



Glitch Busters

February 2013



NEXT MEETING

February 5

7:30 PM

G-Force Hobbies

AMA #197 / IMAA #687

JANUARY MEETING MINUTES

We are temporarily without minutes as we search for a new secretary.

Any volunteers?

PREZ SEZ

Change of Meeting Location for the February Meeting

First, the fun news! John at G-Force has agreed to host our Club Meeting this Tuesday. He will close the store for all others at 7:00pm. He has graciously offered to supply some eats and beverages. I am bringing 40 chairs so if you want to sit, don't come late. We will also have two exciting raffle items. The lucky winner will have their choice of either items, each one of which G-Force sells for over \$200.00! Add to that we have a great short program by Scotty Moyer on how he converts surplus computer power packs to very reliable DC power sources for our battery chargers. This is going to be a great and unique gathering.

If you have already paid your dues, please read this section. If you have not yet paid your dues, please read this section twice.

I know that the most basic reason we have members and that they pay their dues is our flying field. All a person has to do to fly at our field is to have a park sticker, be a current member of the AMA (2013 membership card) and pay their dues to the Delaware RC Club. If someone does not want to volunteer or help in any way, they are still welcome to join and fly at our field. So, why am I stating such obvious facts?

There are a group of us (Board of Directors) that meet every two weeks and speak nearly daily about the health of our club and what we need to do to have a successful year. The club is not on automatic pilot. When the year starts, all of our guiding decisions are based on the amount of money that will be available to us through membership dues. We need money for field mowing, rolling of the field, road repairs, maintaining our tractor and other field equipment, seed money for Warbirds and other funding for special events and so on and so on. We can't fund project with money we don't have.

So, here we are in February and 1/3 of last years members (that we have email addresses on record) have not yet paid their dues. I can look out my window too and

realize it is not yet flying season. The weather conditions are immaterial. If you are going to be a member of this club this year and were a member last year and you are one of those 54 past members who have not paid, how about it? Please pay your dues now. From your perspective it may be no big deal. From our responsibility of providing you with the best possible field and club activities, it is a big deal. Plus, our dues are very low compared to comparable clubs.

If because of personal finances you simply cannot allocate the full memberships dues now, call me and we can talk about it (302-547-4917).

The Board and I feel that it is not too much to ask you to pay right now if you have not. You can pay at the club meeting this Tuesday or any other means that are available.

All I am asking is that if you are intending to be a club member in 2013, you make that commitment right now. I don't think that is asking too much, do you? Maybe the last four people who pay their dues can be next year's President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer...

Please join and join now. We want you back so come back now... end of sermon.

Membership Meetings

As you know, I am a firm believer that a membership meeting will draw members in direct proportion to the quality of the programs conducted at those meetings. It is for that reason, the February Meeting is being held at G-Force. A change of venue, some great raffle items, a solid program, and some food should all equate to a good turnout and fun. I approached John with this idea a couple of months ago and he agreed and went beyond that to offer some food. The least we can do is come to the meeting and support the club and our only local hobby shop.

He is also providing the raffle items far below his dealer cost. At first, he refused to take any money but that was totally unacceptable to me and our Board. Hobby shops that specialize in RC are a dying breed because their profit margins are incredibly thin. I know this from being a manufacturer and wholesaler 30 years ago. I could not in good conscience take raffle items for free. The Board concurred 100%.

The March Meeting will be back at the Newark Seniors Center and will remain there unless you are otherwise notified. I have received permission to hold one of our meetings at the New Garden Airport sometime later this year. Both Jon Martin (Airport Manager) and Matt Chapman will attend, bring around various airplanes and talk to us about full scale aviation. Jon has also agreed to provide some food and beverage. I will let you know the exact date and time.

We have also been offered the opportunity by one of our club members down in lower Delaware to visit his home and his "bird house." This is his person collection of over 100 planes in a separate facility on his property. Those who have had the privilege of being there have told me this visit has to be on our "Can't Miss This" list.

