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Glitch Busters

Delaware R/C Club, WWW.Delawarerc.org



Next Club Meeting:
November 6, 2007 at 7:30 PM

- Location: Wm Penn High School Cafeteria 2
- Raffle: 50/50
- Program Topic: TBA

Next Club Event: **Club Auction** Saturday, Nov. 3, 2007

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**Delaware RC
Welcomes
New Member:
Vernon
Houseman**

The Prez Sez

What a year! The club had a fantastic year in 2007. We look forward to our new president continuing to guide the club forward. Several years ago, Mark Weiss started to lead the club on its current path. When he was elected president, he found the club was basically spending all of the money collected for general operating expenses. With his leadership, we were able to start and save money each year. Each president has tried to continue this philosophy and we were quite successful. In the last five years, we have improved the runway, rebuilt the fence line, rebuilt our pavilion, and now we have also bought a new tractor and mower. The new tractor will prove to be an invaluable tool over the next decade. We have one job already lined up for the tractor as we need to do something about the tree roots that are exposed on the airplane side. It has been suggested that we get a load of top soil and spread it out and then put sod down. We will discuss this issue at the November meeting.

On the subject of safety, it has been reported to me by a flight crew on the state police helicopter that they were flying over the field at 1400 feet and looked out the window and a model was up above their altitude. They told me that they know we are there and usually give the field a wide berth; it just caught them off guard to find a plane that high. Please make sure there are no full scale planes in the area when you go upstairs.

Our next event will be the club auction on Saturday, November 3rd. We will be raffling off two ARF airplanes. One is an electric Stuka and the other a Thunder Tiger model of Rare Bare signed by John Penny, its' pilot. He flew Rare Bare in this year's Reno Air Races, and yes he did win the Unlimited Gold Class. If you would like to win Rare Bare, then you will need to purchase some tickets.

Anyone who plans to sell a plane and sell from the lobby, there will be a fee for doing so. Any item that comes into the school and is sold is considered a part of the auction. If sellers do not want to pay a selling fee, then renting a table may be their best choice. The fee for selling in the lobby will be \$10.00 per item. In other news, we need to clean up the pavilion, take down the old plastic wrap, and put up new wrap. Sunday, November 11th at 10:00 am will be the start time, rain or shine. If we get enough help, this should only take a couple of hours.

I would like to thank the board for all their help the past two years, especially John Kirchstein and Dick Stewart. John and Dick were a tremendous help when we were meeting with the state working out the details of the new flying field rules.

Hope to see you at the auction.
Dave

Meeting Minutes

The General Membership meeting was held on Tuesday October 2, 2007. President Dave Moyer called the meeting to order at 7:30PM.

Show & Tell

Dick Slutz displayed a Jalopaplane built from a kit by Precision Kit Cutters. Powered with w Quadra 42 the plane weighted 17lbs and covered in Solartex. Additional kit builders include Tony Albence, Tom Sterner, Skip & Jason Crain, and Dick Stewart.

Dick Slutz discussed adding a fuel filter to the vent line in a gas motor will reduce dirt intake. Jim Schlapfer displayed a Waco biplane which was originally a rubber band model but Jim converted it to a R/C electric; All balsa construction, powered by a GWS geared motor and fitted with peanut servos.

Jim also displayed an electric Cessna 206 by Warbirds over Delaware vendor Zeke's Park Scale Models. All parts were laser cut.

Dick Stewart displayed an aircraft carry rack made from PVC and foam. The rack was built from plans featured in the November 2007 issue of Fly R/C magazine. Total cost for material was approx \$12. Foam is available from United Refrigeration off of Basin Road.

Old Business

Dave Moyer displayed pictures of the 1998 30HP Cub Cadet 7305 tractor that was purchased by the Club. The tractor features a Mitsubishi diesel engine, 4WD, hydrostatic drive, and a bucket. The old tractor will be sold. The Club has cashed in the CDs and and additional \$1700 from the treasury for this purchase. Dave also added that he has located a finish cut 60" mower attachment the Club is considering to purchase.

Jake Rudy reported on the recent annual Club picnic. The picnic was well attended. Thanks to Mark McQuade who assisted Jake in the preparations. Thanks to all that brought food.

