaroom.aspx> FAA Registration [https://faadronezone.faa.gov/#/FAA TRUST Test](https://faadronezone.faa.gov/#/FAA%20TRUST%20Test) <https://www.modelaircraft.org/trust> FAA NOTAMS/TFRs <http://www.modelaircraft.org/membership/clubs/notams.aspx>
Aloft Air Aware Mobile App - <https://www.aloft.ai/air-aware>
Air Aware by Aloft Desktop App - Current Flight Status of our Flying Field - <https://tinyurl.com/yw3hy3v2>
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