



# Glitch Busters

*June - July 2017*



**LOOK WHO'S COMING TO DINNER!**  
**WARBIRDS OVER DELAWARE**

*July 12-15, 2017*

**NATIONAL MODEL  
AVIATION DAY**  
*August 12, 2017*

**NEXT MEETING**  
**Saturday, July 8 at 1:00 PM**  
*at the Flying Field*

AMA #197



## FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

I bet you thought we were never going to get a newsletter out. We were under the weather for a long time. On top of that the weather was so bad, windy, rainy, etc. that the few times we made it to the field no one or almost no one was flying, so no flying photos. What kind of newsletter would it be with no photos? Heck some of our club members never read the newsletter. They just look at the pictures. Well, we finally got some shots from the field. We also got photos from a Helis Over Delaware, so this month we have a newsletter. Hurray!

## PROPOSED FENCE - by Roger McClurg

In April the club board of directors approved building a sample section of PVC safety fence to get feed back from club members. The photo shows the original sample. It is 10 feet long and about 4 1/2 feet tall. Club members offered numerous suggestions to improve the fence. The current proposal is to make the fence out of 10 foot sections which have a vertical post in the middle to eliminate sagging..



The fence should stand 4 feet tall and have at least 4 inches clearance from the ground to allow weed wacking. Each fence section will be supported by metal fence stakes. The stakes are hammered into the ground and then the fence section is placed over them. Each fence section is zip tied to the section next to it. This makes a strong fence, but one that can be adjusted as necessary for events such as Helis, and Warbirds. The fence would extend from the intersection of the heli and fixed wing runways on the left to where the current grass barrier ends on the right. Alternating 20 foot and 10 foot openings in the fence will be placed where the current openings are in the grass barrier.

All of the above is still just a proposal. The first thing that has to be done is for the club to have a vote whether it wants a fence or not. Only if the club approves a fence, will the specifics of the fence be hammered out and put before the club for approval.

The above information was put forward at the May club meeting, and discussed in the

June meeting where Freddie announced that the vote on the fence will be held at the July club meeting.

The idea of a safety fence has generated several spirited discussions. Some members feel the current setup is just fine and does not need changing; others feel the fence will provide additional safety and elimination of the grass barriers will significantly reduce annoying insects on the flight line. Some members think a fence will ruin the look of the field, while others think it will add to it. Regardless of how you feel about a safety fence, you are urged to come to the July meeting and vote.

## MEETING MINUTES

### ***MAY 2017***

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The meeting started on time, but attendance was very light, considering the meeting was desired to be on the weekend, per the clubs voice (members).

The Quad forum was set up but we were not able to see the success of this event.

#### **The Pavilion**

The decision was made repair the pavilion's awning rather than remove it. The safety sign was removed in order to place it on the other side, but this task was not complete since the proper tools were not available at the time.

#### **New Fence**

Roger show cased his fence design. It look really nice, but they it was noticed that a support half way down the length of it would be best to support it, so it will not sag.

Somethings that were brought to the table for discussion:

- ✈ Cost of material
- ✈ Support in the middle
- ✈ Next meeting should be the forum to vote on this

#### **Events**

Helis over Delaware and IMAC have their permits secured.

Helis over Delaware is good. This event is not as intense with preparation as WOD,

mainly due to setup. Helis don't really need hangars and are more compact. The event is a go and the club will support whatever they can.

Helis Over Delaware is before WOD this year.

Per the Malchiones email, there will be WOD meeting this Saturday at 1PM. Please come out and see what you can do to make our event a great success as always.

Tents for WOD have been secured.

Currently, we have some help with the parking from the Civil Air Patrol (CAP). Here is what we have:

- ➔ Adults will need to help with this task during the week
- ➔ The CAP has asked for a table for recruitment and the club will provide this
- ➔ There will be a representative at the WOD meeting this Saturday

## **Next Board Meeting**

Tuesday May 23, 2017 6:00 PM

Same location (Toni's)

## ***JUNE 2017***

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### **Warbirds Over Delaware**

We need people to help set up on Saturday, July 8th.

