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# Glitch Busters

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



## Next Club Meeting: Mar 1, 2005

- Location: William Penn High School Cafeteria 2
- Raffle: Delta Band saw
- Program Topic: By-Laws
- Next Club Event: Two Tony's Memorial: May 22,22

## Bylaws to be Ratified Next Meeting

### Delaware R/C Club – General Membership Meeting – February 1, 2005

The Meeting was called to order by Brian Pasternak at 7:30 PM

**Show & Tell:** Dick Stewart demonstrated the "Pooch" lost plane finder. Jim Schlapfer has the circuit boards

**Old Business:** The Club Audit of financial and property records is complete. Thank you to the auditors: **Carl Hauger, Rick Scott** and **Terry Blanch** who did an excellent job reviewing the records. Several suggestions were submitted by the auditors which will be acted on and reported to the membership at the March General Membership



**Matt Chapman Michael Mancuso and Rick Klein in the KT corporate hanger with the Extra 300Ls matt recently completed**

Meeting.

**2005 Club dues** are now due. Deadline was January 15<sup>th</sup> for early renewal.

**Drawing for "Early Renewal" raffle:** Winners of the early re-

newal raffle were: 1) **Frank Mc Foy**—engine , 2) **Bob Veazey**—Dremel Tool, 3) **John Kirchstein**—Band Saw, which he donated to the club to be raffled off again at a future meeting.

**WRAM Show:** Diane Hudak reported 25 signed up smaller bus not available.

**New Business February Board meeting** has been rescheduled to Tuesday February 15<sup>th</sup> due to a scheduling conflict.

John Kirchstein has completed

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### Delaware RC Club Welcomes New Members:

Ethan Swartz and Robert Taylor

## Warbirds Preparations off to a Great Start

To date 28 pilots have already pre-registered for Warbirds over Delaware 2005. Last year at this time we were not even taking registrations for the 2004 event. The states represented by these pilots are California, Connecticut, Delaware, Illinois, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and Wisconsin. Four of the pilots are new to the event this year, one each from California and Massachusetts, and two from New York.

Club members who wish to register as pilots for the event may do so through the members only section of the Club website. For help in accessing this feature contact Carl Hauger at [cwahauger@yahoo.com](mailto:cwahauger@yahoo.com).

Model Airplane News has already advised us that they will cover the event and run a feature article this year. In addition, four vendors have already pre-registered for the event.

Planning for Warbirds has been ongoing for several months. We will need as many or more volunteers to staff the event as we had last year. Club members who are willing to help may sign up online through the Warbirds event page on the Club website, or by contacting Carl Hauger at [cwahauger@yahoo.com](mailto:cwahauger@yahoo.com) or 302-753-5499.

Stay tuned for further reports.

## Mike's Tips

**Midair collisions** are not commonplace, but they do happen. If involved in a midair the proper etiquette is to accept that neither party is at fault. We all take a risk of losing our planes each time we fly. Real risk is part of the sport and it is a big part of what makes real flying more exciting than flying on a simulator.



Having said all that politically correct stuff, I will now tell you that there are things we can do to increase or decrease the chance of a midair (although a gentleman pilot would never try to assign blame for a midair).

Here are some things you can do to help avoid causing a midair, and keep you in the good graces of your fellow club members:

### Details...

1. Most importantly; know the pattern, **fly the pattern**. Just like at the roller rink, collisions are much less likely if everyone is going in the same direction. Look to see which pattern (R to L or L to R) the planes in the air are flying. Ask if it is not obvious.
2. **Be predictable**. When a speedy plane comes zipping by your trusty trainer keep it straight and level. Don't try to avoid him or you could cause a mid-air. Faster planes should avoid those they are overtaking.
3. Keep a **safe vertical distance** away from other planes. Horizontal distance is hard to judge because the planes are too far away for our binocular vision to be effective. Keeping a good amount of blue sky between you and other planes is the only way to be sure you won't collide.
4. **Use a spotter**. Flying an RC plane demands that you concentrate on your plane and your plane only. Peripheral vision is only useful to a certain extent.

A spotter can take in the whole picture and spot potential threats while giving you enough time to react. The more planes are in the air the more a spotter is useful.

