



# Glitch Busters

October 2016



**NEXT MEETING**  
**October 4 at 7:00 PM**  
*at the Newark Senior Center*

AMA #197



## FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

At the August meeting one member asked "How does someone get an article in the newsletter?" My answer is that you need to write the article and provide the artwork. I will review the article. As long as the article does not reflect poorly on the club or any of its members I will put it in the newsletter, although it may not go in the month submitted. I will correct spelling and grammar only if asked to do so. If the submitted article was written by someone other than the contributor, we need written permission of the author to use the work.

We try to cover all club events, but sometimes we can't. We appreciate contributions of photos and text and do our best to include them, and give proper credit. Members sometimes contribute photos that we can't use for one reason or another. As one member pointed out: in those cases we should contact the contributor and explain why we didn't use the contribution. This has not been the case in the past, and for that I apologize to those people who took the time to send in photos that were not used. I promise that any future contributions will result in personal communication from me including my thanks for anything contributed.

## SEPTEMBER MEETING MINUTES

John Kirchstein called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M. John turned the meeting over to Mark Weiss, John was having issues with his voice.

New Members or guests: No new members, one guest, John LaRouche, owner of G-Force Hobbies. John LaRouche asked to address the club to discuss a few items.

Start thinking about being a more active club member. 2 executive board seats will be vacated this November. The position of Club President and Club secretary will be vacated. We will be accepting nominations for these positions. Think about volunteering.

### **ALL Business:**

Aviation Day: The turn out was not great. Weather was a key factor. Mark had the CL trainer available and relayed a story about a club member flying the CL airplane. Greg Schock mentioned there was a lot of food left over. A club picnic will be organized in the near future.

Mike Ronig voiced his disapproval of the delay in having the trees cut, as was discussed and money approved for this task. Both Mark Weiss and Rick Scott corrected some statements and explained the delay.

Mike Ronig mentioned there are former club members, currently not active club members, flying routinely at the field. A discussion with attending club members recommended activity and ways to address. Mark Weiss stated he will address this.

Art (Harris ?) mentioned there is a lot of animosity and friction in the club at the field, and is concerned.

John Kirchstein apologized to Art for cutting him off last month when he wanted to discuss field issues then.

John LaRouche mentioned that his store is the eyes and ears of the R/C community in the area. He stated he is not hearing a lot of good from his customers, regarding our club. John discussed several customers' statements and voiced concern about the club. He stated he is willing to help any way he can, but we as a club need to address the issues and recruit younger members.

Dick Stewart discussed issues he has witnessed at the field, keeping with the items that John LaRouche mentioned. Additionally Dick mentioned that he would like to see any new members be listed in the newsletter with a picture and bio.

Dick Stewart inquired as to ownership of the club website. It is currently in the McClurg Photo's. John Kirchstein advised that is listed this way because the club does not have a permanent address. Getting a PO box was discussed. Dick also inquired, "What happened to the classified section, Club History and Links that were with the old web host page. John Kirchstein stated that the club web page is still under construction. This takes time; the McClurg's are not finished with the migration yet.

Mark Weiss thanked John LaRouche for his input, comments and coming to the meeting. Mark suggested a few items to John LaRouche to help filter the issues. Mark did say to the club, if you have a complaint, make sure you have a possible fix that you can discuss. Additionally make sure a board member is made aware of the issues so they can be discussed and worked on at the board meeting. Not every thing in this club is broken, but parts that are, do get top billing.

Meeting was adjourned.

## ADDRESSING ISSUES IN THE MINUTES - by Scott McClurg

Roger, PJ and I were not able to attend the last club meeting. In reviewing the minutes, I see that there were some important questions raised about the newsletter and the Delaware R/C website. The questions were either not answered or the answers given at the time were not accurate. I wanted to take a moment to address them.

Roger and I agree that adding a bio of new members to the newsletter is a great idea. We welcome applicants for the unofficial position of club biographer. If no one's interested, then I'm afraid this idea will die on the vine. Roger, PJ and I each volunteer over 200 hours every year to the club and we simply have no more hours to give.

