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Glitch Busters



Delaware R/C Club, WWW.DelawareRC.org

Next Club Meeting: May 2, 2006

- Location: Wm Penn HS Cafeteria 2
- Raffle: TBA
- Program Topic: TBA -
- Next Club Event:: Two Tony's Electric Fly-In: May 20, 2006

Two Tony's Electric Meet May 20th

Plans are completed for the first Electric Fly version of the Two Tony's Memorial event. CD Jim Schlapfer has rounded up a good array of prizes for competitions and for drawings. The meet is scheduled for May 20th and starts at 9:00 AM. All types of electric planes are welcome, so bring them; big or small simple or complex; there's fun for all!



Club Up-Date

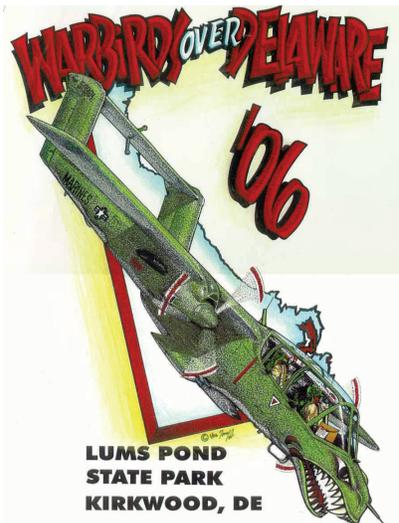
The month of May will bring warmer temperatures and more people to the flying field. I would like to remind everyone that the rules of our flying field haven't changed and the Transmitter Impound is to be used at all times. We are having a sign made with the field rules and it will be mounted above the impound rack. If a non-club member is at the field, please have them become familiar with the rules before they fly. We can only ask them to follow the rules. If they refuse to follow the rules, then we have no choice but to talk to a Ranger and let the park handle the situation.

On May 20th will be our first electric Fun Fly in honor of Tony Wilford and Tony Malchione. Jim Schlapfer is the CD of the event and Jim will need the help of many club members to make our first electric event a success. Club members with electric planes are also encouraged to come to the event.

I went to the field this week and the new grass has started to grow. We will be putting a crabgrass killer down next and a weed killer with fertilizer as well. This should give us one of the best flying fields in the area, so please come out and enjoy it.

That's all for now...

Dave



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Meeting Minutes

Delaware R/C Club - Minutes of the General Membership Meeting April 4, 2006

The meeting was called to order by President Dave Moyer at 7:30PM

Show & Tell : Jay Green displayed an “EMC2” pattern plane built from Dick Hansen design. Powered by Saito 1.2 4-stroke.

Scotty Moyer displayed a Great Planes Super Sportster EP electric ARF. Weight 25 oz. This plane was recently featured in Model Aviation.

Old Business: Dave Moyer reported that the field has been seeded and cutting should start the week of April 15th. The field will be cut every Friday between 8AM and noon.

Field hours reminder: No Flying (excluding electrics) after 6PM on Friday and Saturday evenings and before Holidays.

Monday - Thursday: 9AM until Dusk

Friday: 9AM until 6PM - Electrics may fly after 6PM till dusk.

Saturday: 10AM until 6PM - Electrics may fly after 6PM till dusk.

Sunday: 10AM until dusk.

New Business: Jim Schlapfer reported on the progress for the upcoming **Two Tony's Electric Fun Fly** on May 20th. Hours are 9AM – 4PM. Pilot registration at the event. Volunteers are needed. Boy Scouts will be present for food.

Tony Albence reported on the progress for the **Fun Scale Contest** to be held June 17th. Pilot registration is \$10 per plane.

Brian Pasternak reported on the progress for the upcoming **Warbirds Over Delaware** event July 13-16. Brian also reported on the **Helis Over Delaware** event July 28-30.

Park stickers are required on all vehicles starting May 1. Stickers are available for purchase at the Park Ranger's Office.

Safety Report: Stan Michalski discussed a recent letter which was posted in Model Aviation.