5. **Land if you are uncomfortable** with the situation. Too many planes in the air, a big expensive plane in the air, an unpredictable pilot takes off, planes hovering over the runway; all could be reasons to land and wait a few minutes for better conditions.



## Matt Builds Scale Klein 300L s

In response to my plea for some photos for this month's News Letter, **Matt Chapman** sent me the following:

"It just so happens I just finished up two display models for Klein Tools in Chicago. I did them for the owner, Rick Klein as a gift. He plans on displaying them in his corporate headquarters along side their Indy 500 winning car from a few years back.

One is painted in Ricks design, N55NL and the other is Michael Mancuso's N54NL. Michael is an airshow pilot sponsored by Klein Tools.

I just delivered them last week. Rick and Michael were very surprised and happy with the planes.

They started life as [Composite-ARF.com kits](http://www.composite-arf.com). The kit is no were near scale, so much modification was needed. I lowered the wings, raised the tail and chopped a bunch of surface off the elevators and rudder. The planes both have full cockpits including leather seats, full scale interment panels matching the ones in each plane. I made the props from scratch, as I did the full cockpits. Lots of nice scale features. The one photo shows me with Michael Mancuso and Rick Klein in the KT corporate hanger the day I presented them to him."

Further info on the Klein Planes can be found at <http://www.mmairshows.com/>



Beautiful cockpit detail

## Minutes, Continued

finalizing the **Club By-Laws** with the assistance of the Board. A final draft will be submitted to the membership, via web and newsletter, for review and will be voted on at the March General Membership Meeting.

### *“...Lock the front gate when you are the last one out”*

Recently, our **pavilion was vandalized** and the shed and property storage box burglarized. The "buddy box" radios have been stolen from the plastic property box near radio impound. A new combination lock (same combination) has been installed on the box. The lock on the storage shed was drilled out and destroyed. The PA system speakers have been stolen. Field Maintenance

Supervisor James Cistola has replaced the lock assembly. If you have a key for the shed it will no longer work. If you require a key for the shed please contact me at [brian.pasternak@verizon.net](mailto:brian.pasternak@verizon.net) with your name and state your reason for needing a key. "Buddy Box" radio donations have been offered by **Anthony Chopko, Pete Malchione, and Brian Pasternak**.

It is important for Club members to secure the field and **lock the main gate** if they are the last ones at the Flying Site. A new lock was put on the front gate with the same combination.

**Bob Veazey – V.P. of Delaware Aviation Hall Of Fame**, asked to have permission for his organization to have a picnic at the field for the public to learn more about r/c flying. He also stated that the **Friends of Bellanca** are

turning the old hangar into a museum in which there will be some need for scale models

Things planned on being done this year at the field : new road, new pavilion roof , repairs to the field , and possibly a new fence.

The Delaware State Park now has a **lifetime pass** for those persons 65 or older. The cost is 45.00 and is good for any vehicle you are in.

**Treasurer's Report** – Dick Stewart.

**Raffle Prize Drawing:** 50/50—**Ivan Smith** for 21.50.

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Hudak, Secretary

*“[Delta] Band Saw, ...donated to the club to be raffled off [at March meeting]”*

## Bylaws to be Voted Upon

A few years ago, we started to rewrite the **Club By-laws** to be in line with AMA rules, and to clarify them as to interpretation and meaning. Somewhere along the line, we lost the train of thought, and never completed the task.

The Board has reviewed the bylaws and hammered out a workable set of rules for the Club to live by, and also has come up with a **fundamental change in the election of officers**.

Included with this newsletter is a copy of the proposed Bylaws.

The rules call for this notification and a vote at the subsequent meeting, in which a 2/3rds majority is required to pass the changes.

The major change is in the Terms of Office (Article 7, paragraph 1).

The board feels that several good purposes will be



Rick Klein's 300L in front of Michael Mancuso's version

served by the election of officer for two year terms and the staggering of the election years for the executives.

The most obvious of these is the continuity of the management of the club. Also, the task of finding a full slate of officers for each election will be cut in half.

Please read the enclosed document and come to the March meeting to vote.



