



Glitch Busters

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NEXT MEETING
January 1
at the Freeze Fly

UPCOMING EVENTS

Freeze Fly
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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Wow! I hope you have all seen the cover of the latest "Model Aviation!" Our own Roger McClurg took that fantastic photo of Mac Hodges B-29 at Warbirds and Scott wrote a complete article that was the feature in the magazine. Most of the photos in the article were Scott's as well. That effort shows two things very well: we have folks who "walk the walk and talk the talk" and that Warbirds remains a major event in the aeromodelling community.

Our next Club Meeting will be held on January 1st as part of our annual Freeze Fly. We did this last year too and it went very well. The meeting will begin at 11:00AM. One of our Board Members came up with a great idea...."A Prop Swap." Bring any props that you are no longer using and bring them to swap, buy, or sell with others. whether they be for electric, gas, or glow, here is a great chance for someone to use something that has been gathering dust in your shop.

Our gourmet chef Greg asked me to remind you to bring a small covered dish for the Freeze Fly noon meal.

We had a spirited and fun December meeting where three club members walked away with very desirable raffle items. I will bring two new items to the January Meeting.

We are inviting our "neighbors" of the Lums Pond area to join us on January 1st. It is a thank you to all of them. With this in mind, IT IS NOT A GOOD TIME TO BRING A LOUD GAS OR GLOW AIRPLANE. Message understood? Good.

Happy Holidays and we will see you and your guests next Wednesday at our Annual Freeze Fly/Club Meeting!

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

This month we thought we'd do something a bit different. Instead of a what went on this month at the field we thought we'd do a Delaware R/C Year in Review. Warning: there are 29 pages of photos in this newsletter. We didn't have to make it this long, but we wanted to. It's more of a magazine than a newsletter this month. Hopefully you will enjoy this edition.

The year started out with the Freeze Fly on New Years Day. This year it was a lot more freeze than fly, but everyone seemed to have a good time none the less. As always the food was excellent, and the cooking kept the pavilion nice and warm. It made a comfortable refuge from the chill outside.

The end of winter and beginning of spring was so cold and wet that very little happened at the field until the Spring Cleanup/Pavilion Opening in April. True to form, fewer than a dozen people showed up to do the work. We got the work done in a couple of hours, and enjoyed some excellent coffee and doughnuts while we worked. It is worth noting that everyone seems to have a good time at events like this. Consider coming next time. You might just enjoy yourself, and you get to fly when the work is done.

The International Miniature Aerobatic Club (IMAC) competition in June was next. I find the term miniature sort of humorous, as almost all of the airplanes are BIG. One quarter to one third scale is a typical size for the competing aircraft. Each year, I plan to try my hand in the basic category. The lowest one they have. This year, as usual, I just wasn't ready. This time I was glad I wasn't competing. I would have had to compete against a 10 year old boy, who's skill would have put me to shame. There isn't a huge amount of work involved in running the IMAC, but there are jobs to be had. Consider volunteering to be a scribe for one of the judges. Scribing involves sitting beside a judge and writing down the score as it is whispered to you. The judges appreciate the help as they don't have to take their eyes from the airplane to write down scores. The neat part of being a scribe is that many judges will tell you what was wrong with the maneuver as it is scored. After scoring, judges frequently discuss the flight with the competitor. It is a great way to learn how to improve your aerobatic flying. It is also a way to see some truly gifted people do things with an airplane that most of us only wish we could do.

Just after July 4, it's time for Warbirds over Delaware, the club's biggest event. Dave and Pete Malchione (the CDs for the event for about 16 years) did a magnificent job of pulling the event together and keeping it going. WOD has become such an important event in R/C in the US that we not only got long articles in in Model Airplane News, HighFlight (the IMAA magazine) and Model Aviation (the AMA magazine), but we also got the cover photos on the latter two magazines. With WOD, it was once again the hard work of a small group of people made all the difference. Few people know of how much effort is put in prior to the event to make it happen. During the event, there's lots to be done, but the work isn't difficult, and for the most part requires relatively little of a person's time scattered over the course of a day. The rest of the time, you can enjoy the show, meet with our guests, and generally have a good time. Consider volunteering to help at the next WOD. I'll bet you will be happy you did. If you want to see more of the 12,000+ photos Scott and I took at WOD, check out our Flickr page: <http://www.flickr.com/groups/warbirdsoverde/>.