Help will also be needed for a variety of tasks on Friday the 14th and Saturday the 15th.

There is a sign up sheet available for parking.

### **New Members**

We have 15 new members at the time. Two attended the meeting.

### **Grass Cutting**

A patch of grass was cut lower than normal to accommodate small landing gear. Please provide feedback.

We will inform members of the mowing schedule via email.

Flying during grass cutting will be at the discretion of the person cutting grass. Grass cutting is obviously a requirement to ensure we have a nice field. The expectation is that

all please be mindful of this and respect the person cutting and their time they are giving.

## **Fence Proposal**

During the last meeting, a sample of the proposed fence was presented. Members discussed the pros and cons of the proposed fence and the current grass barrier.

Fence:

- ✈ Protection for safety from aircraft (loss of control)
- ✈ Fence will stand up to hit, but aircraft the aircraft may be damaged
- ✈ Gives a clear definition of the pilot station
- ✈ Some said the fence was ugly

Grass Barrier:

- ✈ Protection for safety from aircraft (loss of control)
- ✈ Grass will stop aircraft and will not “hurt” the aircraft as bad if at all.
- ✈ Does provided definition and beauty to field.
- ✈ Attracts insects

## **New Event Proposal**

Our president, Freddie Butts, proposed a new event for building aircraft from scratch or kits. It's intended to be a fun competition that would encourage more people to build. It would be educational and rewarding. There could be prizes and awards.

## **Smoking at the Field**

Smoking is banned from the following areas: the pits, flight line, and pavilion. Note: smoking is banned in the pavilion by the park administration, not the club.

## **National Model Aviation Day**

This year, National Model Aviation Day will be August 12th, 2017. There was a good turn out last year. We expect a good turn out this year, too. We are soliciting ideas to make this year's event even better.

## **Helis Over Delaware**

This year, HOD will be June 23rd – 25th, which is before WOD this year.



## HELIS - by Ron Riccio

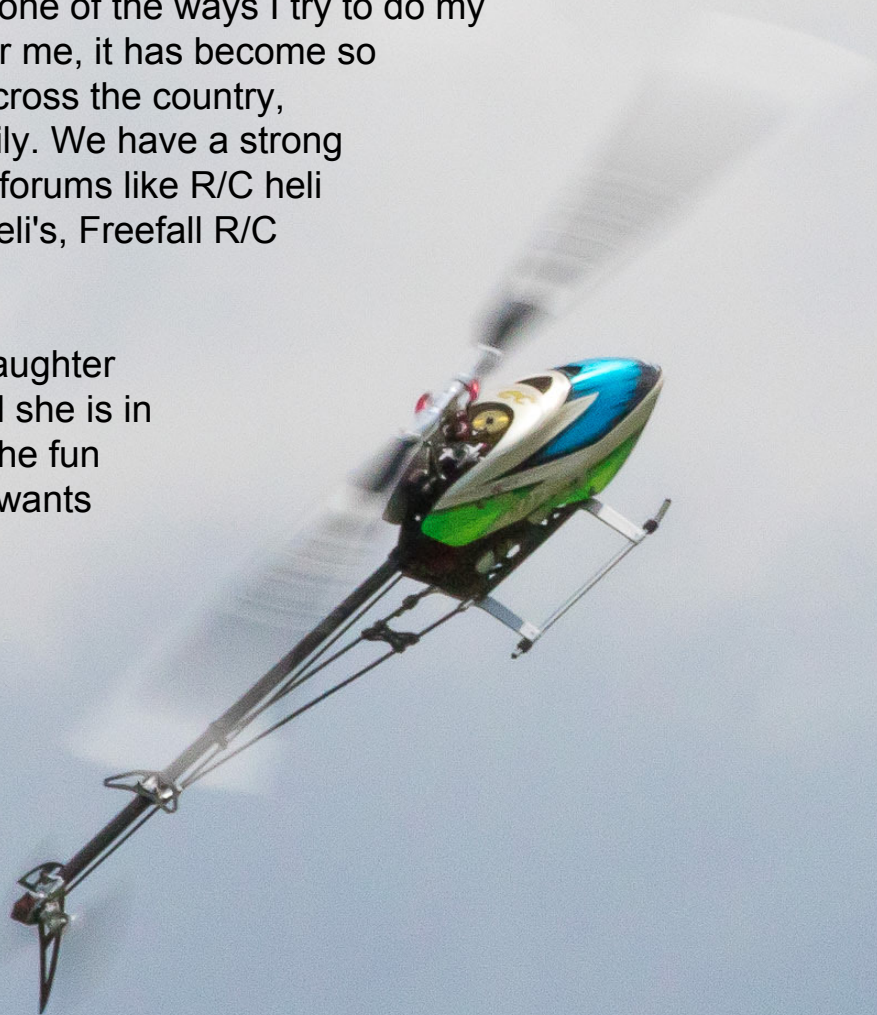
Hi , my name is Ron Riccio . I am the Contest Director of Heli's Over Delaware, a fun fly event held annually by the Delaware R/C Club at Lums Pond State Park.

