

# Glitch Busters February 2018



WARBIRDS OVER DELAWARE July 11 - 14, 2018

NEXT MEETING
Tuesday, February 6th at 7:00 PM
at the Newark Senior Center

AMA #197

## FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

# Freeze Fly

Talk about **cold**! It was 8 degrees in the morning, averaged 13, and got up to a high of 21 on New Years Day. The strong winds didn't help any either. It was so cold that the space heaters failed. One was reignited, but it could only keep the temperature in the pavilion up to almost freezing. We got there at 11AM and Freddie was on his way home. Almost everyone had gone. I heard that Steven King actually flew an airplane, but he was the only hardy soul who tried. We left at noon. A few people came while we were there and some came after we left, but all in all the Freeze Fly, like the space heaters, fizzled. It had to happen eventually, I guess. Next year, however, it will be great. See you there.

### This Month's Photos

Since the Freeze Fly the weather has been, cold, snowy, windy, even rainy. Lately the temperatures haven't been bad, but the winds keep lots of flyers at home. Those who come are finding the setup area covered in mud from the melted snow and the rain that followed. We have made a number of forays to the field in hopes of getting photos, but often we were the only ones there. This months photos are of the intrepid people who came out to fly on those days we were there.

### **Warbirds Over Delaware**

It's only January, but did you know that plans are well under way for this year's Warbirds Over Delaware (WOD) event? The AMA sanction form has been sent in, and businesses have already committed to attend. So many things have such long lead times, that we have to start in January in order to have everything in place by July.

Warbirds Over Delaware attracts thousands of people from all over our area. Not many know that many of the participants at WOD come from all over the eastern half of the US, from Puerto Rico, and from as far away as England. People come year after year, not just to fly, but to see and talk to others who love flying warbirds. Non-flyers also come year after year. I have a neighbor who has never flown a model airplane, but who makes it a point to go to WOD every year. He loves not only watching the big birds fly, but also being able to see the models up close, and to talk to the people who built them.

WOD is a major event for Lums Pond State Park as well. Each year, thousands of spectators come to the park. The visitor parking is an important source of the park's revenue as are the fees from camping and RV parking. Each year, it introduces new people to the park. It is one of Lums Pond State Park's biggest, if not the biggest, event of the year.

The Warbirds Over Delaware Flickr page has over 2400 photos of airplanes from WOD contributed by a number of photographers. Why not check it out. The Warbirds Over Delaware Facebook page has over a thousand followers. Here is what a some of them had to say:

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► Gary Prince Thank you so much for all your hard work putting this event on. I had a great time. Mine was the aluminum covered P-47 called Zombie with the radial engine. I enjoyed your field, the safe flight line, meeting other modelers, all the kids, the food and goodies, and being part of the noon time show. That was an real privilege I did not expect. It was my first time attending, but I surely hope to be back. I have been to many events including Top Gun, and I would rank yours as one of the top events in the country in overall atmosphere, safety, venue. As for the half time show, it was the best (#1) I have ever seen in person (and I say this NOT because I was in it). I watched the whole thing and I liked every minute of it, and the action was non-stop.

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**Andy Kane** I had a great time at WOD and I totally enjoyed showing our new young aviators what a 1/2 scale cub can do and let them have some stick time with the Horizon Hobby buddy box system.

**Enormous crowd = publicity for the park, club and hobby** 



Andy's 1/2 scale cub

**Buddy box** 



**Robert Vandermeulen** Would like to thank all the guys from Delaware RC club. Even if it was a scorcher... I'd never miss a year at WOD! Thanks guys!!!



**Christopher Quinn** Greatest group of folks around the Warbirds Over Delaware events! My family used to live not far from their field Dad used to build the coolest planes! That's where I got my inherited love of rc planes! Especially warbirds though.

















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