

# Glitch Busters March 2013



NEXT MEETING
March 5
7:30 PM
Newark Senior Center

with More Raffles!

AMA #197 / IMAA #687

#### **PREZ SEZ**

From the Pres: Hi Gang! First off, I wanted to thank John and his team at **G-Force for hosting our February 5th Club Meeting**. It was a terrific turnout and my unofficial count was 63 and that included some folks who were not members but we invited to attend and possibly join our little fraternity. I also want to thank Scotty Moyer for putting on a very good presentation under not ideal circumstances regarding his use of computer power supplies to act as power stations for our battery chargers. Thank you, Scotty.

John was kind enough to provide the raffle items at no cost to the club! I know that hobby shops operate on very slim profit margins and I wanted all of you to know just how generous he was with the items as well as the pizzas, soft drinks, and coffee. That all adds up to real money and the least we can do is to give John as much business as we can. OK? OK.

The big item, A Flyzone Focke Wulf ME-109 receiver ready ARF (street price is \$229.95) was won by **Henry Belfiore**. Congrats, my friend. The consolation prize was won by **Sid Clements**, a \$25 gift certificate to G-Force (we were able to pay for that as John knew nothing about it. Also, thanks to all the folks who before leaving the meeting and John's shop purchased some items. He appreciated that very much. By the way, John is agreeable to doing it again. We'll get that on the club calendar.

By March 15th, the club will publish our **annual roster** for all members, and therein lies the key word: members. We are still nearly 40 short and these 40 and folks who belonged last year and have not paid their 2013 dues. When we reviewed this list, we were also able and shocked to find out that at least one person who flew at our field numerous times last year never renewed his 2012 membership and never had a current AMA card! That type of behavior puts every club member is serious jeopardy of losing our field. Period. We are using some club money to prepare and install two signs (one on each flight line) that simply state the obvious about what credentials one needs to enjoy flying at Lums Pond: Current AMA card, current club sticker, and a Park Sticker.

I may be the club president but this issue should be everyone's responsibility. If you know someone is flying at our field **without a current AMA card ON THEIR PERSON**, they are not allowed to fly. Period. If losing the field and the Park's support is not important to you, please call me so we can talk about this. If there are folks who have just been lazy about renewing their membership, there is nothing we can do about it, except this: fly somewhere else until you do rejoin. We want you back but not when you put our field in peril. I am aware of a few folks who have had some real serious personal issues overwhelm them recently and of course, we want all of you back as

soon as you are able.

Thanks to the skill and caring of Tony Albence, we did give John and his team **T-Shirts** that Tony had designed. They were all very appreciative and surprised.

This months meeting is back at the Newark Senior Center, where we begin at 7:30PM. Please come, bring a plane, and buy a few tickets so you can feel like Henry and Sid.

This past weekend was the annual WRAMS Show, held at the Meadowlands Convention Center in NJ. There were so many club members there that a few suggested to me we might as well hold a club meeting there. Whether or not the show was enjoyable to you depends upon your point of view and personal experience with the WRAMS Show. Here is what I mean. I have been attending that show since the 1980's. I was a premier show where everyone showed up and the crowds were large. Over the years, the number of top shelf manufacturers dropped and as they did, so did the show's attendance. That cycle gets accelerated when you introduce the internet and poor economic times. For the past few years, I was sure the show would close. But, Lou Scarlino and his WRAMS Club moved the venue and now are showing a true rebirth.

On the other hand, if you went to see all the "big guys." I would think you were disappointed and tired of seeing all sorts of dealers selling all sorts of Horizon foamies. I hope the show grows and as it does, both the number of key manufacturers will come back and with them the modelling public. For me, I had a great time for I knew what to expect, ran into a whole bunch of club members and other guys that I only see at Trade Shows and travelled with close friends. What's not to like.