My father introduced me to the R/C world when I was 8 years old. I was instantly hooked planes, cars, boats - it didn't matter. When I was 33, I was introduced to the R/C helicopter flying @ Delaware R/C Club. Just randomly showing up @ the field, I met a group of guys that became some of the best friends I have today. They showed me how to work on Helis, how to progress in my flying skills along with many other aspects of the hobby.

Now here we are, 6 years later, I now am a field rep for Align Helicopters and I try to give back what all my friends freely gave me. It has been such a learning experience watching the R/C hobby evolve over the years people doing things with helicopters and planes we thought never could be done. I am so happy I got to be and am still a big part of all that.

Heli's Over Delaware is just one of the ways I try to do my part to #keeprchelisalive. For me, it has become so much more than a hobby. Across the country, helicopter pilots are like family. We have a strong presence on Facebook with forums like R/C heli hangout, Nitro Nation, CP Heli's, Freefall R/C podcasts.

I have now introduced my daughter Madelynn to Helicopters and she is in love. She now comes to all the fun flys with me. Each time she wants to learn more and more. Madelynn has now buddy boxed a half dozen times and loves every minute.







If you have ever wondered what it would be like to fly a helicopter, reach out to me or anyone. You would be surprised @ the response you get. After all, if we do not pass it along it dies with us.

Editor's note: The pics shown here are from this year's amazing Helis Over Delaware event. They were taken by Scott and Roger.





















## BOB'S CORNER - by Bob Smith



Spent most of the month in Florida so not much to write about. I did enclose this Father's Day photo hoping all out Dad's had a great day with their children.

John Kirchstein alerted me to an upcoming project build at the University of Delaware. I believe John sent the email out via the distribution list but not sure. They are looking for fliers to assist them in their design and construction of an aircraft they intend to fly. I have volunteered the use of our

Kadet Senior which was donated to us by Ben Campanella to train their new pilots for their program. I have been in contact with Christopher Kitson the VP project lead. As the program develops we may need more help.

Training Update. Only action so far is typically children camping at the campground come over with their parents and will try flying a few ovals.

Field looks in good shape with Rick keeping a close haircut on the turf. Grab your stuff and head on out. Blue skies prevail.



Editor's note: We only had one pic from the field that wasn't from Helis. Bob was already talking about blue skies, so we thought it would go nicely here.



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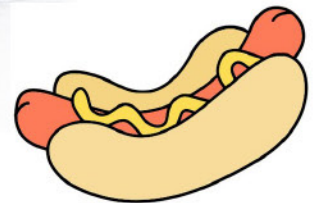
Food!



Public  
Restrooms!



August 26, 2017  
8:00 am - 4:00 pm  
Sign in starts at 8:00 am  
Flying starts at 9:00 am



\$5.00 Landing fee - includes lunch!

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