



# Glitch Busters

July 2016



## WARBIRDS OVER DELAWARE YEAR 25



**NEXT MEETING**  
**August 2 at 7:00 PM**  
*at the Flying Field*

AMA #197



## FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

This is Warbirds Over Delaware's 25th year, so we thought we would make this month's Glitch a Warbirds Over Delaware edition. Scott wrote a short history of the event, and club members kindly loaned us their old WOD photos. To this we added photos that Scott and I have taken since we started photographing the event in 2010. We put a lot of photos in this edition, but then we had to pick from well over 50,000 photos between us. This edition of the Glitch has been a longtime in the making. We really hope you enjoy it.

At a time of great uncertainty for model aviation and a time when the park management is changing, Warbirds Over Delaware is the perfect ambassador for our hobby and our club. It shows the general public what our hobby is all about, demonstrates how skilled and responsible our pilots are, and builds ties to the community and the park which earn thousands of dollars each year in parking fees from pilots and spectators both.

Each year, several new members sign up at the event just because of what they saw. Some are WOD pilots that live halfway across the country and just want to be members of the club that puts on the event. WOD has been featured in several magazine articles in recent years and will be well covered again this year in Model Airplane News and Mode Aviation. It's also very popular with senior leaders within the AMA, engendering more good will for our club.

Mark Weiss once commented that he travels all across the country to attend model aviation events and when he wears his Delaware RC Club attire, he's stopped by people who want to thank him because he's part of the club that puts on Warbirds Over Delaware.



# JUNE MEETING MINUTES

John Kirchstein called the meeting to order at 7:01 P.M.

New Members or guests: Tyler Donaldson and his mother Melissa VanNeerden.

Show-N-Tell: Mark Weiss flew his CL demonstration.

No Treasurer Report presented this month.

Rick Scott read May meeting minutes

## **ALL Business:**

Paul Bryk is looking for volunteers for parking detail during WOD. Passed around sign-up sheet.

John Kirchstein announced that Mark Weiss was presented with the Joe Nall Award this year.

John Kirchstein discussed the field condition and the invasion of weeds and crabgrass. Terry Blanch has spoken with the Delaware Academy for Public Safety and Security to see if they would be interested in manning the remote parking area during Saturday's WOD event. There is a fee associated with this and the club members voted and authorized the funds.

The July meeting, July 5th, will be a picnic event. Hotdogs and hamburgers will be served.

Terry Blanch mentioned that there have been some individuals flying with loud airplanes. A club discussion ensued with the following guidelines.

The club does follow the AMA noise guidelines, although we no longer have a Decibel meter.

Club members should speak with the plane owner, reminding them of the noise limits. This should be done immediately at the time of the offense, and of course after they have landed.

Meeting adjourned 7:38 P.M.

The logo for 'Warbirds Over Delaware Year 25' is prominently displayed on the left side of the page. 'WARBIRDS OVER DELAWARE' is written in a stylized, red, blocky font with black outlines. Below this, 'YEAR 25' is written in a large, black, serif font. The background of the entire page is a clear blue sky with several biplanes flying at different altitudes and angles. At the bottom, there are some white clouds.

# WARBIRDS OVER DELAWARE

## YEAR 25

by Scott McClurg

About thirty years ago, Joe Asher proposed holding a giant scale event for sport aircraft. It was the early days of gasers and the beginning of the IMAA. It sounded like fun, so the club let him use the field. The event was a resounding success. So, they did it again.

The third year, the club decided to change things around a bit. There was a group of friends led by Joe within the club that referred to themselves as the Gypsy Giants. They decided to rename the event after themselves. This time, it would only include warbirds. This event was also an instant hit - with modelers and the general public.

In 1992, management of the event changed and it was renamed "Warbirds Over Delaware." Though they weren't the CDs, Carl Cantera and Carl Hauger were really responsible for planning the event during the early years.

In 2005, Carl Hauger passed away. He was such a driving force behind WOD and so respected, the club renamed the event "Carl Hauger's Warbirds Over Delaware."

Fighters fill the sky in 2011's WWI Gaggle during the halftime show. Each year, we try to get as many WWI aircraft in the air as we can. Dave Malchione thinks the record is 33.



