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Glitch Busters

Delaware R/C Club, WWW.Delawarerc.org



Next Club Meeting: February 5, 2008

- Location: Wm Penn High School Cafeteria 2
- Raffle TBA
- Program Topic: TBA
- Next Club Event

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**Delaware RC
Welcomes
New Members:**
Albert Basualdo,
Michael Hrischuk
and
Steven Boyajian

The Prez Sez

We still have a couple months left before flying weather is officially here, however I have made it down to the field a few times myself to see a handful of people braving the weather.

So far the winter hasn't been too bad this year and there has been the odd day that wasn't too cold and the wind wasn't blowing. It's always nice to have a winter like that. The only down side is that it does take away from the building time!

So far membership renewal is up to roughly 60% of our roster from last year. We are on track for where we normally are for this time of year. With the new rules last year I would like to encourage everyone who hasn't renewed to contact Mark and take care of it ASAP. There is nothing worse than a nice day out of nowhere and not being able to fly because you don't have your sticker.

This issue includes an updated list of events. There were some concerns last meeting about moving the Fun Scale Contest and loosing our long standing date with the AMA. Since we moved the date last year, I think it is safe to say it has already been lost. This being said we being a club of 200+ have the ability to properly promote any event we like just by telling a friend. I believe we have the power to make any event we like great.

Since our event attendance over the last couple of years (outside of WOD) has declined it was thought we would reorganize things and bring some new energy to our event roster.

We would like to do a Fun Scale event in August that includes the electric flyers and is a bit more in depth than the previous scale contest we have had in the past.

We are brainstorming ideas and would greatly appreciate any ideas members have and are also looking for a CD for the event. It is a fun day for those who participate or are spectators and we don't want to loose it, we just want to make it better.

We are also still on the hunt for club trainers. I said this in the last 3 news letters and have only had 1 or 2 come forward who said they can help out. I think this is a great and fun way to help out the club and new members, if you have some time please let me know.

That's it for this month, stay warm!

Meeting Minutes

General Membership meeting of the Delaware R/C Club was held on Tuesday January 8, 2008.

President **Jake Ruddy** called the meeting to order at 7:50PM

Show and Tell: **Stan Michalski** brought in a Baby Boomerang with a MWW54MK3 Turbo-Jet

Old Business: **Jake Ruddy,**

Thanks to **John Kirchstein, Mike Fuller** and **Greg Schock** for cooking at the Freeze Fly.

Lock is missing at the gate.

Working with the park about the trees and the roots.

Safety: **John Kirchstein,**

Tree roots around the picnic table a tripping hazard need to be addressed

Park Flyer AMA Cards will not be recognized at the field

Treasurer report: **Mark McQuaide,** we are up to 63% member renewal

New Business:

Need volunteers to CD and help with upcoming events

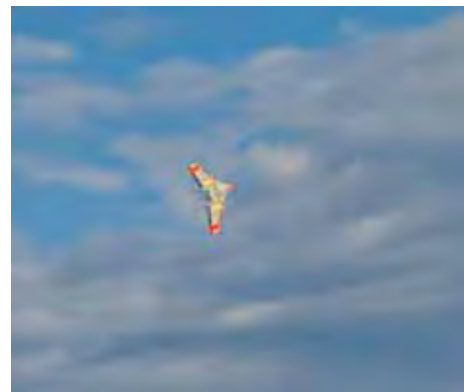
Need volunteers to help with pilot training

Vote on WRAM Show was decided not to go this year.

Vote to schedule Fun-Scale contest passed: need a CD to organize.

Meeting was over at 8:55PM

Greg Schock



G-Force Hobbies , on Newport Pike in Stanton is aggressively courting the R/C aircraft segment of the hobby. Accordingly, they will grant a 10% discount to any Delaware RC Club member with proof of membership. Drop in an see what they have; suggest what you'd like to see them carry. It is possible to have a fully supportive hobby shop in the area again.

Safety Notes

The AMA has held a news conference about the new Park Flyer Membership and clarified some of the confusion surrounding their announcement. Most notably: the class is intended for groups to form clubs and approach parks or other recreation sites for permission to fly these smaller aircraft. The insurance level is reduced to \$500,000. Individual clubs have the option to allow this membership to be recognized or not. We have chosen not to.

The trees that shade the picnic benches on the fixed-wing flight line have grown exposed roots that present a tripping hazard, especially to our aging membership. They also have limited the visibility for spectators at the Warbirds event. We asked the Park for guidance on trimming or removing the trees. They were not enthusiastic about cutting them down, but did trim the bottom branches for visibility.

For those of you who travel by air and want to transport equipment with Li-Poly batteries, The DOT has new rules:

- Spare batteries are the batteries you carry separately from the devices they power. When batteries are installed in a device, they are not considered spare batteries.
- You may not pack a spare lithium battery in your checked baggage
- You may bring spare lithium batteries with you in carry-on baggage
- Portable power supplies with more than 8g of Lithium are allowed, but only 2 of them and as long as they aren't over 25g of Lithium. This is about 300 watt-hours or equivalent to a 7.5 Ah—10 cell pack.



John Kirchstein, Safety Officer

Freeze Fly— Welcoming the New Year

The Freeze-Fly was well attended. Most interesting was the abundance of electric planes. I only noticed one glow-powered plane in the air, Stan Michalski started, but didn't fly his new turbine powered Boomerang. There was more than enough food and hot drinks as well as side dishes and desserts brought in by the attendees. I would guess that about fifty members showed up, some of which we haven't seen for a long time. As usual it was a great time to swap stories and greet each other for the New Year!

[Slideshow of a few pictures taken at the event at www.kirchstein.net/Freezefly](http://www.kirchstein.net/Freezefly)





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Set Your Course for Upcoming Club Events

June 7-8, 2008	IMAC Competition (2 Tony's)
July 11-13, 2008.	Warbirds over Delaware
July 25-27, 2008.	Helis over Delaware
TBA August , 2008	Club Fun-Fly
September 21,2008	Club Picnic
October 12, 2008	Day in DE (Helis)

Other Waypoints of Interest

February 22-24, 2008	WRAM Show
March 8, 2008	Lebanon Flea Market
April 4-6, 2008	Toledo Show
May 14-17, 2008	Joe Nall

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