



Delaware R/C Club

Lums Pond State Park
3750 Red Lion Rd, Bear, DE, 19701

News Letter January 2021

Fellow Club Members,

With 2020 behind us and learning how to deal with COVID-19, we hope everyone is doing well. As a club we have learned to operate in different ways with respect to flying at the field and conducting meetings. Everyone has been affected by the pandemic and we always want our club members to know that if they need help, we are not just a club, we are a family. Let us know, if we can help, we will or we can help you find help. Don't suffer in silence

The McClurg family has had some challenges this year and without getting into specifics for their privacy, we have put this newsletter together in order to help them and ensure everyone gets a glimpse of what we have accomplished wrapping up 2020

August 2020

August was an interesting month. We were hit by a tornado, but then had a great Fun Fly in the same month.



How crazy is it that!!!! A tornado goes from Dover all the way up route 1 and our field gets hit. Once the storm was over, New Castle county made the news with several neighborhoods damaged to include us. The storm spared out pavilion and Shed, while alternating the tree lines only. We did have many trees and branches come down that impeded our access to the field and the parking lot. We organized a work party and were fortunate to have our field back up in running in a day. A special thank you/shout out to Wayne Marston who is a club member and also part of the Army Corp. of Engineers. He brought a backhoe to



assist, and honestly without this piece of equipment, this effort would have taken days! The following list of names are folks that also showed up and helped remove debris to make our field accessible again.

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| Victor Pugarelli | Edward Redmond | Mike Ronig | Wayne Ross |
| Jim Alt | Eric Murphy | Tom Dale | Indushekhar Persaud |
| Mike Evans | Ron Becker | Nicky Wyeth | Brian Pasternack |
| Andrew DiCuirci | Tom DiCuirci | Greg Schock | |

August 2020

Fun Fly 2020: Since COVID-19 cancelled Warbirds Over

Delaware, our favorite event and put a huge burden on all activities, we put an event together for club members and invited guests. Our Fun Fly was done in a safely and in accordance to restrictions placed on the Lums Pond State Park and CDC guidance. What an amazing time of flying, food and amazing prizes. We had 21 pilots and although mother nature played games with us often, we

still managed to have fun in between the bands of rain. The landing fees collected were donated to the USO of Dover AFB. The Dave, Dave Jr.

and Pete Malchione brought their Jets, while Paul LeTourneau came into town to spend some time with us. They put a great show on dominating the skies with their awesome turbine power! It was not WOD, but it was a lot of fun seeing our invited guests and enjoying the followship in the hobby. We also were able to see some of the projects that had been worked over the winter. As always, these two families are always generous to the club in more ways than one! Adam Lilly, Ronald & Thomas Moyer and some other guests joined us by invite (due

to COVID-19) and we had a blast! Cody Masker won the raffle prize that was donated by Balsa USA, a nice 1/4 scale Cub!

Ed Edward Redmond won a beautiful F-4 EDF jet that was donated by the Malchiones, along with a couple of other goodies they provided.

We ended the event with a really nice dinner that was catered and was amazing as always! It was a really nice time and well worth it. All that came enjoyed themselves whether they flew or just observed. Also, since WOD is a big benefit to the park, our hosts, we did a donation to the Park as a token of our appreciation as our host.



September 2020



Lums Pond IMAC Challenge 2020:

Shortly after our fun fly, we hosted our annual IMAC event. It was an amazing event with 14 registered pilots competing and an impressive number of visitors and club members out supporting the event. We also had some new members join as a result of this event. The weather was amazing despite some windy conditions early on Saturday, but moving this event to September proved to be a

good idea to avoid the heat and also give us a break (typically) after WOD. We were able to get the same caterer to provide dinner and if you left hungry it was your own fault! All who joined the dinner had great comments about the event and the food! It was a wonderful event and we hope more club members take an interest with IMAC or come out to watch and learn! Thanks to all who came and supported.



October 2020:

As planned, we held a planning meeting for 2021. We had a really good number of member attend and plan 2021 events. There were some really great ideas and they have been put on the books. The list below is what the team came up with:

- 10 April 2021, John Kirchstein Memorial building Contest judging and Fun Fly
- 8 May 2021, Lums Pond, Club picnic and open house with flight instruction to the local community
- 21 thru 23 May 2021, Lums Pond 3D Jamboree
- 7 thru 10 July 2021, Warbirds Over Delaware
- 7 August 2021, Vintage and Classics fun fly
- 10 thru 12 September 2021, IMAC
- 26 September 2021, Club Picnic
- 16 October 2021, Electric Night Fly
- 13 November 2021, Veterans Day fun Fly

These events, although came from certain folks, will undoubtedly need help. If you wish to help, please email the board at info@delawarerc.org State the event you wish to be a part of and we will connect you. More hands make work lighter.