Upcoming Trade Shows

The **WRAMS** Show in its greatly improved facility and location is later this month: February 22 - 24. It is a good show and only 2 hours up the NJ Turnpike. The best day to go is Saturday. On Friday, you will have commuting traffic and the Sunday version is short,

The **Flea Market in Lebanon**, PA is in March while the granddaddy of them all, the **Toledo** Show is April 5, 6, and 7. Take it from someone who has been to the last 32 consecutive Toledo Shows, if you can go to one, go to Toledo. With the internet and foreign manufacturing, some believe these trade shows days are numbered. The Toledo Show is still a great affair and one not to be missed. Just ask the guys who have gone before.

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Freeze Fly

This month's big story is the Freeze Fly. I was amazed when I saw how many members made it to the event. A number of members brought their families. It's great when you can share your hobby with the family. I regret to say I didn't get a head count, but my wild guess is about 50 people (members and families/guests). It could have been a lot more. Those that came all seemed to have a great time, judging by the smiles, and animated conversations.

The New Year's Day cold didn't deter members from bring and flying a wide variety of airplanes, and helis. Dave and Dave (Jr) Malchione flew a matched pair of discus launched gliders. They flung the planes high into the air, but never seemed to find any lift. Given the cold cloudy day I guess it was to be expected.

Before and after the January meeting everyone enjoyed the fine food arrayed on the picnic tables. I think this year's fried turkey, is the best I have ever eaten. Thanks to Dave and Greg for organizing the food, and doing the on-site cooking. They always do a great job organizing and cooking food at club events, and deserve a hearty thank you from all of us.

Need Photos

I suspect that just about every club member has a camera of some sort. Why not make use of it? During the winter session, most of us are building, repairing, or updating our models. Why not grab your camera and take some photos of your project? If you aren't working on anything, then just take a photo of your workshop. Send us your photos, and we'll post the best in next months newsletter. You can remain anonymous if you like. Just send us the photos. Please don't expect someone else to send in the pictures, because everyone else is thinking the same thing. The result is that no one sends us anything. Come on. Send us something. It doesn't hurt. I promise.

PHOTOS FROM THE FREEZE FLY















EVENTS IN OUR AREA

WRAM SHOW TO REPEAT SUCCESSFUL NJ VENUE

2013 WRAM Show will celebrate its second year at the
Meadowlands Exposition Center
Secaucus, New Jersey
February 22, 23 and 24, 2013



Mark your calendars because:

- Last year's popular Show has sparked significant increases in new vendor commitments
- Great reviews in RC magazines and forums have added to public awareness
- We're the largest RC show on the East Coast and 2nd largest in the U.S.
- Our modern, user-friendly venue offers terrific extras, including:
 - ✓ Outstanding location – 5 miles from New York City, with door-to-door Midtown Manhattan bus service
 - ✓ 5 major hotels, 25 restaurants, shopping and entertainment within walking distance
 - ✓ Free admission for children 5 and under; \$3 for ages 6-11; \$12 for everyone 12 and over. Children 11 and under admitted free on Sunday 2/24/13, when accompanied by adult. Active military admitted free.
 - ✓ RC boat pond, a racetrack and flying exhibition area
 - ✓ Cash prizes in different static-model categories with Best in Show \$1,000 prize
 - ✓ Free WRAM Flyer model-building and -flying program for kids
 - ✓ Swap Shop and Seminars included in admission price
 - ✓ Free indoor parking

Contact Show Manager for advanced group discount tickets

Visit our website, www.wram.org, for more info or call me:
Bob Krull, Show Manager, at 845-656-1419

"The change in venues is a big step in the right direction and will allow for growth and future success. We've already talked to a few vendors who will be there next year for the first time and Desert Aircraft will be adding some additional booth real estate as well. The WRAM Show is definitely in the upper echelon of RC events and I highly recommend it for vendors and patrons alike." —Dave Johnson, Desert Aircraft

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