New Business

Dick Stewart reported on the upcoming Annual Club Auction that is to be on November 3, 2007. Volunteers are needed for setup at 8:30AM and registration. Boy Scouts will provide food. The deadline for table reservations is October 15th. Bob Scott has volunteered to be auctioneer.

Club dues for 2008 are now due.

The slate for Nominations of Club Officers was opened at the meeting. The following nominations were recorded:

President: Jake Ruddy

Vice President: Bob Scott, Mike Fuller

Secretary: Stan Michalski

Treasurer: Mark McQuade

Don't fly at altitude when full-size planes are in the area

Dick Slutz nominated Dick Stewart for Club President. Dick stated that he appreciated the nomination but declined due to other commitments. The slate will be open for additional nominations until closed at the November General Membership meeting. At that time Election of Officers will take place. If you are interested in running for a Club Officer position please attend the November General Membership meeting.

Dave Skinner reported on "A Day in Delaware" R/C Heli Fun Fly which is to be held on Sunday October 14, 2007. The field will not be closed to fixed-winged aircraft. Manned radio impound will be active.

Bill Jackson discussed a recent issue of how a non-member was approached and treated for flying as a non-member. Bill reported that the non-member was treated rudely and was not necessary. It was noted that the non-member has since joined the Club and has not reported any issues with either the Club or how he was treated, nor was he available for comment.

Non-members may fly at the Club Flying Site as a sponsored guest for up to 3 times within a calendar year. The sponsor must be a current member in good standing of the Club. All guests must sign a visitor's book located in radio impound. If a guest has exceeded the 3 times per year rule the guest must either join the Club or register at the Park Office during Park

Office hours.

Safety

John Kirchstein reported on a recent event where a modeler was injured in the woods while attempting to retrieve a downed aircraft. The modeler was alone and was only able to call for help with a cell phone. Rescue crews were dispatched to locate the injured pilot but locating the pilot was difficult as there were no references to his location. John proposed that the Club purchase a boat air horn to alert others in the event of a similar situation. It was also suggested that nobody is to go into the woods alone.

It was also reported that modelers were actively flying while rescue crews were still searching for the lost modeler. Other reports claim that this was a simple matter of misunderstanding as the rescue crews originally reported that the modeler was located when in fact he was not.

The following safety items were noted as a result:

Do not go into the woods alone.

If there is an emergency at the field all flying is suspended until the emergency is fully declared to be over and all rescue crews

have left the site.

Always inform others that you are going into the woods to search.

A white board will be made available to sign whenever going to search for a down aircraft.

Treasurer's Report

Dick Stewart reported on the Club's current financial status.

50/50

This month's winner was Fred Ferguson.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:53PM.

The Club Auction
is on Saturday,
Nov. 3, at the
Shue Middle
School.

A Day in Delaware

I would like to start off by thanking the club and all its members for allowing me to host this event with a special thank you to those that chipped in and lent a hand with set up and food preparations. I watched for a while and decided not to enforce the closed, manned impound because everyone was sharing and playing very well together. That goes a long way to showing how united our club is and can be.

We got approximately 20 guests, not counting club members and everyone had a good time.

I received nothing but complements on both the event and the field (everyone loves our field as a place to fly). We got several beginners up and flying thanks to the help of some of the sponsored pilots that attended and received a few inquiries about joining the club. The food was a big hit with everyone and I truly hope the club allows us to repeat the event next year.

Dave Skinner



A Day in Delaware





George
Haak's new jet

The New Tractor



Jim got His pic-
ture on the
Web!



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| Set Your Course for Upcoming Club Events | | Additional Waypoints of Interest | |
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| Saturday, Nov. 3, 2007 | | Annual Club Auction | |
| January 1, 2008 | | Freeze Fly | |
| July 10-13, 2008 | | Warbirds over Dlaware | |
| | | Saturday, Sept 29 | SKSS FunFly & Swap meet |
| | | Saturday, Sept 29 | First State RC Picnic |
| | | October 6&7 | <u>Octoberfest Vintage Fly-In</u> |

Dues for 2008 are now payable;

Remember, you must have paid your dues for 2008 to fly at the field after the end of 2007

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