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Additional Waypoints of Interest	
March 3-6, 2005	Florida Jets, Lakeland FL <a href="http://franktiano.com">franktiano.com</a>
March 12, 2005	24th Lebanon R/C Flea Market <a href="http://www.cpa.us">www.cpa.us</a>
April 1-3, 2005	51st Toledo R/C Expo <a href="http://www.toledoshow.com">www.toledoshow.com</a>
April 27-May 1, 2005	Top Gun 2005, Lakeland FL <a href="http://franktiano.com">franktiano.com</a>
May 11-14, 2005	Joe Nall 2005, Woodruff SC <a href="http://www.joenall.com">www.joenall.com</a>
June 3-5, 2005	WWII Weekend, Reading (PA) Airport <a href="http://www.maam.org/maamwwii.html">www.maam.org/maamwwii.html</a>
June 5, 2005?	New Garden Air Show, Toughkenamon PA
August, 2005	Atlantic City Airshow
October 15-16, 2005	9th Annual Rotor Fest, Brandywine Airport, West Chester

## Set Your Course for Upcoming Club Events

Saturday-Sunday, May 21-22, 2005	Two Tony's Memorial Fly-In (AMA, IMAA)
Saturday, June 18, 2005	Fun Scale Contest (AMA)
Thursday-Sunday, July 7-10, 2005	14th Annual Warbirds Over Delaware (IMAA, AMA)
Friday-Sunday, July 22-24, 2005	Helis Over Delaware (AMA)
Sunday, September 18, 2005	Club Picnic
Sunday, October 02, 2005	Volunteers' Day
Saturday, November 05, 2005	Club Auction



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# DELAWARE RADIO CONTROL CLUB

## By-Laws

### ARTICLE 1 – NAME:

The name of the Club shall be **Delaware Radio Control Club**

### ARTICLE 2 – PURPOSE

1. The purpose of the Club is to further the interest in and enjoyment of all radio control model aircraft and the exchange of ideas pertaining thereto.
2. The Club shall always foster positive community relations to maintain the RC modeling hobby in a positive view.
3. The Club is chartered as member Club #197 in the Academy of Model Aeronautics.
4. The Club shall foster the growth of the hobby for younger people and children
5. The Club shall maintain good relations with the host owner of the flying site, including maintenance of the grounds as required

### ARTICLE 3 – FORMATION

1. The Club shall operate as a non-profit, non-stock holding organization, and is incorporated in the State of Delaware as such under Corporate Number 0544528
2. The Club shall have a Corporate Registered Office in the State Delaware, and the name of that registered agent in charge of that office shall be on file with the State of Delaware, Department of State, Secretary of State, in Dover, Delaware.

### ARTICLE 4 – GOVERNANCE

1. The Board of directors shall be comprised of the current officers and at least three other Club members selected annually by the President.
2. The Club Officers shall be the President, Vice president, Secretary, and Treasurer and Safety Officer.

### ARTICLE 5 – DUTIES

1. *Board of Directors:* the management of the affairs of the Club shall be vested in the Board of Directors who shall have the authority to establish and administer its policies. Official decisions may be made by a two-thirds (2/3) majority mail vote or by a quorum at a Board of Director meeting. A quorum shall consist of at least 50% of the current Board members. Official decisions shall be consistent with the stated purposes and objectives of the AMA as set forth in its Bylaws and, where those Bylaws are not specified, vested in the sound discretion of the Board of Directors.
2. *President:* The President shall preside at all meetings of the Club and shall act as a spokesperson in all matters pertaining to it.
3. *Vice-President:* The Vice-President shall act for the President when he/she is unable to serve, and is to maintain an accurate record (including place of storage) of Club property.
4. *Secretary:* The Secretary shall record minutes of each Club meeting and handle all correspondence pertaining to Club activities.
5. *Treasurer:* The Treasurer shall collect all moneys due and shall keep a record of moneys disbursed by the Club. He/she, or a person designated by the President, will be the Club's

- contact person with AMA.
6. *Safety Officer*: The Safety Officer shall be responsible for chairing the safety committee and ensuring existing safety rules are enforced. This includes processing the grievance forms and following the existing grievance procedure documented in the by-laws. The Safety Officer shall be appointed by the President.

## **ARTICLE 6 - AUDIT**

The Board of Directors shall appoint an Audit Committee consisting of a minimum of one Board member who does not have check-signing authority and 2 Club Members at large to perform a periodic audit of the Treasurer's books and the Club property.

