



Glitch Busters

February 2017



WARBIRDS OVER DELAWARE
July 12-15, 2017

NEXT MEETING
February 7 at 7:00 PM
at the Newark Senior Center

AMA #197

THE PRESIDENT WOULD LIKE YOU TO KNOW...

Our current flight rules deal primarily with fixed wing aircraft. Since multi-rotor aircraft are increasing in popularity as is FPV (First Person View) flying we need to update our field rules to incorporate them. Please contact me if you have and suggestions.



While on the subject of rules: The Field Rules sign at our flying field needs to be moved to the front of the pavilion where it will be visible to everyone. The sign is also very out of date. We are working on getting a new sign with the current field rules.

Last but by all means not least is a proposal to change the club jet turbine rules. Below is the first draft proposal for the rules change. We will discuss the proposal at the February club meeting. Any motions made in regard to the jet turbine rules will be published in the club newsletter and discussed and voted upon at the March meeting.

For all prospective pilots desiring permission to fly turbine models at the Delaware R/C Club field at Lums Pond De.

Foreword:

All prospective turbine pilots know this, the woods surrounding the DRCC field are “old growth” type with mostly swampy ground and very few footpaths in them.

There are heavy patches of Poison Ivy, Oak, and Sumac and huge picker bushes capable of easily tearing the hardest of clothing.

There are also critters in there including some poisonous snakes. Most trees are huge making plane retrieval difficult if not impossible.

1. Must have a valid AMA membership card with a valid turbine waiver.
2. The aircraft(s) must be inspected for proper construction and equipment installation by qualified DRCC individuals.

It is recommended that the planes rx power system be of a type that monitors rx battery consumption (like powerbox types) so the pilot may easily determine how much flight

time is left before recharging is necessary.

3. All flying must be accomplished by the AMA turbine operation guidance of using one or more approved fire extinguishers at all times in the pits or/and where the turbine is started.

4. All flying Must be confined to the aerial map provided and any deviation from this will invalidate the applicant's permissions to fly at DRCC

5. Flying style is critical, when there are no other planes in the air, 2 way flying is permitted, however when any other plane(s) are being operated, only fly in the normal pattern that day depending on the prevailing wind.

6. Speed must never exceed the AMA limit of 200 mph and high speed flight should be limited to smooth flybys followed by a climb with reduced throttle to return to more sedate speeds.

Wild "jerky" flight with extremely tight turns are prohibited as this can lead to structural failure and will cause the pilot to loose flying permission at the DRCC field.

7. Plane types that are suited to the DRCC field are those with low wingloading and fully operational flaps so landing speeds can be well controlled and allow for safe controlled landings.

Plane types with thin wings and high wingloading are not recommended or in some cases will not be permitted at the field.

8. All prospective plots must be approved for flight by a team of DRCC members after the aircraft(s) are inspected and the pilots flight style reviewed. Then the permission will be verbally communicated and published in the DRCC newsletter.

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

The new year began with the Freeze Fly. The weather was nice. It was a bit chilly, but hey it is January. Hot coffee and doughnuts were available in the pavilion to keep us going till lunch was served. Greg cooked hot dogs and hamburgers. Members brought a wide variety of food and snacks. This was no place to diet, that's for sure.

The flight line was busy all day, but rarely were more than two people flying at a time. I think that had a lot to do with people not wanting to take their hands out if their gloves any longer than necessary.

Those who were not eating or flying spent the time visiting with other members.

Everyone I saw seemed to be having a very nice time. If you didn't make it this year, why not plan on attending next year. The date is always the same: January 1.

We have a new club Secretary, Tom DiCuirci. Tom stepped up and offered his services when no one else would. The club a Secretary is an important position and we all owe Tom our thanks.

The club's annual swap meet was held on Saturday the 28th. The event appeared to be a great success. The room was packed with everything one can imagine. There were some beautiful airplanes for sale, and just about any model supply you could want. There were some sweet deals to be had, if you kept your eyes peeled for them. I watched one club member haggle like a pro. He made off with with a huge handful of expensive parts for a song. Next year I'm going to get him to do my haggling for me.

Roger

MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY MEETING

January 1, 2017 Club monthly meeting called to order shortly after 10:00 a.m.

Idea of mailing group for only specific communications to specific people was brought up

- ✈️ Yahoo has this capability and signing up is not required. Mailing list will be created from email addresses supplied on 2017 club application.
- ✈️ This was brought to light since we have several members on the list that are in other clubs. Mass communications are not needed for all members.

Some members advised that they are not getting club emails or newsletters.

- ✈️ Instructions provided on how to get on the list.

Community outreach

- ✈️ There was discussion regarding the sponsoring of educational programs to the local schools and social organizations as well as a workshop for quad copter use. Stay tuned for more information to follow.
- ✈️ Ideas for a dedicated annual event for this purpose.

Club Swap Meet at the Newark Seniors Center – January 28

- ✈ Tables are still available.
- ✈ Help is needed in several areas.

I have accepted the position of Club Secretary....continue to introduce yourself.

2017 SWAP MEET



FREEZE FLY



















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