



Glitch Busters

October 2015



NEXT MEETING
October 6 at 7:00 PM
at the Newark Senior Center

AMA #197

PREZ SEZ

Pope Sunday. Hurricane Joaquin. Lousy weather for mowing.

Enough excuses. The picnic will be held on October 11th come Pope or high water.

You all know the drill: bring a small side to share; the club will supply drinks and meat.

This month's meeting is at the Newark Senior Center again.

Topics to be discussed

Swap Meet

Dick Stewart did a fine job in the past and made this a destination event.

He has earned retirement from this chore. We are looking for a venue and date to carry on the tradition.

Fall Clean-Up

We need to set a date to wrap the pavilion and clean the area.

Turning the Heli Field

Reduce the overlap with fixed-wing runway and set a course for FPV racing.

AMA has a new video news webcast called "AMA Air" check it out at

<http://amablog.modelaircraft.org/modelaviation/2015/10/01/ama-air-episode-one>

I have emailed a draft "Letter of Agreement" to Summit Aviation and will follow through on this to satisfy the FAA Sec. 336, Special Rule for Model Aircraft.

SEPTEMBER MEETING MINUTES

From the desk of the Delaware RC Club Secretary:

Minutes from the September 1, 2015 Club meeting;

John Kirchstein called the meeting to order at 07:00 PM.

New Members & Guests: 1 guest; Jim Bischoff, 1 new member: Ben Campenella .

Treasurers Report: Treasurer report read by Greg Schock. Summary included the WOD and HOD reports. Both were profitable again this year.

No Safety report this month. Mike Ronig opened a safety discussion on field cutting. Results of the discussion, a unanimous approval vote; ***There will be no flying while mowing or field maintenance is being performed.***

No Membership Report: current membership is estimated at 156 members.

Secretary Report. Minutes from the August 2015 meeting were read by Rick Scott and approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

Open House: John Kirchstein reported that the audience/guest turnout was light. It was a beautiful day for flying and fun day was had. Greg Schock thanked Mark Weiss for his assistance with the cooking.

Mark Weiss reminded everyone to renew their AMA by September 14th to avoid the rate increase.

NEW BUSINESS:

New Garden event to be held Friday September 11 through Sunday, September 13th.

Club picnic rescheduled to October 4th do to expected Papal visit TFR restricting flying.

Nominations for club executives, Vice President and Treasurer seats will be up for vote. Club will be looking for nominations for these positions.

Tony Albence still has hats and shirts for sale.

Meeting adjourned 7:39 P.M.

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

This year the annual picnic was scheduled for Sept 27, but the Pope's visit forced it to be rescheduled. The new date was October 4, but then a hurricane threatened to hit that day. The new date is Sunday, Oct 11. I checked the forecast and the weather looks nice: temps in the mid 60s, a little wind but not bad, and partly sunny skies. Great weather both for flying and an old fashioned family picnic.

Our annual picnic is usually one of our best attended events. It is an opportunity to see

old friends and make new ones, to eat a lot of good food, to fly your favorite planes, and, if we are lucky, to participate in some fun competitions like spot landing, bomb drop, and my favorite: the "take off, loop, and land" event.



The spot landing competition is conceptually very easy. Just take off, circle back into the wind, land, and come to a stop in the circle. You don't actually have to touch down in the circle, just stop there. Of course, you can't have any power on once you touch down, and no brakes either. One would think that a spot landing competition would always be won by the best pilots, but that isn't necessarily the case. Lady Luck has a whole lot to do with the outcome. I've seen a beautiful slow approach followed by a gentle touchdown at the edge of the circle end up with the plane rolling out the other side. You just never know. That's part of what makes it so much fun.

Ever watch a car race where the drivers have to run to their cars? Well that's how the takeoff, loop, and land competition starts. The transmitter is beside the plane at the flight line. The pilot stands at the pit fence. When the go is given the pilot races to the transmitter, takes off, flies, lands, and taxis back to where the plane started, puts the transmitter down and races back to the fence. Well races back is a bit of an exaggeration. After all the fence is only a few yards from the flight line.

If you want to try the bomb drop, all you need is a spare channel on your receiver. I have velcro, servo extensions, the drop servo, even the Nerf bombs. Want to do it from your multi copter or heli, no problem. In addition to the above, I have a complete unit in a box: receiver, battery, and servo. I also have a transmitter bound to the unit. Just velcro or strap the box to your aircraft, attach the bomb, and climb out. You will need a helper to release the bomb on your command. I find playing pilot and bombardier is even more fun. It even gives you someone to blame if you miss the target!

All the events are fun to participate in and a lot of fun to watch. Once you see a few planes compete in an event, you just might find yourself saying "Heck, I can do better than that". So bring a plane or two (or a heli, or a quad) to compete with. If we have a few heli pilots interested we could have a climb to altitude and autorotate to landing event. If the multicopter fliers want their own event, how about a timed FPV event where you have to take off, LOOP through three hoops, and spot land? If that doesn't work for you, I'm sure some devilish minds in the multicopter crowd can come up with something.

In all cases the first place winners get the cheers and adulation of the crowd. Spectacular crashes and bloopers get rewarded by the crowd in their own way ;-). So bring the family, your favorite aircraft, and a dish to share. We look forward to seeing you there.

EASTERN PA GIANT SCALE AIR MEET - by Scott McClurg

This was the second annual Eastern PA Giant Scale Air Meet. Held at New Garden Flying Field, it's organized by John Martin, the airport's director, and our own Pete Malchione. As always, Dave and Dave Jr were there to lend Pete all the help they could.

The event ran Friday the 11th through Sunday the 13th. I was only able to make it on Saturday, which turned out to have the worst weather of the weekend. Even so, a lot of pilots waited out the rain and took to the skies as soon as things dried off. The Malchiones brought their Ultra Bandit and F-104 Starfighter, along with the Navy-themed Ultra Bandit they've borrowed for formation flying.



There were a number of other jets in attendance, including the F9F Panther and A-10 "Warthog" shown on the pages that follow.

Dave entertained the kids with regular candy drops from his giant Telemaster and learned why you don't see anyone flying them with a balloon tied to their tails. But the Telemaster lived to fly again and a lot of fun was had.

As evening came, the rain returned, but it didn't stop anyone from enjoying the fantastic "more than you can eat" dinner that was provided for the very reasonable price of \$15. It included fried chicken, pulled pork, corn, mac n cheese, a beautiful salad, drinks, chips, and much more.

















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