



Glitch Busters

December 2012



NEXT MEETING

December 4

Newark Senior Center

AMA #197 / IMAA #687

PREZ SEZ

From Your "New" Pres....

I put "new" in quotations as I have served before as the club president. "Served" may be the operative word! Before I go too far, we should all thank John for his leadership and willingness to take on the top role for quite a while. Thank you John. We still have a field and not every modeler can say that.

I wanted to take this opportunity to share with you my thoughts and the direction I would like to see the club consider for 2013. If you have been a member since the mid 1990's, you may not be surprised by my comments. Let me see if I can keep this concise and on point:

1. I would like to see more members attend our monthly membership meetings. I know there are schedule conflicts and more important personal responsibilities but the bottom line is that nearly all of you could attend a meeting every once in a while. I believe the main reason meetings in general are poorly attended is the lack of a regularly scheduled program that should be of interest to most of us. Last month, I took it upon myself to talk about the proper trimming of an RC airplane. I supplied a two page handout and did the best job I could. While there are many club members more knowledgeable and certainly better fliers, no one was coming to the plate. I did receive a very nice email from one of the guys who was in attendance thanking me for the presentation. He said he had learned a lot. That email meant a lot to me. The Board and I will do our best to have good programs for each meeting and will ask some of you to help out. We are also considering a 50/50 drawing and the return of a raffle item for each meeting. Please let me know what you would like to see at our meetings; we will do our best to make them interesting and possibly profitable!

2. This hobby and this club is all about fellowship and responsible fun (that was my safety message). Flying at our field is not a right but a privilege. It takes a few simple requirements to enjoy the wonderful spot we have: a current park sticker, a current AMA card, and active membership in our club. I am not a big fan of people flying all year long and never joining our club. This is not a cheap hobby and our dues are very reasonable. The park has required us to only permit active members to fly at our field. So, please join the club. If you want to fly at the field, you must be a club member. Period. Many members have brought this issue to me already as they are tired of a few getting a free pass to the runway. Please join and join now. When I come to the field, I want to enjoy the flying and enjoy the fellowship.

3. One of the very few drawbacks of attending the WRAMS and Toledo Show each year is the obvious graying of the audience. While some may say "so what," we would

not have this hobby and this field without those pioneers who came before us. I would like us to do all we can to ensure the hobby and our club is available for the next generation.

Vic Bernstein and I are starting to do some work on a formal training program for new pilots. The real key is this: bring a younger person to the field with you and show them the magic of our hobby.

4. A favor: the last time I was president, I stopped coming to the field because I was ambushed each time by one person or another who had a gripe with someone else. If something is not going right and you would like to bring it to my attention, please do so by phone, email, or attend the monthly meetings. I have already been asked about my position regarding smoking at the field. The nice thing was the folks who asked were very decent and not condescending.

Finally, at our last board meeting, one member had a great idea regarding the January club meeting. It will be held at the field during our annual "Freeze Fly." I am looking forward to the 2013 flying year and hope we all have fun. Life can be tough enough on its own terms. Let the field and the Delaware RC Club be a safe haven.

Mark

NOVEMBER MINUTES

As we are between Secretaries, minutes from last month's meeting are not currently available.

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

The weather sure turned cold, cloudy, and windy this past month, and now most of the leaves are gone from the trees. I guess fall is history, and winter is moving in. A sure sign of this is the rite of closing of the pavilion on Nov 11. Now the field looks like winter.

An advantage of the cold weather is that



the grass is very low. Even small foamies can taxi with ease. If you have an airplane that nosed over when taxiing or taking off, why not try flying it now?

Many of us receive new planes for Christmas. Why not bring your new toy to the field for the New Years Day gathering at the field: the Freeze Fly. It is a great time to enjoy good food, good flying, and the companionship of your fellow club members. Feel free (but not obligated) to bring a covered dish, dessert, etc. I'll post a few photos from last years Freeze Fly to wet your appetite. This year's Freeze Fly photos will be in the the February newsletter.

The January club meeting will be held at the Freeze Fly.



CLUB AUCTION

Despite devastating weather in the Northeast earlier in the week, the Club Auction was held on November 3rd as scheduled. School custodian, Tita Ramos opened the front doors early and table renters were setting up when I arrived.

Hobby Town USA was locating their treasures at the three tables in the entrance area. Jim Lester controlled the traffic at the front door. We were off and running!

Tablemaster John Krick quickly filled the six table cancellations from Friday resulting in all tables **sold out**. Thank you John for coming to my rescue.

Scotty Moyer got an early start on auction items at the registration table. Bid cards were sold for \$1.00 each. Scotty called me aside at 10:30 AM to point out that people were leaving, so we started the auction early. Auctioneer Tony Albence and the sales group Joe Mongillo, Ron Flower, PJ & Roger McClurg did an outstanding job of moving the items for sale. Items for auction sale seem to be low this year.

Handling the money from ticket and auction sales were the two Pauls, Gustafson and Bryk. Balances were perfect!

The Boy Scouts (Troop 30) provided very tasty food at more than a reasonable price.

Finally, a special "thank you" to all the names mentioned above. You have heard these names before, they always volunteer! Look for format changes at the event next year (Nov. 2, 2013). Your inputs are appreciated.

CD - Dick Stewart

PHOTOS FROM THE FIELD





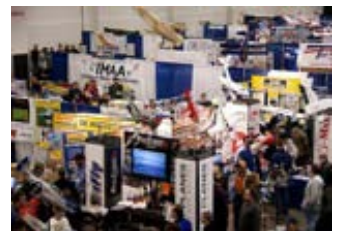




EVENTS IN OUR AREA

WRAM SHOW TO REPEAT SUCCESSFUL NJ VENUE

2013 WRAM Show will celebrate its second year at the
Meadowlands Exposition Center
Secaucus, New Jersey
February 22, 23 and 24, 2013



Mark your calendars because:

- Last year's popular Show has sparked significant increases in new vendor commitments
- Great reviews in RC magazines and forums have added to public awareness
- We're the largest RC show on the East Coast and 2nd largest in the U.S.
- Our modern, user-friendly venue offers terrific extras, including:
 - ✓ Outstanding location – 5 miles from New York City, with door-to-door Midtown Manhattan bus service
 - ✓ 5 major hotels, 25 restaurants, shopping and entertainment within walking distance
 - ✓ Free admission for children 5 and under; \$3 for ages 6-11; \$12 for everyone 12 and over. Children 11 and under admitted free on Sunday 2/24/13, when accompanied by adult. Active military admitted free.
 - ✓ RC boat pond, a racetrack and flying exhibition area
 - ✓ Cash prizes in different static-model categories with Best in Show \$1,000 prize
 - ✓ Free WRAM Flyer model-building and -flying program for kids
 - ✓ Swap Shop and Seminars included in admission price
 - ✓ Free indoor parking

Contact Show Manager for advanced group discount tickets

Visit our website, www.wram.org, for more info or call me:
Bob Krull, Show Manager, at 845-656-1419

"The change in venues is a big step in the right direction and will allow for growth and future success. We've already talked to a few vendors who will be there next year for the first time and Desert Aircraft will be adding some additional booth real estate as well. The WRAM Show is definitely in the upper echelon of RC events and I highly recommend it for vendors and patrons alike." —Dave Johnson, Desert Aircraft



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