



# Glitch Busters

Delaware R/C Club Newsletter

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Photo by Sam Winder

## Upcoming Events:

### **Annual Club Picnic - Sunday October 3, 2021 – 11:00AM—2:00PM**

Club will provide hot dogs, hamburgers, soda, and water. Feel free to bring your favorite covered dish to share! There is an active TFR for this date, so there will be no flying activities. Just social fun and great food!

**General Membership Meeting – To Be Announced** – Be sure to subscribe to our Club email list, available via the Stay Connected section of our Club Website, for announcements and meeting invites.

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## Nominations of Club Officers

Election of Club Officers will be held at the November General Membership Meeting. As announced, our Club President Tom DiCuirci will be stepping down to take a job in Texas. With this, the Club wishes Tom and his family the very best in his new endeavors! The Slate is now open for any volunteers to step up to assist as either President or Vice-President. If you are interested in volunteering for either of these positions please let the Board know by emailing your intentions to [info@delawarerc.org](mailto:info@delawarerc.org) prior to the November General Membership Meeting.

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## Some Reminders

The Flying Field, located in Lums Pond State Park, is a carry-in, carry-out park, which means that you must take any trash with you when you leave the flying field. The Park will no longer provide plastic trash bags. Do not leave trash behind.

When leaving the Flying Field, the last pilot at the field must lock and secure the entrance gate. Lock code is provided to members in their Welcome Letter. If you are a member and don't know the access code, please email [membership@delawarerc.org](mailto:membership@delawarerc.org).

All Delaware R/C Club members must have valid Full AMA Membership. If your AMA Membership has expired, you no longer have flying privileges. The AMA notifies the Club of expired memberships.

## Warbirds Over Delaware - July 7—10, 2021

We were fortunate to be able to host Warbirds Over Delaware this year, and even with a “scaled-down” event the event was a success! As we cleared the hurdles of Covid restrictions, a TFR was set for our biggest days of the event. At the last minute, thanks to Jay Marsh District IV VP and the folks at the AMA Government Affairs, an exclusion waiver was granted and we got the go ahead to continue flying! Secret Service Agents and FAA officials, who were very welcoming and easy to work with, were in attendance to oversee event operations. Thank you to Event CD’s Dave and Pete Malchione, Event Supporters, Delaware Air National Guard Cadets, Boy Scout Troop 30, pilots, spectators, and all of the organizers and volunteers for another great year!

Photos below by Greg Schock, Montana Masker and Dave Malchione

Additional online photos by Sam Winder available at <https://winder.smugmug.com/Sports/Warbirds-Over-Delaware-2021/>









# Antiques and Classics at Lums Pond August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021 - by Mike Denest

Photos by Sam Winder

The day was perfect for flying vintage R/C airplanes except for one minor issue; a TFR was in effect the same weekend. After talking with Tom Dicuirci, I sent an email to a contact in the United States Secret Service requesting a waiver for the one-day event. It took several emails, but the USSS granted the waiver, so we were off and running. The only stipulations were that we had an eight-hour window to fly, drones were prohibited, and we had a Secret Service agent present on the field during the event.

Antiques and Classics was hosted by Delaware R/C and sponsored by the Vintage Radio Control Society, an AMA Special Interest Group. VRCS focuses on building and flying R/C models designed, built, flown and kitted for radio control from the early beginnings of radio controlled flight to thirty five years from the current year (in this case, 1986).



A variety of different models were on the field from a rudder only Sterling Rudderbird (1961) to a Phil Kraft Kwik Fli III (1968) and a Jim Kirkland Beachcomer (1963). I flew a Lou Proctor designed Antic (1963) with a parasol modification. Other designs present were a Nick Zirolì Morane Saulnier (1969), a Sterling R/C Ringmaster ARF (1973), Ugly Stik (1966), the Tom Brett futuristic pattern design TBX-1 (1965), a Carl Goldberg Valkyrie R/C assist free flight (1936), PT-19, Kaos ARF and an impressive Waco YMF-5. Some notable items are John Haffner's Rudderbird. It may look like a trainer but in reality, it is a highly aerobatic airplane capable of loops, rolls, Immelman Turns, Split S and other maneuvers, all on only rudder and throttle control. Also of note is the completely 3D printed Ugly Stik by Chad Hill.