November 2020:

During the November General Membership Meeting, we had a zoom meeting to practice social distancing safety. The meeting was extremely successful and attracted quite an attendance. We elected to get a paid Zoom account to we did not have to worry about time limits. Some of the discussions that were covered were:

- We discussed the results of the planning meeting that was held. This is provided under the October highlight.
- The Clubs Facebook page. The planning of a Facebook page for our club was presented and discussed. The discussion involved how it would be launched, what it would be used for, who has access. Three people would be the administrators and posted would have to be approved was the idea. It would be used to promote the club, events and for community outreach.
- Field mowing 2021. A discussion was brought to the meeting regarding how much was spent in 2020 and if it was feasible to continue using a contractor or members of the club to cut. When folks heard how much money was spent, there was eagerness to help our and save some money. More to come on this.
- Flight Instruction Requests. In 2020 we as a club, received quite a bit of requests for instruction. Stephen King and Tom DiCuirci are taking an interest in getting a fleet of trainers ready and setting one weekend a month for this purpose at the field. This was a discussion of ideas.
- November elections came quick this year. The two positions that were up for vote were President and Secretary. The first vote was for President. Tom DiCuirci was nominated and accepted the nomination. Shortly after, a vote was held and made it so. During this time, Tom took the time to thank Freddie Butts for his outstanding leadership as President. Freddie did great things for our club and helped a lot of things happen while in the seat. It's a tough position, but we thank him for everything he has done for us. While Tom was voted into the president position, that left the secretary position open. During this time, there was no interest I the position, but Tom had mentioned he knew someone and wanted to discuss with them about the position.
- We also took time to thank our veterans and also wish the Marine Corp a Happy Birthday during this meeting.

December 2020:

The General Membership Meeting, took advantage of the zoom meeting platform and we had a great meeting to practice social distancing safety. The meeting was extremely successful and attracted an even greater crowd. Some of the discussions that were covered were:

- We went over the planned events as a reminder for all who can help out.
- We reminded everyone about our annual Freeze Fly and the opportunity to get membership dues paid up. As always applications need to be filled out or they will not be processed. If you have questions, please let Brian know.
- The Facebook page was reported as well under way. There are three administrators, Brian Pasternak, Chris Gini and Tom DiCuirci. The team will meet and discuss final preparations for the launch.
- Field mowing: The topic was brought up about how the club will pursue field maintenance. A great discussion was held regarding what needs to be done and what can be done. The possible purchase of an additional mower was brought up and how to pay

for it.

- Tom DiCuirci addressed a letter to AMA leadership through the district requesting assistance on possible TFRs with the pending POTUS change of office. This will be developed and shared with the board and district leaders for assistance.
- FAA Final ruling. There was a huge discussion on this based on what was learned from the 400+ page document and everyone's interpretation. At first glance, we are going to be fine, status quo. The 55K comments helped paved the way for our hobby not to be hindered. The government has an understanding now of who we are and how clubs are not the threat. **Make sure you have an FAA number**, checking on TFRs and following AMA rules for flying. AMA is still working on reading and understanding the document.
 - o There are three scenarios written out for how we fit in
 - Standard remote ID. This is for Amazon and other industrial bases
Does not apply to us
 - Broadcast Module. Small and removable device tied to your ID. Send signals about the attitude and location of your aircraft.
They are saying the device may be about \$20 to \$50...not sure
 - Majority of fixed wing sites. If your field is registered with AMA, then we are good! You still have to register with FAA and have it on your aircraft. AMA took the position that self-policing of the FAA requirement is what they will stand behind. Park, local and Federal enforcement will deal with offenders.

Bulk fuel order update:

The club has contacted S&W Fuel (www.s-whobby.com) about placing a bulk fuel order in March. For this to be worthwhile we will need a minimum order of 80 gallons. The fuel that we are looking at is 2% castor and 16% Synthetic both 10% and 15% nitro can be ordered. The pricing is 10% is \$21/gallon and 15% is \$23/gallon. We will be picking up the fuel order at a location that is in between S&W and Delaware, just north of Philadelphia along the blue route.

Please contact Ron Becker (ronfbecker@gmail.com or 302-598-2097) with any questions and your order. The Fuel must be paid for by February 28th, we will be placing the order on March 5 and will be picked up on or about March 13.

A brief from the Membership Chair:

2021 Membership Dues are now due! Membership application with instructions is available at <http://www.delawarerc.org/membership.htm>. All members, both new and renewing, must complete a 2021 Membership Application to receive a sticker. Be sure all fields are properly filled out. If paying by checks, please be sure that your check is fully filled out. If paying by PayPal, please select "**Sending to a friend**". You will receive a Welcome Letter in the mail, along with a 2021 Membership Sticker. Please place the Membership Sticker on your valid 2021 AMA Card, which should be presented if asked, or displayed on an outer garment. Please read the Welcome Letter as it contains important information on Club documents and access to the Members Only section of the Club website.

We've closed out 2020 with 132 members. Non-renewing members will be dropped from the Club Roster on March 1st and the 2020 Members Only login credentials will no longer work after that time.

In Memoriam
Delaware R/C thanks you John Kirchstein
10/10/1937 – 1/9/2021

