



Glitch Busters

June 2013



NEXT MEETING

June 4

7:30 PM

**Newark Senior Center
with More Raffles!**

UPCOMING EVENTS

Lums Pond IMAC Challenge - June 15-16, 2013

Warbirds Over Delaware - July 9-14, 2013

Helis Over Delaware - August 16-18, 2013

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FROM YOUR PREZ

I am going to change my monthly report as it has been focused mainly on our membership meetings and that is also covered elsewhere in your Newsletter. I think it would be more interesting and productive to talk about what happens at our Board Meetings.

First, I must admit that I am not sure what it takes to be on the Board. The Club Officers are naturally on the Board but there is also a group that we call "at large members." That does not mean these folks are big but rather they have volunteered to help steer the club and also make the meetings more streamlined. This is a very valuable service to make sure that our plans and decisions are truly aimed at the majority of the members.

We meet about one week before the monthly Membership meetings over dinner, currently at Tony's Italian Bistro at Routes 4 and 72. We begin at 6:00PM and are done by 8:00PM. These dinner meetings are spirited and serve a great function to make sure we are all headed down the same path (or runway, in our case).

So, without knowing more and being able later to plead ignorance, here goes. If you would like to be a Board Member, call me or shoot me an email (302-547-4917; ama82824@yahoo.com). If we have too many applicants, the Board and I can determine a good ceiling level. If we have too many, the group will not accomplish our mission.

From the May Board Meeting:

- Mike Ronig is in charge of finding and organizing enough club members to volunteer for parking assistance during Warbirds. In particular of course are the Friday and Saturday assignments both at our entrance gate and at the parking lot where the general public parks and the bus picks up and brings back our visitors. Please e-mail Mike at miker49@comcast.net if you can help our club and our visitors.

To sweeten the pot, we have decided to have a special drawing for all volunteers who actually work a parking lot or club gate shift for the club. Each person will have the chance to win a very nice product from Horizon Hobbies. Again, this special drawing is just for this group of volunteers.

- The field will be closed to open flying on Saturday and Sunday, June 15 and 16 for a club approved IMAC Contest. Spectators are encouraged and will be warmly welcomed.

- Dick Stewart reported that we have 154 paid members and that our special ½ year memberships for folks who have never previously been a club member will be offered at Warbirds.
- We are considering the purchase of a new grill as the one at the field is getting tired. More on that later after our “grill masters” have made their inspection.
- Regarding Warbirds, the field preparation will begin next weekend, June 7 and 8. At that time, Greg Schock, your VP, will be heading up the work party. If Greg and his crew determine that the flying must be stopped for various projects, he has the right and authority to do just that. Please help with this effort and respect the safety of those working on or near the flight lines.
- The July Meeting will be held at the field. More on this in an email from me to everyone.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

We gained a new paid member, Bill Scheper.

Dick Stewart won the Lottery and he chose the Bind-N-Fly Club over the 5 servos and connections.

Again the topic of runway boundaries was discussed. Mike Hudak came up with an idea about changing the boundaries between the heli and fixed wing runways, and he is going to map a new layout for the field.

We now have a Field Safety Officer, Bill Bouchard.

The meeting was short, due to no Show @ Tell.

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Mind the Gate

Hunting season is over, and now that the weather is getting warmer non-members are

hanging around the field in the evenings and leaving their trash on the ground. So far that's all that has happened. If you are the last one left at the field, regardless of the time, **please close and lock the gate.**

Warbirds Parking

I couldn't believe my ears, when Mike Ronig told me how much trouble he is having getting people to volunteer for an hour to help park cars. Come on folks, it's only for an hour. It's not hard, and the people you deal with are, for the most part, happy and friendly. All you have to do is get the driver's attention, and point to where you want them to park. It's easy, and you'd be amazed at how fast the time goes by. **As an incentive to get people to help, every person who helps with parking will get a ticket for a prize donated by one of our sponsors.** A ticket will be given only to people who help with parking, so your chance of winning is very good. If you help on Friday and Saturday you get two tickets. That's two chances to win a nice prize. If you have not already done so, please sign up to help with parking. Just drop Mike a note and let him know you want to help: miker49@comcast.net

Flight Training

Once upon a time Delaware R/C had a syllabus for training new pilots. The syllabus helped standardize training, and ensured not only that new pilots could fly their model, but that they knew and obeyed the AMA and club safety rules, and the field operating rules. I guess as new pilots got to be fewer, and the job of instructing passed to new people, the training got to be pretty free form, and the syllabus was forgotten.

Unfortunately, training people to fly R/C airplanes is not something that should just happen. Just as in training someone to fly a full size aircraft, model aircraft pilots need to be trained in a way that goes from the basics of flying straight and level, making level turns, etc, to flying a pattern, take off and landing, and eventually to emergency procedures. Each lesson has a specific goal, and not until the student is signed off for the current goal can that student go on to the next topic. Skills learned in each lesson carry on to the next in a careful progression. Adept students might be able to cover multiple topics in a day, while other students may require several days before mastering a particular goal. Even after the student solos, training continues. This ensures that student pilots have the skills necessary to recover from unusual attitudes, and handle typical in flight emergencies such as having to make a dead stick landing.

I have a copy of the Delaware R/C Primary Flight Training Course, as well as manuals, and flight logs from a number of other clubs, even one from England. They are very similar as one would expect. Some require the student to learn the safety and operating rules, before in flight training begins. Some require ground training at the field, before

each lesson. The idea of the ground training is to familiarize the student with what the lesson is about, standards for completion, and so on, before putting a transmitter in the student's hand.

Some clubs require all new members to demonstrate that they know the safety and operating rules, before they are allowed to fly. New pilots to the field are also required to demonstrate the skills required to sign off a student pilot. This ensures that everyone flying at the field has at least the minimum skill level required to fly safely.

I believe that our club should go back to using a standardized training syllabus, and that all instructor pilots follow it.

That's my opinion. What's yours? Tell me how you feel about the idea of formalized instruction, and I'll post your comments in next month's Glitch. Send your "printable" comments to: roger@mcclurgstudios.com

PHOTOS FROM JOE NALL - By John Kirchstein



PHOTOS FROM THE FIELD





Buy n' Fly

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West Field

Come out for a day of buying and flying in
beautiful southern Chester County, PA.

Admission is FREE

Tailgate selling spaces are \$5.00

Current AMA Membership Required to Fly

Fixed & rotary wing aircraft restricted to electric, glow & gas

No jets please

Food & Drink will be available

For directions: www.cloudkingsrc.org/site/

For additional information call Henry Bohe (610) 732-4100

This is an AMA sanctioned event #13-0990

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