## **ARTICLE 7 - TERMS OF OFFICE**

1. All elected officers of the Club shall serve for two (2) years from date of their election.
2. President and Secretary will be elected in odd-numbered years, and the Vice President and Treasurer in the even numbered years
3. Officers are to be elected by a vote of simple majority of those present at the regular meeting in the month of November.
4. Nomination of Club officers shall be made at the general membership meeting during the month of October. Nominations for office may be made by any active Club member holding voting rights, either in person or by submitting a proxy nomination to an existing officer. All known nominations for office will be published in the newsletter prior to the election.
5. A secret ballot is required for elections, unless waived by a simple majority vote of the members present at the meeting.

## **ARTICLE 8 - VACANCIES**

Vacancies in any office shall be filled by appointment by the remaining officers; such appointee to serve until the end of the term for which his/her predecessor was elected.

## **ARTICLE 9 - COMMITTEES**

The committees of the Club shall be established by the President and may be approved by a simple majority vote of the members present at a meeting (if a vote is requested), to serve throughout the term, or less, of his/her tenure of office. Standing Committees are the Safety Committee, Membership Committee and the Field Maintenance Committee.

## **ARTICLE 10 - MEETINGS**

1. Regular meetings shall be held at a time and place designated by the Club officers and published in the Club newsletter.
2. At any Club meeting a simple majority shall be over 50% of the members voting at the meeting.
3. Any member or probationary member of the Club may initiate a formal request for action by the Board of Directors by submitting a written proposal to the President. The proposal shall include a written description of the nature, type, and extent of the Board action recommended. The President shall forward copies of the proposal to other members of the Board of Directors for their consideration. Either the President, or any other Board member, may have the matter placed upon the working agenda of the next Club meeting.

## **ARTICLE 11 - DUES AND MEMBERSHIP**

1. The annual dues to be paid to the Club shall be determined by the Club officers with the approval of a simple majority vote. Dues are non-refundable, except under extraordinary

- circumstances, which will be determined by the Board of Directors on a case-by-case basis.
2. No special assessment shall be levied upon the Club membership, unless it is approved by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) majority of the members present at the regular monthly meeting, and the members have been given twenty five (25) days prior notice along with an explanation of the assessment.
  3. New members who join in September through December will pay the annual dues rate for their class of membership, which will be continuous to the end of the following year.
  4. Any member who allows their membership to lapse beyond March 1 of any year shall be dropped from the membership roster.

## **ARTICLE 12 - MEMBER STANDING**

1. All persons shall be eligible for membership, and shall agree to abide by the Club's bylaws, and those of the AMA.
2. The membership shall be divided into the following categories:
  - a. **Full Member:** Is nineteen (19) years old or older, and has full privileges and voting rights. Dues: Full Member rate (requires AMA Membership).
  - b. **Junior Member:** Is eighteen (18) years old or younger, has full privileges and voting rights. Dues: Junior Member rate (requires AMA Membership).
  - c. **Senior Member.** Is 62 years old or older and has full privileges and voting rights. Dues: Senior Member rate (requires AMA Membership).
  - d. **Family Membership:** Includes all flying members of the immediate family (spouse and children). They have full privileges and voting rights. Dues: One (1) Full Membership plus one (1) Junior Membership for each flying member (requires AMA Membership). Children are included until their 19th birthday and from their 19th birthday until their 25th birthday, provided they remain continuously dependent upon their parents for their principal support.
  - e. **Associate Member:** a Non-Flyer, who is interested in the activities of the Club, has no voting rights and receives a newsletter. Dues: Associated Member rate (AMA Membership not required).
3. Flying members will be required to hold and maintain a license issued by the AMA. All first-time flying member applicants, as well as present flying members seeking membership renewal, must show proof of current membership in the AMA. Associate Members do not require AMA membership.
4. If any flying member ceases to have the qualification necessary for membership in the AMA, his/her membership in the Club shall be reclassified as an associate member, subject to reinstatement upon restoration of eligibility.

## **ARTICLE 13 - RESIGNATION, TERMINATION, DISCIPLINARY ACTION, EXPULSION AND REINSTATEMENT**

Any member in good standing may resign his/her membership by giving written notice to the Club. No refund of dues shall be forthcoming.