Next Saturday is the **Annual RC Flea Market in Lebanon**, **PA**. I enjoy this event as well for it is fun to rummage through a lot of "poor" quality offerings (editorial opinion only) to find the rare gems. Also, the show normally attracts a few dealers so new stuff is also available.

The first weekend in April is the grand-daddy of all the shows, the **Annual Toledo Trade Show**. If you can't have fun at this one, you don't know what fun really is. This is my 33rd consecutive venture out to the northeast corner of Ohio for the three day event. I know our club has a regular group that attends. It's not only about what you can buy. It is also about talking to the folks themselves who bring us our products. It's about dropping your jaws when you carefully examine the planes, boats, cars, and heli's that modelers bring for static competition. They are incredible...bring your camera's or smart phones. Toledo also offers ongoing workshops on a large variety of subjects. And, we have found some of the best eating establishments anywhere! There, now go.

Finally, May 11 - May 18 is the largest and finest Fly In the world has to offer, the **Annual Joe Nall**. Until last year, it was an R/C-only affair but yours truly volunteered to oversee the initiation of control line. It was great last year and this year will be something very special. Of course, the main attraction at the Nall are all 6 flight lines:

Main Flight Line: giant scale only
3D Only Flight Line
The Heli Flight Line
The Seaplane Flight (lake) Line
The smaller Electric only Flight Line, and... drum roll please...

Just like Toledo, you cannot possibly go to the Nall and have a bad time. Right, Nate? Right, Henry? Right, John? and so on...

See you all on Tuesday. Maybe YOU will be the next winner?

#### MY LATEST PROJECT BY BOB SMITH

The Control Line Circles/Flight Line

I purchased this airplane at the club auction strictly because of its light weight. When I went to pay for it I found that it belonged to Frank Dubois and he is known to build light from my experience in the years I have been in the club. It was painted white and in need of covering but as I said I went for the model strictly for its design and weight.

The pictures indicate the stages of completion as I recovered and made slight modifications to it making sure to add nothing more than what I removed. I found the Monokote vs. the paint was negligible so I went with the Monokote.

Power is a nice K&B 40 and flight control is a Futaba 4 channel radio. First flight was perfect. No trim necessary. That means its built right just as I suspected on auction day.



#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### Hanover Radio Control Flying Club 11th Annual Swap Meet and Indoor Electric Fun Fly April 6, 2013

Fairmount Christian Church, 6502 Creighton Road, Mechanicsville, VA Door prizes and concessions. Swap meet opens at 8:00 AM - \$5. www.hanoverrc.org

Tables \$10 (admission included). Availability limited - reserve with payment. Contact <a href="mailto:keithcollier@verizon.net">keithcollier@verizon.net</a>
Setup is at 7:00 AM

Indoor Fun Fly - \$10 1:00 - 4:00 PM **AMA Card Required** Contact tsracing@dragbike.com

### FOR SALE: MEMBERS TO MEMBERS

We've decided to add a section in the newsletter where club members can post notices about RC equipment for sale. You must be a member of the Delaware RC Club acting for yourself and must have **PAID YOUR DUES** to participate. All ads should be sent to the editor no less than the 15th of the month prior. That gives us two weeks to put together the newsletter.

## AeroWorks 75cc Extra 260 - \$1400 Bill Netta

I am selling my Aero Works 75cc Extra 260 that is in great shape! No crashes or hard landings, no dead sticks (except when I ran it out of fuel). Flies great! Very little hanger rash. Overall in great condition and very well maintained. Loaded with the following (just add batts):



ZDZ-80 RV
Vess prop
Alum Spinner
HS-7955 TG on Rudder
JR DS-8411 on Ailerons, Elevators
HS-625mg on throttle
Spectrum SR-9100 power safe w/ 3
remote receivers
Wing and tail bags
Carbon wing and tail tube



#### **DICK'S PICS**

The weather's been pretty less than ideal for flying. so this month's photos come from Dick Stewart. Scott expects to resume his normal photography next month.





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