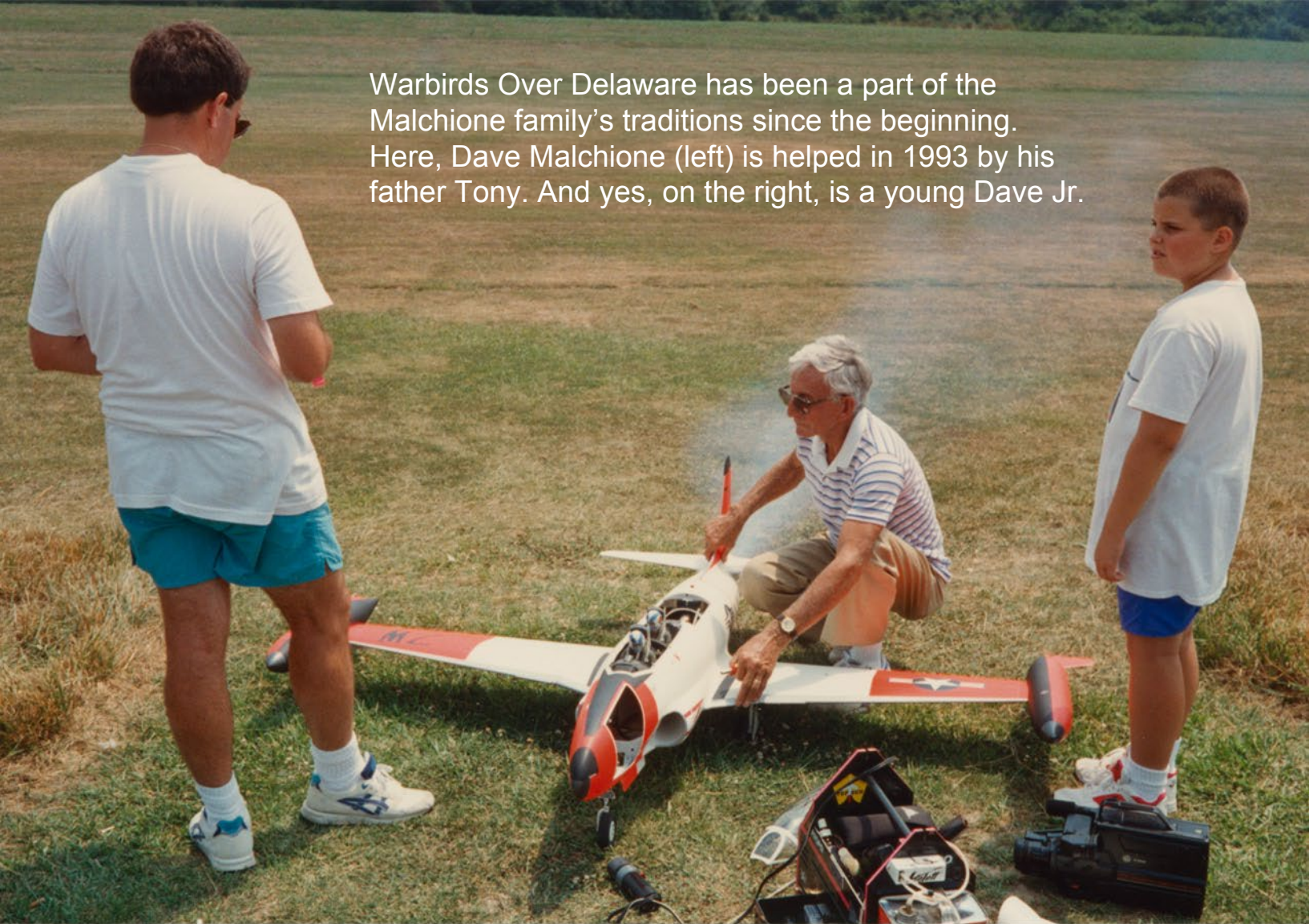
Warbirds Over Delaware began in 1992. You can see from the shots below that the turnout was incredible.

In the early years, pilots would take a break from flying at noon and arrange their planes on the runway by type. I guess the F4U Corsair was always popular.





Warbirds Over Delaware has been a part of the Malchione family's traditions since the beginning. Here, Dave Malchione (left) is helped in 1993 by his father Tony. And yes, on the right, is a young Dave Jr.



You never know what someone will show up with at WOD. In 1993, this gentleman sold rides on this fun scale F-16. You don't want to know what he charged.



Each year, the country's best pilots and builders bring their most amazing planes to WOD.