Any individual may be expelled from membership from the Club by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Board of Directors if, in the Board of Directors' determination, such individual willfully commits any act or omission which is a violation of any of the terms of these Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws, or the Rules of the AMA, or which is detrimental to the Club, the AMA, or to model aviation.

Expelled member will be reported to the Park authorities.

Any member who is expelled from membership may be reinstated to membership only by two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors shall have the discretionary authority to provide for and to impose disciplinary action for such acts or omissions, which do not justify expulsion from membership.

## **ARTICLE 14 - AMENDMENTS**

Amendments may be made to these bylaws at any general meeting of the Club membership, provided the members shall have been notified in writing at least five (5) days in advance that the amendments are to be considered. Copies of the proposed amendments shall be provided to all members as part of the notification. Amendments shall be approved by no less than a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the members present, at the regular monthly meeting.

## **ARTICLE 15 - SPECIAL FUNDS & EXPENDITURES**

The Treasurer of the Club is authorized to receive contributions or specially obtained funds from any individual or institution, to be applied to the operating expenses of the Club. The President, with the board's approval, will have discretionary spending of up to \$500.00 without requiring Club approval.

## **ARTICLE 16 - DURATION**

The duration of this Club shall be perpetual.

## **ARTICLE 17 - DISSOLUTION**

The Corporation may be dissolved with the approval of a two-thirds (2/3)-majority vote of the total membership. Upon the dissolution of the Corporation, the Board shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all of the liabilities of the Corporation, dispose of all the assets of the Corporation exclusively for the purposes of the Corporation in such manner, to the Academy of Model Aeronautics, Inc., or to such other organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or to such other organization with purposes similar to the purposes of this Corporation, as the Board shall determine. Any of such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court of Common Pleas (or similar court) of the county in which the principal office of this Corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes and to such organization or organizations, as said court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

## **ARTICLE 18 - FISCAL YEAR**

The fiscal year shall coincide with the calendar year.

## **ARTICLE 19 - LOGO**

The official Club logo shall be:







## **ARTICLE 20 - GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE (FLIGHT AND GROUND SAFETY RULES)**

### ***PURPOSE:***

The grievance procedure provides a mechanism to enforce existing safety rules by providing a progressive disciplinary system when needed. Although most complaints can be resolved informally, if a complaint is serious or cannot be resolved informally, the matter should be referred to the Safety Committee for its consideration by means of a Grievance Form to be filled out and turned into the Safety Committee Chairman. At least one witness is required to sign the Grievance Form.

### ***SAFETY COMMITTEE:***

The Safety Committee shall use its judgment in carrying out action on the following:

A Grievance Form (see next page) will be filled out and turned into the Safety Committee Chairman. At least one witness is required.

### ***FIRST VIOLATION:***

Viewpoints of both complainants and accused will be considered.

A verbal reprimand will be given to the accused by the Safety Committee, and this will be recorded in the Committee files.

### ***SECOND VIOLATION:***

Complainant's name will be disclosed.

The accused has the right to a written rebuttal, to be reviewed by the Committee.

If the Committee so decides, the flying privileges of the accused will be suspended for thirty (30) days. Written notice of this shall be issued and a copy published in the Club newsletter.

### ***THIRD VIOLATION:***

Committee will notify the accused in writing and the Club members via the Club newsletter that the Club will vote on the expulsion of the accused at the next meeting. Said expulsion will last for a one-year minimum. (Longer if deemed necessary by the Board of Directors). A member may be expelled from the Club only upon a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the membership present at the meeting. Voting will be by secret ballot at a regular monthly meeting. The expelled member may reapply for membership after the expiration of the expulsion time period. The three actions will not be enforced unless they are accumulated within a two-year period of time. Any member receiving a Grievance, who directs any retaliation action against the person filing said Grievance, will be subject to immediate expulsion from the Club. This is to include threats, intimidation, physical harm, intentional equipment damage, or any other action deemed to be retaliatory by the Board of Directors.

## Delaware RC Club Grievance Form

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Nature of

Violation: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Witness: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Witnesses

(not required): \_\_\_\_\_