Also, there was an incident where a pilot refused to place his transmitter in the radio impound and the transmitter was accidentally turned on. **Radio Impound is always in use at our flying field.** If the pilot does not want to place his transmitter in radio impound then the RF module must be removed from the radio and placed in radio impound. The only other option is to leave the flying site. This is a Club rule and therefore a Park Rule. The Club will develop the appropriate signs to inform all pilots.

The Park will be installing a gate closer to the parking area to secure our field. This will allow hunters access off of Route 71.



Kids in a candy store—the best thing about Toledo!!



The Second Best part of Toledo Show –Eating!

You know you're a real modeler when you arrange your shirts in the closet in two groups—the ones with CyA glue spots and those without.

Dave Moyer read a correspondence from the **AMA US Scale Masters Team** soliciting donations to support the team.

The Ocean City Municipal Airport will be having an event on October 7-8 and they are interested in volunteers to set up a static display.

Treasurers Report: Club Treasurer **Dick Stewart** read the monthly treasury report.

50/50: The 50/50 was won by **Jim Schlapfer**.

The meeting adjourned at 8:37PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brian Pasternak

Putting Safety in Perspective

by Stan Michalski

As many of you may know I have had the opportunity to work part time as an Airport manager at our local town airport in Rising Sun for the past 9 years. In that time I have had to address many issues regarding safety of Pilots, Aircraft, and Airport operations. As a result of this experience I have learned a great deal about how others view safety and how I can improve both my attitude towards safety and that of others. I would like to relate some of my thoughts on safety, enforcement of safety rules, and human interaction observed during the correction of safety violations. When some people think of safety often times it seems to be a bunch of rules

that are there so someone can chew them out when they break a rule. Sure safety rules are there for a reason but just the same no one likes to be singled out and told they are doing something wrong in front of other people. After all that's human nature. Some of the rules may even seem silly to us. It may even appear to us at the time, that the person correcting us is enjoying it. A lot of this is only perception caused by how the person doing the correcting acts. In my case I can assure you that it is not an enjoyable experience to speak to someone who is violating a safety rule or be spoken to for violating a rule myself. This is especially true when the discussion becomes confrontational. I oft times feel like WHY ME and I am very glad when these heated discussions are over. I have been on both sides and know how it feels. But what I have learned over the past 10 years is that if anything unsafe is let go it will eventually cause something unfortunate. As a result not correcting the unsafe act because it makes us uncomfortable is not an option. Since we all want to have fun and get along what should we do?

I have learned what I think is a better approach. Correcting safety violations alone is not enough. We all must foster an attitude of safety in one another realizing continually that good safety practices are vital to the continued existence of our club. After all it is OUR airfield and if we loose it we will all suffer. We will have to look for another model field and we will have to do a lot of looking to find another one as nice as ours. A lot of good people worked very hard over the years to obtain, build, and keep our Field. So next time you see someone violating a safety rule remind them. Do it **one on one** in a respectful constructive manner and things will usually go well. If you are on the other side of the fence being corrected stop and think that the



Wren Showed their turboprop system ~\$5,500.00 (45# Thrust)



66% J-3 Cub looms over the micro-scale display

person doing the rule enforcement is probably not happy about having to do it they are just trying to help keep you safe. If we remember these simple thoughts no one should walk away offended. Above all we should not ever forget that if we do not police our own safety someone outside our club will do it for us and we could loose our use of the wonderful flying site. Let's all look out for one another by flying safe and being open minded about self improvement in the realm of safety.



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**Cloud Kings annual airshow at
Harris airport, scheduled for June
24th with a raindate of the 25th**

Park requires parking stickers

May 1st

Buy them now!

Don't forget to pay your club dues

| Set Your Course for Upcoming Club Events | |
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| Saturday, May 20, 2006 | Two Tony Electric Fun Fly |
| Saturday, June 17, 2006 | Fun Scale Contest |
| July 13 – 16, 2006 | Warbirds over Delaware |
| July 28-30, 2006 | Helis over Delaware |

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