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# Glitch Busters

Delaware R/C Club, [WWW.Delawarerc.org](http://WWW.Delawarerc.org)



## Next Club Meeting: Wednesday November 5, 2008

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

Next Club Event:  
Club Auction Nov. 8, 2008

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## Delaware RC Welcomes New Members:

## The Prez Sez

Greetings to all Delaware R/C Club flyers / members.

As the month of October comes to a close, we prepare ourselves for club elections. The Delaware R/C Club meeting date has been moved to November 5, 2008 to accommodate the national election. I look forward to seeing a large number of club members in attendance on November 5<sup>th</sup>.

As of this writing we have the following individuals nominated for club positions:

President: John Kirchstein  
Vice President: Tim Asbury  
Treasurer: Mark McQuaide

All are running unopposed at this point as I have not received any other official nominations from the membership. You will have a chance to nominate additional members for club positions up to the start of the November 5, 2008 meeting. Once the meeting has started, no further nominations will be accepted. Please note that club officers will be elected to a **2-year term**. Please take that into consideration before submitting a nomination. If elected, you will be expected to complete the entire term.

As many of you may be aware, the club was victimized by vandalism once again on Thursday October 23, 2008. There was minor property damage to Delaware R/C items as well as Lums Pond State Park property. The park has been notified and an official damage report has been filed with the Park and the AMA. Club items that were damaged include; yellow gang box located under the pavilion, Rubbermaid cabinet next to the impound area, handle and lockset of the shed, Delaware R/C logo attached to the pavilion, windsock, frequency pins and a park picnic bench.



More photos—[www.delawarerc.org/damage](http://www.delawarerc.org/damage)

Unfortunately it appears that access to the field was facilitated due to the park allowing hunters to utilize the club entrance. This has been standard practice for several years (allowing hunters to utilize the R/C field entrance) and unfortunately places the Club in a precarious position with regards to vandals. Please note, we do not believe that this incident is a direct result of hunters, but rather an opportunity for access seized by a group of local delinquents / criminals with no regard for State or private property. We will continue to work with the Park on securing our field entrance practices. However, at this point let me reiterate to all Club members our policy for gate closure. If you are the last individual leaving the field (any day or time) you are required to close and lock the gate behind you. Yes, that means if it is Saturday at 1:00pm in the afternoon and you are the last one out, lock the gate. All valid club members and Park officials know the access code to the gate lock and can let themselves in without issue. Additionally, you must scramble the tumblers on the gate lock.

As a result of the frequency pin destruction, we will need to implement some sort of temporary identification method until a new set of pins can be assembled. As before, all 72 MHz fliers are required to place their AMA card in the related frequency slot before attempting to fly. If there is an existing AMA card in your frequency slot, **DO NOT ATTEMPT TO FLY** until you have verified that individual has returned their transmitter (powered off) to the impound area. The 2.4 fliers will continue to utilize the ID holders with their AMA cards. We will need to be diligent with this process to ensure safety. If at any point you are unsure, **DO NOT FLY** until you confirm your frequency availability.

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## Meeting Minutes

General Membership Meeting of the Delaware R/C Club was held on Tuesday October 7, 2008

President Vaughn LeSage called to order at 7:30PM.

Guest/ new members: Ed Finley

Show and Tell:

Frank McFoy brought a Flag Ship

Jim Schlapfer brought a Deuces Wild



More treeplanting photos at  
[www.delawarerc.org/trees](http://www.delawarerc.org/trees)

Old Business:

Club auction November 8,2008 need help to set up

**Tree planting** October 11,2008 at 8:30 AM

A Day in Delaware October 26,2008 fun fly

New Business:

November meeting will be moved to Wednesday November 5,2008

Vaughn LeSage will be taking over the New Letter in December

Club elections will be in November meeting

People running for office are

President: John Kirchstein

Vice President: Tim Asbury

Treasurer Mark McQuaide

Safety Report: John Kirchstein

2.4 AMA cards can display on hat or on the back of the pilot

Treasurer report: Vaughn LeSage

Training report: Tim Asbury

Tim is working with 6 new pilots

Greg

## NOTICE!!

This month's meeting is at the cafeteria,  
but it is on Wednesday, since national  
election day is Tuesday

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Prez Sez; cont.

I would like to make the club aware of a change in the newsletter process. Effective January 2009, the club will no longer send paper copies of the newsletter to the membership via the postal service. The current board has been active in looking for ways to prevent a dues increase. While an increase may still be presented by future club leadership boards, the current board will take a proactive step in reducing costs by eliminating newsletter mailing. The club will continue to post the monthly newsletter on the club webpage for all to access. We understand that although we live in a predominately digital world, not all members have internet access. Therefore, we will print several hardcopies of the newsletter prior to each club meeting beginning January 2009. All members without internet access can pick up a current newsletter at the meeting.

Secondly, I want to thank all of those individuals that helped with the tree planting and clean up that occurred Saturday October 11, 2008. We were able to obtain and plant (5) new trees at the field at no cost to the club. This process could not have happened without the help of Dave Skinner, Dan Hosier and John Kirchstein. Not only did Dave and Dan extract and transport the trees, Dave was able to secure use of a large piece of equipment to aid in the excavation and planting. A day long process was completed in approximately 1 hour. The result was the planting of (5) Delaware native trees (identified and selected by the Park) that will hopefully provide lasting shade for years to come. Taking advantage of the heavy equipment and manpower available, we were also able to provide a thorough cleaning of the shed area. The result was an astonishing removal of several years' worth of clutter. Kudos to all members who helped with the cleanup. Your efforts have made a huge difference in the overall cleanliness and preservation of club property.

I wish to thank the current board as well as the membership for their support during the last few months. We were presented with several unexpected challenges. All involved rose to the occasion and turned challenge into opportunity. I am very grateful.

Please remember to renew your 2009 club membership early. Don't wait till the last minute! Applications can be obtained via the website or club officer. All memberships should be mailed / returned **DIRECTLY** to Mark McQuaide (address listed on application) to ensure prompt processing. In addition, the club is now accepting PAYPAL payments via the website for dues payments. A paper application (new or renewal) (*Ed. See below*) is still required to be sent to Mark at this time (even with PAYPAL payments). Until a seamless process can be implemented, this will facilitate the update of club members' information (email, address, phone, etc.). Club stickers (for AMA cards) will be sent to all members directly from Mark.

Finally, a reminder that The Delaware R/C Auction and Swap Meet will take place Saturday November 8, 2008 at Shue Middle School, 1500 Capital Trail (Kirkwood Highway), Newark, DE, 19711. Doors open to the public at 9:00am and the auction starts at 11:00am sharp. The deadline for table reservation has now passed. You may still contact Dick Stewart (302-368-2911) for any questions prior to the auction date.

Have a fun and safe month of flying!

## **Dues for 2009 are payable online**

We have setup the website and our membership application so that you may now download the application, fill it out on-screen, mail it to Mark and pay the dues by PayPal. Presently, you must go to PayPal and send the money to the dues address: [dues@delawarerc.org](mailto:dues@delawarerc.org)

## **New Editor**

Vaughn LeSage has graciously accepted the task of publishing the newsletter, starting with the next issue. I'm sure you will give him the same great support that I received for these past few years.

It has been a pleasure communicating with you this way, but after 5 or 6 years it is time to pass it on to someone new.

Thanks to all who have expressed appreciation for my efforts, your encouragement was welcome,

John Kirchstein



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Set Your Course for Upcoming Club Events		Additional Waypoints of Interest	
<a href="#">Annual Club Auction</a>	<b>November 8, 2008</b>		

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