



# Glitch Busters

February 2012

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Lums Pond IMAC Challenge  
June 9-10, 2012

Warbirds Over Delaware  
July 11-15, 2012



## NEXT MEETING

**February 7**

Newark Senior Center

## PREZ SEZ

The new shed is in place; see the comments in the body of the Newsletter for more. The club owes a debt of gratitude to the small army of destructors that came out to tear down and dispose of the old shed and to the guys that prepared the site for the new one.

Mark Weiss presented a seminar on control line (C/L) flying, at G-force Hobbies on a snowy Saturday morning. An enthusiastic group of 11 hearty souls came to see how things have changed since the days when most of us older guys started in aeromodeling. Mark elaborated on flying C/L precision aerobatics and showed the progress that has been made in setup and balance and other techniques for establishing better flight characteristics. Louis Lopez joined mark in describing his activity in C/L combat.

Salem County RC Club is designating a circle for C/L and a search is on for a place in Delaware that can be used on a regular basis. G-Force has stocked some excellent ARFs and motors, if you have the urge to get back to the roots of aeromodeling. This year, there will be some circles dedicated to C/L at the Joe Nall, courtesy of Pat Hartness and Mark.

If you read the back page note from Dave Mathewson in the latest Model Aviation, you will realize that our hobby is about to be “regulated” by some short sighted bureaucrats. The AMA will be instituting a couple of letter writing campaigns by the public to the FAA and to Congress. Watch for notices from AMA which I will pass on to you specifying how to respond to the proposed rule.

## MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY MEETING

The January meeting of the Del RC Club was called to order at 7:30PM, January 21st, by President John Kirchstein. There were 28 members in attendance.

There were a grand total of four planes for “show and tell.” Dick Slutz brought his scratch built (out of Depron) twin motor plane that resembled a “WW troop glider.” It was very well done and had successfully flown before the meeting. Dick had small twin electric motors and said they provided plenty of power for nice and relaxing flights.

Paul Bryk brought a well done “Spitfire Mk II” ARF from Great Planes (I believe). Paul assembled it very well and talked about the finishing details and modifications he made along the way, including to the cockpit floor. He is anxious to fly it as soon as the

## **FREEZE FLY**

weather cooperates. He also showed the group neat little nylon washers that work great against ABS cowls, etc.

Jim Schlapfer brought a nice little "Bearcat" from BP Hobbies. He initially saw this plane at the 2011 Toledo Show. It was small and looked airworthy. He amused the group with his tales of woe on trying to get the distributor to manage a conversation with him so Jim could get a \$5 replacement cowl. The cowl is very thin and broke after Jim had dropped it. It too was electric powered.

Mark Weiss also brought an electric powered profile Airfoilz 3D plane. Marked talked about the unique construction of the kit and the resulting enjoyable build. He built a tray on the fuse side so he could easily alter the CG by sliding the battery pack. This plane too had not yet been flown.

It was fun and educational to have these planes on hand (the owner's too!).

John talked about an errant foamy that crashed (lightly) behind the flight line. The young pilot lost control. Luckily, it was small, light and no one was hurt.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45PM.

## **SHED**

The old shed is gone, and a bright new one is in it's place. Thanks to everyone who came out and helped with the demolition and removal of the old shed. Many hands made for light(er) work. A special thanks go out everyone for all their hard work finding the new shed, working with the park authorities to get permission to replace the shed, organizing everything, and getting a new stone foundation laid. It was a job well done! This from our president:

"Dave Moyer made the contact and purchase of the shed. Mike Ronig, Dick Stewart, Freddie Butts, Vinnie Damiani, Bill Fairweather, Ron Flower, George Haake , Me( "turtle" Kirchstein), Adam and Paul Perry, PJ, Roger and Scott McClurg and Bob Chapman were among those I can remember who helped with demolition and filling the dumpster. Mike, Dave and Greg were responsible for spreading the stone for the foundation.

Personally, I want to thank PJ for working so hard at the waste removal day. "

## FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Every so often a call goes out for help from any members who can lend a hand. I'm sure that some people figure a lot of people will show up, and their help won't be needed. I doubt that will ever be the case. Typically a few people show up to do all the work. Usually it's the same people every time. Most of the people who were doing the hard labor finishing the shed demolition, and hauling the lumber to the dumpster were way past 50 (60, 70?) years old. The younger people in the club need to take a more active part in club activities. Your energy, vigor, and new ideas are much in need, and very welcome. Not just for heavy lifting, but in every facet of the club, your club.

Sometimes coming up with ideas for newsletter topics, is not all that easy. If you have an idea for a topic, or comments about the newsletter, please send me an email: [roger@mcclurgstudios.com](mailto:roger@mcclurgstudios.com). Although PJ and I take some of the photos that appear in the newsletter, the vast majority of them are Scott's work. Send your questions and comments about photos to him: [scott@mcclurgstudios.com](mailto:scott@mcclurgstudios.com).

## PHOTOS



























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