We also had a tailgate sale by several Delaware R/C members.

Ten pilots signed up for the AMA sanctioned event and we packed as many flights as possible in the limited window. We had pilots attend the event from Pennsylvania, Maryland, New Jersey, and Delaware.

Additional event photos by Sam Winder are available at <https://www.smugmug.com/gallery/n-FNg9X4/>

For more information, check the VRCS website at <https://www.vintagercsociety.org>





## Lums Pond IMAC challenge

The Lums Pond IMAC challenge on Sep 11 & 12 was a success. We had 10 pilots show up (low attendance due to possible TFR's), weather forecast for the weekend was perfect. On Saturday we had a TFR starting at 5:45pm extending thru Sunday into Monday but we got approval from the USSS to fly on Sunday. We started flying about 10 am and we're able to get 3 rounds in by 5pm on Saturday, finalizing the day with a BBQ dinner for the pilots. On Sunday the USSS showed up about 9am and went through all the planes and pilots and checked for FAA registration and gave us the ok to start the event. We got going about 10am again and were able to fly 2 more rounds and finished the event around 1pm.



## **From The Safety Corner** — by Mike Watson

We have had several members injured during this flying season that have required professional medical attention.

These injuries ranged from aircraft not being properly restrained, to being severely cut from spinning propellers while performing maintenance.

It is strongly advised that each pilot have a first aid kit ready and available in their possession each time they visit the flying field.

### **All club members, SAFETY FIRST**

All club members are reminded to please practice and adhere to these safety operations when in the PITS and on the FIELD.

### **Operations in the PITS**

When servicing ,starting and running up engines in the pits, extreme care should be taken to avoid mishaps and accidents that cause severe injuries , damage, and other types of harm to you and others.

When servicing gasoline or nitro powered aircraft, fuel should be contained in the proper container designed to transport and fuel your aircraft. **SMOKING IS NOT PERMITTED IN THE PITS AT ANY GIVEN TIME!**

When servicing electrics, a throttle cut should be activated on your TX or your prop removed or both!

When starting engines, the aircraft shall be properly tethered firmly! or held in place by someone assisting you, if no one is assisting you, kindly ask someone to assist you!

Engine starting, for gas, a heavy duty welders glove, or electrical starter or paint roller should be used. For nitro, a glove or chicken stick should be used. Electrics, be aware of your throttle cut until you are ready to fly.

### **SAVE YOUR FINGERS!**

Make sure there is nothing behind your aircraft that can be blown into others, vehicles, other aircraft as to cause damage and or injury as some aircraft are quite powerful with the prop wash during run up.

Extended running or breaking in an engine in the pits is not permitted at any given time! This should be accomplished in the pit area of the other runway on the other side of the pavilion, as not to distract or disturb those whom are flying.

### **NO TAXING IN THE PITS AT ANY GIVEN TIME!**

### **MAIDEN FLIGHTS**

It is good practice to perform maidens when there are several members along with you at the field, several pairs of eyes on your maiden are a lot better than one or two sets, should something go Ary, the more eyes watching, the better the success of the maiden! You should always have a spotter next to you to assist you when performing a Maiden!

**If you see something out of the ordinary, say something!**

## **From the Editor**

If you would like to submit an article, photos, suggestions, hints/tips, or anything else for the Club Newsletter, please email your submission to [news@delawarerc.org](mailto:news@delawarerc.org)

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## **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](mailto:info@delawarerc.org) and let us know how you can assist.

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## **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://www.modelaircraft.org/trust>

FAA NOTAMS <http://www.modelaircraft.org/membership/clubs/notams.aspx>

B4UFLY Mobile App [https://www.faa.gov/uas/recreational\\_fliers/where\\_can\\_i\\_fly/b4ufly](https://www.faa.gov/uas/recreational_fliers/where_can_i_fly/b4ufly)

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