If you were at WOD this year, you will remember the rain and the mud that visiting pilots had to try to navigate to get home. The heavy vehicles really did a number on the field. So the next club event was to fix the field. A huge load of dirt was donated and delivered to the field. All that was needed was to move the ton of dirt and shovel/rake it

into the ruts. As usual, a handful of people did the work. This was one time when a lot more hands would have made for lighter work, given that the average age of the people shoveling dirt was maybe 60. With a few young strong backs, we might have finished in one day, maybe less. Oh well, the help we got was much appreciated and the field was ready for the next event, Helis Over Delaware.

Helis was held in August, and this year featured some spectacular night flying. I can't believe what some of those heli pilots can do in the daylight. You should see them fly in just the light of construction flood lights. If that's not enough, just wait. They turn off all the lights, and fly by reference to just the LEDs on the Heli. Let me tell you that everything is black except the colorful models zooming all about. Imagine a couple of large helis zooming back and forth, up and down, in the same airspace without reference to the ground. Come to think of it, you don't have to imagine what it looked like. Just check out our video on YouTube

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w5IA-827Ilk>. You might also want to check out the HOD photos we posted on Flickr. We got some amazing night shots:

<http://www.flickr.com/groups/helisoverdelaware/>.

The club got some time to itself after Helis. We had a great fun fly at the New Garden Airfield, followed by a dinner meeting and the opportunity to tour the antique aircraft restoration hangar. If we get the opportunity to do this again, you might want to go. It was a lot of fun.

Speaking of fun, I hope you were among those who attended the fall picnic at the field. The food was, as always, great, and despite the windy conditions, a lot of people flew an assortment of models. At one point I went home, got my parafoil kite, and returned to the field to fly it. I thought Mark would enjoy my control line "glider", but alas he went home by then.

In October, the club was invited to attend the open house at the old Bellanca Airfield hangar. Club members brought a large assortment of R/C models to display. We covered just about every available flat surface on which a model could be perched. A local railroad club joined Delaware R/C in the Bellanca hangar. They had a really great train layout. It even included a working display of a couple of boys flying a control line airplane. We planned to do some demo flights for visitors in the field by the hangar, but the wind was blowing a gale. Most of us opted not to fly. Dick Stewart braved the winds to fly his Beaver and ended up in the top of a tree. I just wish I was out there when Dick climbed said tree and retrieved his plane. What a photo that would have made!

Our Last club "event" of the year was the fall cleanup and closing of the pavilion in November. The few who showed up, did a great job sealing the pavilion, raking up leaves almost as quickly as they were falling, and trimming tree branches over the pit area. It didn't take long to get the field ready for winter.

Little did we know just how fast winter would get here. Just over a month after the cleanup the field was covered in snow. Did any of you try flying off of the snow covered field? To some snow is just another surface to fly off of. I expect we will have a lot more snow in 2014. Anyone want to organize a snow fly for the next good fall? It ought to be a lot of fun. We just need to make sure we have lots of hot coffee and hot chocolate. Scott has an R/C snowmobile in case anyone needs a tow.

Scott and I got our Christmas Presents early this year. Scott wrote the WOD article and took most of the photos that appears in Model Aviation this month, and his WOD photos were published in the winter edition of High Flight magazine. Thanks to Scott's generosity, some of my photos are in both magazines as well. The icing on the cake was that our photos were used on the covers of both magazines. Scott got High Flight and I got Model Aviation. You can see from the photo that we are thrilled. There's nothing like patting yourself on the back, but we couldn't resist with this one. It's not likely to happen again. Our thanks to Pete and Dave, you made this possible for us.



THE YEAR IN PICTURES: Freeze Fly





THE YEAR IN PICTURES: Lums Pond IMAC Challenge







THE YEAR IN PICTURES: Warbirds Over Delaware

Pete and Dave Malchione were awarded a trophy by Adam Lilly and members of his crew as a thank you for all their hard work running Warbirds Over Delaware every year. These two gentlemen are among the nicest and hardest working people you will find anywhere. It was great to see how much their hard work means to the people who attend the event each year. Those of us here at the Glitch would like to extend our sincerest thanks to the Malchiones as well. Your hard work and dedication brings joy to a whole lot of people every year.























THE YEAR IN PICTURES: Helis Over Delaware



THE YEAR IN PICTURES: New Garden Airport





THE YEAR IN PICTURES: Fall Picnic





THE YEAR IN PICTURES: Bellanca Airfield



THE YEAR IN PICTURES: From the Field









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