



Glitch Busters

October - November 2017



NEXT MEETING
Tuesday, November 7th at 7:00 PM
at the Senior Center

AMA #197

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

We have contributions from a number of members in this month's issue. Thanks to all who contributed!

Our IMAC competition was held on September 9 and 10. We had 22 contestants, and from all accounts the event went very smoothly. Bob Smith and I took photos. Hope you like them.

OFFICER NOMINATIONS

Elections for the offices of vice president and treasurer will take place at the November meeting. Please plan to attend.

IMAC SUNRISE - by Robert Pleasanton



IMAC 2017 - by Roger McClurg and Bob Smith





CLUB PICNIC - by Bob Smith

Great time was had at our annual club picnic. Chef Shock (say that three times fast :-)) provided excellent Angus hot dogs, sweet and hot sausages and cold drinks. Many brought goodies to share and a nice time was had by all. Lots of planes in the air as club members came prepared to fly and fly they did. No mishaps to report just some nice maneuvers and landings.

Editor's note: Vinny Damiani won the new Pilot's Choice build contest award. Below is a picture of Vinny and his plane. Photo by Feddy Butts.



NATIONAL MODEL AVIATION DAY - by Bob Smith

Saturday, August 12th, Delaware R/C celebrated National Model Aviation Day with the Delaware community. The event was scheduled for 11am until 2 pm but the event ran a few hours longer. Very nice turnout and happy to see youngsters coming forward to learn to fly.

Mike Roenig and I provided the instruction and many other club members mixed with the spectators to provide information on how to join the club and learn to fly. Scott McClurg roamed the grounds with his camera to record moments of happiness and fun for all who attended and experienced the day. The weather started out cloudy and overcast but started to clear around 1PM proving the weather forecasters incorrect. Again. Chef Shock provided excellent boiled hot dogs, soft drinks, ice cold Cokes, bottled water and a great variety of chip snacks. Lots of fliers filled the sky and continued flying until late afternoon.

I'd still like to see a large sign (4' X 8') at the entrance to our club field telling the public who and where we are and make it high enough that our banners can be strung across the bottom announcing dates and times of upcoming events.



DOVER AIR SHOW - by Bob Smith



The Dover Air Force Base hosted a Thunderbirds demonstration along with a fabulous full-scale air show, August 26th and 27th.

Airplanes, helicopters, jeeps, Explosive Ordnance Disposal displays and even an official Air Force motor home parked along the tarmac for all to see, touch and in most cases, enter.

Veteran's organizations, food vendor's and retired military aircraft

owner's private planes rounded out the exhibition. Pilots were amazing from the hot shots flying the RV8, Pitts and Extra to the unbelievable take off and landings of the C-5A and Galaxy that were flying so slow you couldn't believe they stayed in flight. Lots of friendly active duty personnel, veterans and civilians in attendance and a good time by all.

Enjoy some of the photo's I took with my iPhone. Should have brought my camera. It's always should have-chair, sun glasses, sun screen...





SUMMIT AVIATION COMMUNITY DAY - by Scott McClurg

On Saturday the 23rd, Summit Aviation held their annual Community Day. For those who have gone there before, not much has changed. For those who haven't, they had:

- ✈ A Chinook heli that you could walk through
- ✈ A Cessna 172 you could sit in and get your picture taken
- ✈ A demo by the Delaware State Police of their K-9 unit and heli
- ✈ A booth for the Civil Air Patrol where you could learn about their programs and their new fixed-wing drone prototype, which included our own Stephen King
- ✈ A demonstration of model aircraft provided by Delaware R/C's Dave Sr. and Pete Malchione
- ✈ A clown that could make some remarkable aircraft out of balloons.



For me, it was really interesting to learn about the CAP's new drone. I'm not really into drones myself, but the story was interesting. To begin with, why a drone? It turns out that federal agencies depend on the CAP for photographs of natural disasters so they can plan the recovery. Recently, there was an event that required their services, but for days afterwards, the ceiling was at 800-1000 feet. The CAP couldn't fly manned aircraft in that. So, they decided to create a drone program.

Their first attempt was pretty short-sighted. Someone recommended getting multi-rotors, so they did. They quickly discovered what anyone reading this probably would have told them immediately. Hello? Range? Battery life? Yeah, about 8 minutes of flight time. Not a lot to map out an area ravaged by a hurricane or other large natural disaster. So, they're working on a prototype fixed-wing drone that looks very promising. It has about 4x the flight time and covers about 8x the area.

It was also fun to watch the Malchiones. They brought their Extra, the Ultra Bandit and one of the Corsairs. It's always fun to see these planes fly and they did a great job of controlling them under some pretty adverse conditions.





