



Glitch Busters

October 2018



Wayne flies in formation
with a bald eagle

SWAP MEET
November 3, 2018

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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK



We have four club offices: President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. Club officers serve a two year term, and each year two of the four officers are up for re-election. This year we vote for our President and Secretary. October is the month for nominations. Our current President Freddie Butts and Secretary Tom Dicuirci will be running for re-election. If you are interested in either of these offices, or you know of a member who may be interested, please show up at the October club meeting and put your hat in the ring. Elections will be held at the November meeting on Election Day in the US, November 6.

Club Picnic

I got a request from Tom Dicuirci for additional pictures of kids from the Annual Picnic last month. Here is a shot of a lot of the kids who attended all gathered at a picnic table.



Swap Meet

The club Swap Meet/Auction will be held on Saturday, November 3, 2018 at the Newark Senior Center. Doors will open at 8:00 for setup and at 8:30 for the general public. Tables cost \$15 and general admission fee is \$5. There will be a raffle and a 50/50.

The annual Swap Meet is a place where bargains are had, and hard to find items are located. It is a place where you hear things like “Wow, I always wanted one of those” and “I told my wife I wouldn't buy another airplane. She's gonna kill me!”.

Some people go looking for a bargain on a new plane or a new motor, some for tools or much needed parts, and some go just for the feeling of a kid in a candy store. The truth is you never know what you will find, but almost no one leaves empty handed.

AUGUST MEETING MINUTES

A request was brought to push a 2019 membership application

Annual Swap Meet

- ✈ Date: 3 Nov 2018
- ✈ Where: Newark Senior Center
- ✈ Set up starts at 0800
- ✈ Doors open to general public at 08:30
- ✈ Cost:
 - ✈ Table \$15
 - ✈ Admission \$5

WOD

- ✈ A discussion was brought to the table to increase the price of the event for pilots and other areas.
- ✈ Currently we are the cheapest event
- ✈ Would bring more money in
- ✈ Better advertisement was brought to the table and will be pursued

Shed Improvements

- ✈ The club has expressed interest in putting stone around the shed to prevent over growth
- ✈ Plastic would be laid down as a barrier to prevent growth.
- ✈ Quotes are being generated to support this.
- ✈ A dumpster was also talked about to get rid of more junk we do not need.
- ✈ Bug spray and weed killer was also mentioned as an effort to make the area better.

Text by Roger McClurg, Photos by Tom Dicuirci

The annual Delaware R/C IMAC Challenge was held on July 28-29 at the club field. IMAC - the International Miniature Aerobatic Club is an AMA sanctioned organization that conducts model aerobatic competitions both in the US and internationally. Pilots interested in scale aerobatic competition come together to fly and compete in organized events around the country.

In IMAC competitions pilots fly a sequence of pre-established maneuvers in front of judges. Each pilot starts with a perfect score of 10 for each maneuver, and judges deduct for errors. Sequences generally consist of 8 – 10 maneuvers. Pilots are divided into classes with each class getting progressively tougher. Each class has a “known” sequence they must perform at the event. The known sequence is published early in the year so that pilots may use it to practice for the event. In higher classes pilots are presented with an “unknown” sequence that they haven not seen before and that they must learn and fly during the competition. Scoring is done by rounds with pilots ranked within each round. The lowest scoring round is dropped for each pilot, and the pilot with the highest total score wins the competition in that class.

Basic is the entry level class and pilots who compete in Basic may fly ANY plane of any size which does NOT have to be a scale model of a competition plane. This means that you do not need to have a competition caliber airplane to get started. Any aerobatic model will work just fine.

A very interesting thing about the IMAC is that the competitors in the top classes are





frequently also judges for the pilots competing in a lower class. Judges are constantly watching the competing aircraft, so typically the judge is accompanied by a “scribe”. The judge calls out the score for a maneuver to the scribe who writes it down on a score sheet. If you are interested what makes for a good aerobatic maneuver, then being a scribe is the way to learn. Judges will frequently tell the scribe just what went wrong during the maneuver. This is a big help if you ever want to perform the perfect loop, hammer head, humpty bump, cuban 8, snap roll, or spin. Scribes are volunteers and do not have to have any previous experience with IMAC or aerobatics. So why not visit next IMAC competition and talk to the competitors. There is no admission fee.

If you find aerobatics interesting and want to learn more about IMAC check out their web site:

<http://www.mini-iac.org/>



PHOTOS FROM THE FIELD













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