

Glitch Busters July 2014

Warbirds Over Delaware 2014

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FROM THE PRESIDENT



While it is nearly time for our signature event, "Warbirds Over Delaware," the strategic planning and action steps started many months ago. An event of this magnitude takes a lot of work and the majority of that is behind the scenes. If you know me at all, you will know that I consider this the club's most important activity (and week) for it combines all the elements any organization dreams of in their planning: increased awareness, public involvement and appreciation, fund raising, exceptional participation and demonstrations, selfless work on the part of the organizational members. There is nothing we do that can cement our place at Lum's Pond more than the week of Warbirds.

I believe the mission is clear and direct: "Provide the most friendly and courteous atmosphere for all participants and other attendees to enjoy and remember years from today. WOD is put on by volunteers

of the Delaware RC Club for the pilots, their crews and guests as well as the sponsors and the general public. Simply stated, we put on the event for others, not for ourselves.

Many pilots have told us that they have flying facilities as least as good as ours and frequently better. They come for the camaraderie and the way they are treated by the club volunteers. They spend the time and money to come year after year for they know what to expect and no one does it better than us!

With all this in mind, we constructed a site map. First it was a planning tool so we could maximize our space in accordance with our mission statement. Finally, it became the adopted blueprint; the land use depicted in the wonderful map done by Bill Netta.

If you plan on visiting WOD, please familiarize yourself with the map and the details of where things and people will be located. (continued on page 3)



It is not a rehash of the past 20 years but a fresh approach to help guarantee that our long distance pilots and others vital to the event's success are situated in designated areas. Of special note are the front row tent positions that occupy what is our fixed wing runway. That entire row is reserved as shown on Bill's map.

We have relocated pilot registration as well as the tent reserved for the sale of WOD shirts and hats. The vendor area is strictly for vendors, many of whom also travel long distances.

Finally, many of us are going to be onsite for the entire week but we are still looking for folks to help in various ways. I know you are as proud as I am about being a member of this club and for the second week in July, we need to dig deep and give our time and effort for the benefit of others.

See you all this Tuesday evening for our July Club Meeting.

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

We went to the Reading airshow in June. All I was expecting was typical airshow fair, but boy was I surprised. They did the place up in WW2 scenes. Had tons of people in authentic garb, and even played out a skit, and re-enacted a WW2 skirmish. Oh yea, they had some **gorgeous** airplanes there. I thought a B-25 was a big airplane. I'd seen one up close and personal lots of times. Then I saw a B-17 taxi past while I was standing next to the B-25. All of a sudden that medium bomber next to me looked as if I could put it in my back pocket. The B-24 that took off a while later looked even more massive than the B-17 even though they were about the same size. It may be smaller but the B-25 is still my favorite. They had not one, but four B-25s. Since I'm an old Navy guy, I really liked the Douglas SBD Dauntless, The F4F Wildcat, even the mammoth TBF Avenger. I got to look inside the Avenger. It is amazing how much room it had considering it only had one engine. They had so many PT-17 Stearmans, you'd think they were doing primary training there. They had AT-6s (SNJs if you're Navy like me), PT-19s, PT-23s, they even had a Vultee BT-13 Vibrator. The venerable C-47 was there as was a C-46. They had a swarm of L-4s (converted Piper Cubs). For most people the fighters are the reason for going to the show. I mentioned the Wildcat, but it paled in comparison to the P-47 Thunderbolt. What a monster. The real treat for me was the Merlin engined fighters. The sound of a Merlin is so incredible. It is something that has to be experienced. The airshow had not one, but three P-51 Mustangs flying. They even had a MK XIV Spitfire with a Rolls Royce Griffon engine (the successor to the Merlin). What a beautiful sound it made.

Scott and I took photos at Reading till we couldn't hold our arms up any longer. I took

over 2,000 pictures. Sounds like a lot doesn't it? Scott took over 4,000! It 's when we have to sit down and pick through all of them and then do the necessary editing when it dawns on us how many photos we took. I guess we can consider it practice for Warbirds Over Delaware. Based on past years, together we will take about 15 to 20 thousand photos over the course of five days trying to get that perfect shot. Come back next month and see some of the results of our work.

I have no update on the Wireless Buddy Box this month. That's because I'm still waiting on the receiver I need to finish the work. It seems that some companies were shipping smoke bombs and other flammables via Malaysia Post without notifying the postal service of the package contents. Malaysia Post began opening ALL packages to be shipped by air. That is slowing down all shipments by days and days. So if you ordered anything from HobbyKing or other company that uses Malaysia Post for shipping, you have a wait coming.

WORLD WAR II WEEKEND AT READING - by Scott McClurg

As Roger noted in his editorial, we took a few photos at Reading's WWII Wekend. If you missed it, you should definitely plan on going next year. They put on quite a show, have some amazing airplanes and it's only a two hour drive north from Lums Pond.

If you've been to our own Warbirds Over Delaware, you should recognize the face of the fellow applauding below. You never know who you'll run into at one of these shows.



























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PHOTOS FROM THE FIELD





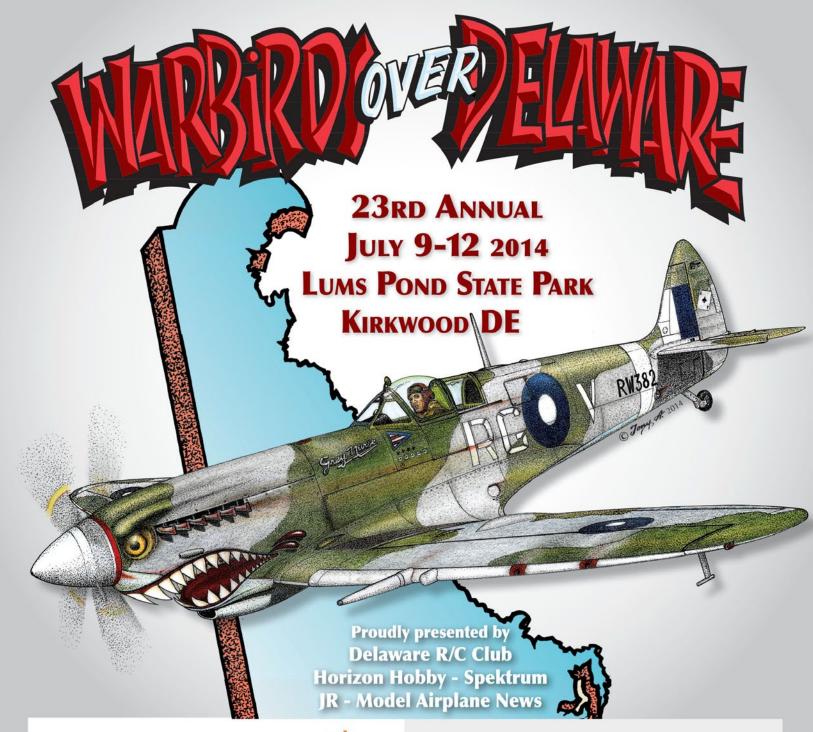
































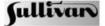






















- IMAA Warbirds flying 9am to 5pm every day
- Fun flying & mayhem 5pm 'till dark
- Breakfast & lunch daily by Boy Scout Troop #30
- Pilot Sign-up Fee \$35 (includes Park Entrance Fee & **Saturday Night Barbecue)**
- Registration forms and info at DelawareRC.org
- RV's on site (no facilities) or at adjacent campground w/facilities
- Giant Lunchtime/Halftime Show on Saturday
- Many vendors on site
- Pit Passes available to spectators \$10 ea (kids free)



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