A few months ago, John Kirkstein asked Roger to take responsibility for the website. However, since I do this for a living, Roger asked me to make the actual updates that he then reviews. As with the newsletter, it's a group effort.

Roger and I reviewed the site and determined that it did not work well on mobile devices, was not accessible to people with disabilities, and much of its content was out of date. We set about correcting these issues.

It was said that we took down several pages, including the club history, r/c links, and classifieds pages. Not correct. We took down the links to these pages. The pages are still live. In fact, the classifieds page is on some other organization's website altogether and we couldn't take it down if we wanted to (which we don't). We felt that these pages weren't likely to get much traffic, they made the website more cluttered and would take considerable time and effort to recode. Since removing the links, only person has even mentioned their absence to us.

It was said that the club website was moved to "McClurg Photo's." Not correct. The site hasn't moved at all. Brian Pasternak would like to move it to a new service provider because the current one is delivering sub-standard performance. If it moves, it will not move to McClurgStudios.com.

McClurgStudios.com is my personal website where I promote my fine artwork. It has nothing whatsoever to do with R/C or the club. It never has. It never will.

"McClurg Photo's" doesn't exist.

### **What to do with old LiPo's**

I was at the field a few weeks ago and noticed someone left a couple of three cell LiPo batteries at the base of a tree. Picked them up to get rid of them and thought maybe I better check to see how you do that. I went on RC Groups and found the recommended way to do this. They had two schools of thought on how to do it recommending salt water and discharging. Discharging was highly recommended so I decided that would be the way to do it.

Following their recommendation's, I got a #1156 6V tail light bulb and soldered two 24" leads on it. You can make them any length you want. I soldered the first lead to the lead button on the bottom of the bulb and then soldered the second lead to the brass socket itself. I wrapped the bottom of the bulb with electrical tape to keep the leads from shorting out. I then took the two leads and soldered a small alligator clip to each lead end.

You take your LiPo battery, especially the ones that now look like a piece of pipe and SEPARATELY cut the red and black wire leads. I cut one shorter than the other and that helps to keep the alligator clips from touching each other. Strip back a little insulation and attach the clips and your bulb will glow if there is current. Leave the bulb alone and when the bulb goes out your battery is properly discharged. Remove the alligator clips and twist the two wires together and cap with a wire nut. You now have a battery that can be recycled or thrown away.

What to do with old LiPo's ? Dispose of them properly.

### **Reminder Please**

While locking up the gate in the evening on a few occasions I found the lock hanging off of the gate with it open and the number combination still on the lock. Please, when you open the gates please lock the lock on the gate and roll the combination numbers. It will protect us from having the lock "disappearing."

### **Training Update**

Mr. Carey Lacey's donated .40 size high wing trainer is now operational. I test flew it a couple of times on Friday and John Hosey video-taped it for me taking off, in flight and landing. I sent the video off to Freddie Butts who can show Mr. Lacey our appreciation for his donation as Freddie was the source of the donated air craft.

## PHOTOS FROM THE FIELD





























# **JERSEY SKY DEVIL'S MEMBERSHIP OFFER!**



**Our New Staff, and existing membership of the jersey sky devils R/C flying club would like to extend a special offer to other existing R/C flying club members in good standing.**

**We are offering the opportunity to join our club and take advantage of a one- time special membership offer.**

**To take advantage of this offer, you must possess a current AMA membership, hold a valid FAA ID number, and comply with the forgoing entities' rules and regulations to fly at our facility.**

**> HERE'S THE DEAL! <**

**SIGN UP FOR THE 2017 FLYING SEASON NOW**

**And fly the rest of the 2016 season FREE!**

**We are offering this deal at a special low cost of \$100.00 per person.**

**This means your dues will not come due at our club again until January 2018.**

**We are located at the rear entrance to the DOWNS TOWN AIRPORT. The physical address of the airport is 491 Harding Hwy., Vineland, NJ 08360. The R/C Field Entrance is off of Weymouth road behind the airport. There is a link in the club search section of the AMA website that shows an Ariel view of our field location for your viewing pleasure, along with GPS coordinates.**

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