**Top:** Carl Bachhuber holds the fuselage of his C-124 in 2010.

**Middle, left:** Mac Hodges with his scratch-built 20 foot B-29 in 2011

**Middle, right:** Paul LeTourneau taxis his scratch-built 16 foot B-26 in 2011

**Bottom, left:** A pilot taxis his OV-10 in 2004

**Bottom, right:** Bob Tursack assembles his C-46 in 2015







**Top:** Spectators admire Carl Bachhuber's scratch-built B-36 in 2009

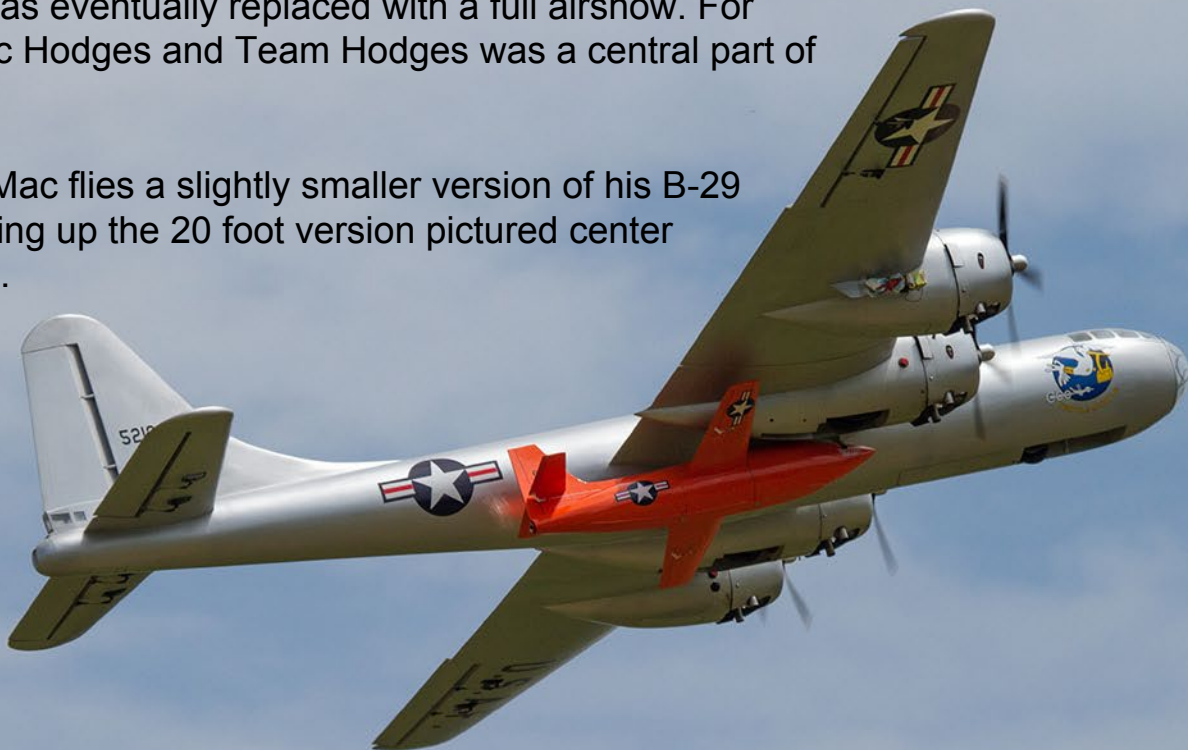
**Bottom:** Roger talks with Ron Lyska (right) about photographing his scratch-built Curtiss Jenny in 2012





The early practice of placing the planes on the runway at mid-day was eventually replaced with a full airshow. For years, Mac Hodges and Team Hodges was a central part of that.

**Top left:** Mac flies a slightly smaller version of his B-29 before taking up the 20 foot version pictured center and below.







**Above:** No matter how much grief he gets, Sal Calvagna keeps coming back to WOD. Left, he poses with his Komet in 1997. Right, he receives an “award” (a broken tent) in 2013.  
**Below:** Adam Lilley has been bringing his indomitable spirit and showmanship for many years. Middle, right, he relaxes with his club in 2000. Bottom, right, he mans the defences.







Paul LeTourneau is one of the best pilots and builders you'll find - anywhere. He didn't know Dave or Pete Malchione before he first came to WOD, but they became fast friends. He says it's the camaraderie and respect with which the Delaware RC Club treats its guests that keeps him coming back. I've heard many of the WOD regulars say the same thing.







Dave Wigley has won Top Gun more times than I can count and we've been lucky enough to have him fly his masterpieces at WOD. **Top left:** The Delaware RC Club honors Dave in 2013. **Top right and middle:** Dave's 5-time Top Gun winner the Westland Wyvern from 2013. **Below:** Dave's Bristol Beaufighter from 2013 which won Top Gun in the same year.

