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Glitch Busters



Next meeting date
February 1, 2011
(Weather permitting)

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Prez says Renew now

A couple of safety items were discussed at the January meeting and deferred to the board for further discussion:

1. Do we need to have physical restraint for turbine jets?

The board found that tie downs and mechanical restraints were not feasible, but that turbines must have brakes and there is a crew member at start-up who can restrain the model. Also, the typical start-up procedure doesn't allow for full throttle ignition.

2. Should we re-instate flight stations?

This seems to be a matter of inter-pilot communication. Stand where you can hear and be heard by the other flyers. The helicopter area should continue to use the established flight stations and pilot/aircraft separation.

The need for "spotters" when more than one plane or heli is airborne was discussed. We are concerned that spotters tend to concentrate on their pilot's plane, while in fact, they should be watching for traffic from other models or full-size aircraft.

Prez says

We also discussed the matter of First Person Video (FPV).

With the proximity of the airport, and the need to keep visual contact with the aircraft, we have determined that this is not an activity we should allow at Lums Pond Flying field. The flight rule will state something like this: "All aircraft must be flown under the direct visual control of the pilot. FPV will not be permitted."

2011 Schedule of events

On our schedule for this year are:

IMAAC – June 11-12

Warbirds – July 13 – 17

Club Auction – November 5

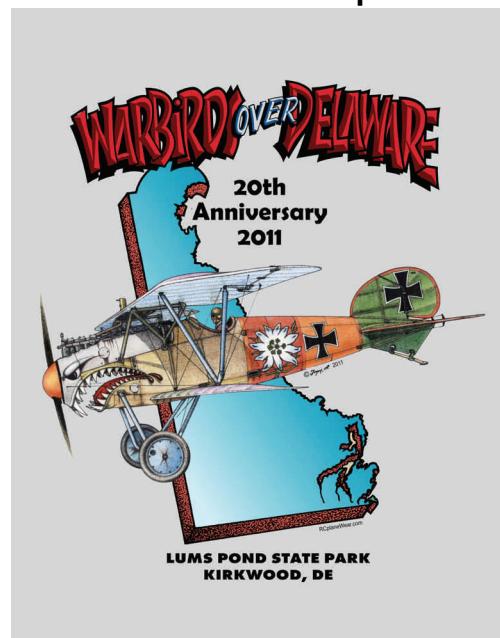
Shows and Flea Markets

WRAM Show – February 25 – 27, White Plains, NY

Lebanon Flea Market – March 12 – Lebanon, PA

Toledo Show – April 1 – 3 - Toledo, OH

Dick Stewart reports that the membership drive is progressing well and reminds us that we need the membership forms filled out for verification of the roster. The "official" roster will be published in March; your name will not appear on it if your dues are not paid by then. Also please mark the areas that you are willing to participate as a volunteer; the club



Minutes of January 4th 2011 Delaware R/C Club

John Kirchstein called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm

Guests

--Jim Rust from lower Delaware likes 3d and indoor flying

Show and tell

Dick Stewart brought his U-2 for show and tell . He bought it from Hobby People. Comes with Receiver and 2 servos Wing span is 66 inches. Tail and elevator is held on with 2 sided tapes. It weighs about a pound and 1.2 . Things he likes nothing to report yet. Things he did not like canopy mounting. Decal positions are not well defined and they are hard to put on. It has some bad flying characteristics it pitches up with power on launches. And has some bad turning tendencies. Dick is thinking about putting some differential aileron to counter the effect.

John Kirchstein reported on the Radian pro. It is a full house version of the original . He said if flies pretty good. It has some serious mechanical aileron differential.

There was a very well done video that Roger and company brought to show of the Freeze Fly. It was good.

Sid Showed us a nifty drill deal where we can get a 25.2 volt battery to power it and get more torque.

Stan told the club about a prop clearance problem that you will run into on the Deuces wild if you use the high power set up.

Treasurers Report

The treasurer was away for work travel and there was no treasurer reports . John said we are in good shape.

Safety:

Safety discussions were held on clearance from other pilots . Pattern operations was discussed in relations to not flying against the pattern. Turbine operations were discussed as to restraint of the aircraft during start. Dick Stewart suggested that this discussion be given to the Board for further discussion.

Old buisness

Dick Stewart reported on membership and how it was going . he said it was going well.

New Business

John filled the group in on what's going on with the Airport rules committee. He explained the schedule for voting on the NPRM and some of the concerns. He said we can't see what's in the NPRM until it's released for consideration

Bill Bouchard brought up the question was anyone going to the WRAM . A few people are interested. He also asked the question did anyone have a indoor flying site.

Freeze Fly January 1st 2011

The coveted First flight of the new year honor goes to Dick Steward. Greg Schlock and Dave Moyer created and outdoor feast including a fried turkey. The weather cooperated and a good time was had by all. What was most striking this



diversity in aircraft has the fun factor. It turned and enjoyable start to the new year and a great way to reconnect with your friends,. Many thanks to Dave and Gregg.

year was the variety of aircraft and the range of size. Big planes were admired and flown along with micro planes. It seems the increased out to be

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Resolutions for a New Year

With the new year upon us I feel some resolutions are needed to face the challenges of continuing and growing our sport. That said here are some of my resolutions.

- 1) I will try to fly the pattern, no matter how exciting it is to do a speed pass in the wrong direction.
- 2) I will try to be nice to all the spectators that insult my aircraft before bantering me with so many questions I forget to connect the aileron servos.
- 3) I will teach people to fly. This one is important. I will teach them to fly when the wind is blowing, because it is always blowing when you are a beginner.. We need to increase the help some of us provide to the new people that show up with the foamies. The idea is to let them get some stick time when they show up at the field. I am working on a cheat sheet for some of the common trainers. Most are great in the wind if you put in a few clicks of down elevator.
- 4) I will try to get young people interested in flying RC. There is a lot of grey hair at our events.
- 5) I will fix that servo in my striker and get in that furball with Vinnie. (forget number one)
- 6) I will be safe when I am in that furball with Vinnie.
- 7) I will strengthen my throwing arm for launching EDF's.
- 8) I will try to smile more when flying.
- 9) I will be more gentle when things irrate me.
- 10) I will pitch in to help this club when needed. The same guys do way too much work for our benefit.
- 11) I will do preflight checks on my planes. Even if I am being pestered with questions.
- 12) I will fly safe and keep my eyes on my plane.