Otherwise, the most fun of the day were the parts that Summit hadn't planned. Summit didn't have any full-scale flight demonstrations, but several pilots took to the air anyway. It was pretty interesting to see the Martin Maule with tundra tires take off on Summit's grass strip (downwind no less). We also got to see a crop duster in action spraying the field west of the airport.



PGRC'S BIG/WARBIRD EVENT - by Scott McClurg

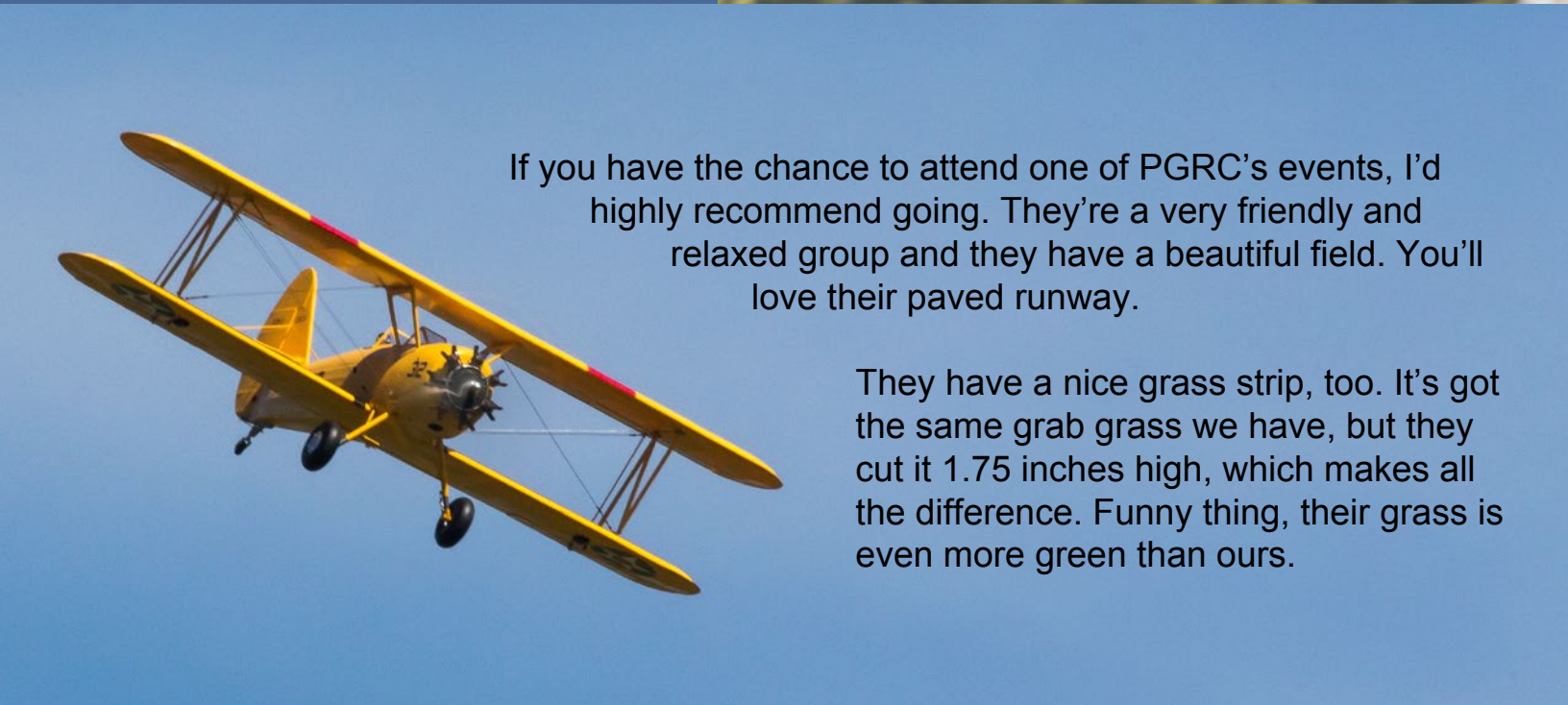


Bill Fairweather's been a member of the Delaware R/C Club for many years. Recently, he moved to the Annapolis area and joined Prince George's Radio Control Club. His new club put on their annual Big/Warbird event last month, so a bunch of us went down to see Bill and support his new club. We had a ball!





It was fun seeing a pilot from another club wear a Warbirds Over Delaware shirt at the PGRC event.



If you have the chance to attend one of PGRC's events, I'd highly recommend going. They're a very friendly and relaxed group and they have a beautiful field. You'll love their paved runway.

They have a nice grass strip, too. It's got the same grab grass we have, but they cut it 1.75 inches high, which makes all the difference. Funny thing, their grass is even more green than ours.





PHOTOS FROM THE FIELD

We weren't at the field that much this last month aside from going to see the IMAC, so we don't have a lot of pictures of normal activities at the field. But the ones we have are pretty good.







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