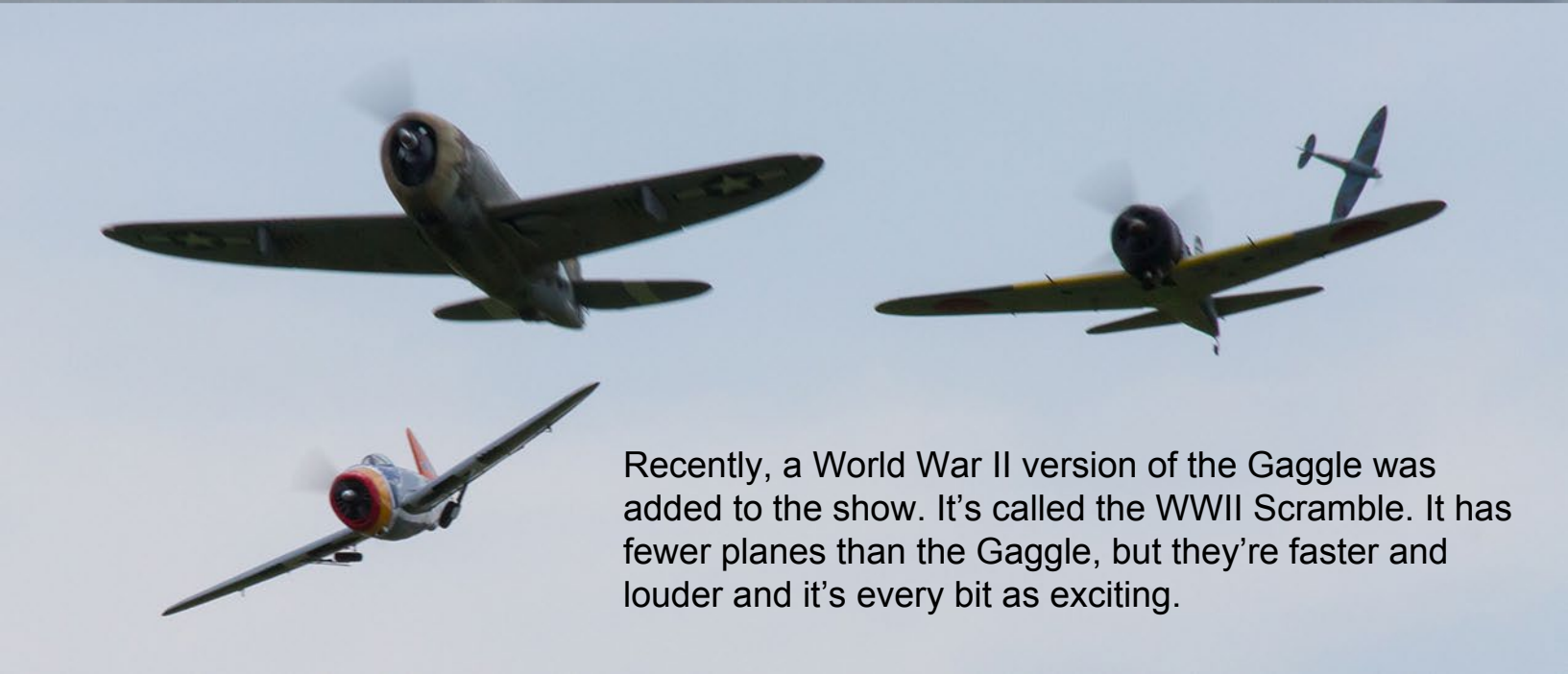






**Top:** Pilots wait for the start of the 2011 WWI Gaggle.

**Middle:** A small slice of the sky during the 2013 WWI Gaggle.



Recently, a World War II version of the Gaggle was added to the show. It's called the WWII Scramble. It has fewer planes than the Gaggle, but they're faster and louder and it's every bit as exciting.





In 2014, WOD introduced the flight school. Andy Kane generously volunteered to provide young pilots a chance to fly his 1/2 scale Cub on a buddy box during the halftime show. Students received ground instruction before they got behind the controls. It was a hit, was repeated in 2015 and may become a WOD tradition.





**Top:** The gentlemen from Tidewater RC are always among the first to arrive. (Pic from 2015)  
**Bottom left:** Dave introduces his granddaughter Gwen to WOD in 2014. **Below right:** Me.







SKS Video Productions has been a fixture at WOD. Above, they video Paul LeTourneau's T-33 in 2014. Below, they video Carl Bachhuber's C-124 in 2008.































































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## 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Military Fun Fly

**August 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, & 21<sup>st</sup> - 2016**

Rain dates Aug. 26-28, 2016

**Registration 8:00 AM, Flying from 10:00 AM until dark**

**All sizes and types of Military RC Aircraft are invited to participate in this event at our field. AMA is required and will be checked at sign in. Gas, glow, and electric aircraft are welcome. No gas turbines jets please!**

### **Important Details:**

- Flying Field:** Located at 224 Landing St., Southhampton Township, NJ 08088,  
[www.NJPinebarons.com](http://www.NJPinebarons.com)
- Landing Fee: \*** \$10 per day or \$20 for all three days. Non flyers and guests no charge  
Registered Pilots will get one free meal ticket
- Camping: \*** Primitive camping is \$15 flat fee. No hookups or campfires!
- Food: \*** Food and beverages will be available on site. Alcohol is not permitted.
- Entertainment:** Mid-day show on Saturday around 1:00 pm
- Schedule:** Friday open flying. Saturday and Sunday, military aircraft only.

- \* All proceeds benefit the Jack Allen Early Country Living Museum  
Full scale rides in an open cockpit Stearman Biplane may be available.

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