



# Glitch Busters

November 2015



**NEXT MEETING**  
**November 3 at 7:00 PM**  
*at the Newark Senior Center*

AMA #197



## PREZ SEZ

I forgot to publish the original Fall Cleanup date, but it turned out to be too windy. About ten hearty souls came out on the 24th and made short work of the leaves that had fallen and wrapping the pavilion. Folding the plastic and storing it in the shed wasn't such a great idea. Mice used some of it for bedding, giving us a ventilated cover. We will need to buy new wrap material for next year, and go back to rolling it up in the pavilion.

The picnic was held on the 11th after two postponements for Pope and rain. The day was almost perfect, a good number of members and guests came; flying was almost ideal. Greg Schock did his usual fine job of food and beverage service. Thanks, Greg!

We had a Special Use Permit for electric flight until 10:00 at night. This expired in 2011. A new Park Ranger reminded that there is no flight after dark, so I asked the park superintendent to assist us in requesting a new Memorandum of Agreement with DENREC, allowing "quiet" electric craft to fly from 8am to 10pm. (It's been 10 years since we did our last MOA)

An aspiring graffitist with a grade-school mentality left a less-than-complementary tag on a club member's AMA card. This card was picked up by a young student pilot and he was exposed to some locker-room language. The subject club member is justifiably outraged, and I, as club president am ashamed of such adolescent behavior. Foul language, racial and ethnic slurs are not welcome in this organization. My advice to all involved – GROW UP!

It's time to set dates for next years events, to have them available on the web site and to be reported to the park.

The Delaware RC Flea Market and Swap Meet will be held at the Newark Senior Center on January 16th. Mark Weiss and Greg Schock are spearheading the effort; see them to volunteer.

The meeting to be held on November 3rd is our election night. The offices that are to be voted on are Vice President and Treasurer.

Treasurer Mark McQuaide will not seek re-election. Nominees at the October meeting are Victor Pugarelli and PJ McClurg.

Vice President Greg Schock seeks re-election. There were no further nominations at the above meeting.

Further nominations will be heard prior to the voting at the November meeting.

## OCTOBER MEETING MINUTES

The October meeting minutes were not available in time for this issue of the newsletter. We will include minutes for both the October and November meetings in our next issue.

## FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

### SUBSCRIBING TO DELAWARE RC CLUBS MAILING LIST

A few club members have mentioned to me that they are not getting club emails. The club leadership frequently sends out emails to all club members telling them of important things that are going on. If you are not getting these emails, this is what you should do:

1. Send a blank email to [delawarerc-subscribe@yahogroups.com](mailto:delawarerc-subscribe@yahogroups.com) -You'll be sent a confirmation email from the group.
2. Reply to the confirmation email to activate your subscription.

### ARE YOU MISSING A SET OF WING BAGS?!

Someone left a set of wing bags at the field a couple of months ago, and I have been trying to locate the owner ever since. The bags appear to be new. If you lost these bags, or know someone who did, please get in touch with me so I can return them. My email is [roger@mcclurgstudios.com](mailto:roger@mcclurgstudios.com).

### FREEZE FLY

If you are new to the club and wonder why the pavilion is wrapped in plastic it is for the Freeze Fly. A Delaware RC New Years tradition, the Freeze Fly is a great opportunity to combine cold weather flying with warm food and the company of fellow club members. So why not plan on coming out to the field on January 1, and have a good time?



## REPRINT OF ARTICLE FROM RC MODELER JUNE 1993:

### ORIGINALLY WRITTEN BY BEN STRASSER

Out at the flying field one Saturday we were flight testing a new model. You know what that's like; total concentration. You never really know what to expect. We were concentrating so hard on getting that plane trimmed out to fly straight and level without stick pressure that we mistakenly flew over the water treatment plant some distance off the north end of our runway. Not once, but a couple of times. And that's definitely a no-no at our field. Oops!

On taxiing back to the pits, one of our field safety officers walked up to remind us that we should avoid that area. That was embarrassing, to say the least. We goofed and we knew it. We responded by telling him our sad story; it was a new plane and we were having trouble getting it trimmed out. We were so busy that ...

Know what? He wasn't at all interested in our story. And I'm sure the people at the water treatment plant wouldn't have cared about why we overflowed them either. We were politely reminded that our field rules forbid flying over the water treatment plant. "If the folks 'up there' spotted the plane over their buildings and reported the incident, our field could be closed down." Beginning with "Yes, but ..." we retold our sad story again. And it was even better the second time. You should have been there. Definitely Oscar stuff. But he just didn't care, no matter how good the story got.

Club field safety officers have volunteered to do a lousy job. (Somehow that doesn't sound right!) They're there to remind those of us who forget about our club safety rules. Without their dedication and conviction it's questionable as to whether many of our clubs would still have our flying fields and the relatively accident-free record we all boast of. Yet, for some reason when we cause them to interrupt their fun to remind those of us who forget, we attempt to justify something we both know is wrong. (Remember when you caught your kid with his hand in the cookie jar?)

The thing is, there is no justification for breaking the field safety rules. (Do R/C systems still go bad?) So, the field safety officers get upset. And we get upset because we're embarrassed and because they're upset with us. Then they get upset even more because we're upset because ...

It isn't long before a "discussion" like that can turn to a confrontation - which can degenerate into an argument at the drop of a vowel. The 'violinist' is uptight for a good reason. He (or she) was caught breaking the AMA/club safety rules. The field safety officer (and probably other pilots at the field) is uptight because a pilot who should have known better could have caused a big problem for the Club. Who needs all the fuss?

We go flying to have a good time, not to stir up a benign ulcer!

On the other hand, we've all had those moments when we've been so involved in having fun or checking out that new plane that we forget. It's probably true that in most cases no one in the club sets out to break the safety rules on purpose - though on occasion, some pilots may make it seem that way. So, when you have to be reminded about a club rule and you'd like to avoid the stressful scene we recalled at the beginning of this article, respond to the field safety officer by saying, "Thanks for reminding me." Don't add any excuses or attempt to justify what you did. There are no excuses or justifications. "Thanks for reminding me" is all it will take. I guarantee you'll feel better, the flight safety officer will feel better, and, so will the rest of the pilots out at your flying field. If it's not something you have been reminded of repeatedly, the field safety officer will say "okay", and either the topic of the conversation will change or he'll go fly his plane and you can fly yours again. And don't forget to remember to do the right stuff next time you're flying. That's called, learning from your experience. Only dummies don't learn from their experience and no R/C club needs any dummies.

Being a flight safety officer is at best a lousy job. Our sincere thanks to those who give up some of their flying time to assure our clubs continue to be a safe place to fly. Next time you're out at the flying field go up to your flight safety officers and give them a hug - or at least shake their hand and say "Thanks." They've volunteered to do a job you wouldn't have any part of.

## FALL CLUB PICNIC







































Delaware R/C Club

# FLEA MARKET & SWAP MEET

Saturday  
January 16, 2016

## Newark Senior Center

200 Whitechapel Dr, Newark, DE 19713

Tables \$15.00 each      Confirm reservation by Dec 15, 2015

Table set up @ 8:00am

Doors open to the Public @ 8:30am

"Impromptu Auction" at the end of the event

Admission \$5.00 includes one raffle ticket

Food by Troop 30

Raffle prize and 50/50

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