



Glitch Busters

March 2012



NEXT MEETING

March 5

Newark Senior Center

UPCOMING EVENTS

Warbirds Over Delaware - July 11-15, 2012

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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

There has not been a lot of activity at the field this month. If you stopped by, you were most likely the only person there. The few times we went to fly this month, more spectators showed up than members.

Normally we don't brave the cold weather to go flying, but the warm weather just made the itch to go flying too strong to ignore. Unfortunately the wind this month has been terrible. Even on calm mornings, by the time we got to the field, the wind would be up to 10-15 mph. It was not unusual to see the windsock whipping around changing directions anywhere from 90 to 180 degrees. Then when it did seem to calm down a bit, it was only trying to lull us into a false sense of security. Judging by the number of broken props and airplane parts I found in and around the field this month, it looks like several people found the flying as challenging as I did. Let's hope that the weather continues on the mild side, and that the March winds let up on occasion, so we can fly those new models we got this winter.

This month I am introducing a new column: Lost & Found. The first submission consists of parts of airplanes I discovered around the field this month. If anyone wishes to claim any of these parts or if you find something that should go in next month's column, please let me know. Should your airplane shed a critical part, that you just can't find, or you leave something behind at the field, please drop me a note, and I'll put it in the next month's column.

PREZ SEZ

Well, Congress finally passed the FAA Reauthorization Act, which includes language exempting model aircraft (MA) from regulation by the FAA. There's specific wording that defines MA and allows for operation under the standards of a community based organization (read AMA). There is also a section dealing with unmanned air systems, which congress expects FAA to regulate and accommodate within a year.

When the FAA NPRM is released, we may need guidance from the AMA to be in compliance with the regulations, but we don't expect to need to make changes in the way we enjoy our hobby.

Several of us went to the WRAM show on Friday the 24th. The parking lots were near capacity. The venue was impressive and there were a significant number of vendors. To me, it looked a lot like a smaller version of Toledo.

PREZ SEZ (cont.)

The park requires user fees from March 1 through November 31. Season passes may be purchased at any park office during the week; online at <https://egov.dnrec.delaware.gov/egovpublic/home.jsp> or from Eastern Marine, 931 S Chapel Street, Newark, DE 19713

FEBRUARY MEETING MINUTES

The February meeting of the Del RC Club was called to order at 7:30PM on Tuesday, February 7th, by President John Kirchstein. There were 24 attendees.

Former club member David Ashby is rejoining: Welcome Back, David.

For "Show and Tell," Jim Schlapfer brought an in-the-bones and dated Pica "Waco." Apparently, this plane came through the world famous collection of Tony Albence.

Jim has already spent quite a few hours stripping the old covering away and even found the name of the original owner, a club member from years past. Knowing Jim's skills, this plane will end up looking terrific which is the exact moment when Tony will ask Jim to return it!

John talked about the controline workshop that Mark led at G-Force. There were 11 attendees which was a good turnout considering it was the only morning where we had accumulating snowfall. Go figure. Everyone seemed to enjoy it and some new CL alliances were formed. Thank you G-Force for the space, the advertising, and especially the free coffee and donuts.

Mark Weiss reported next that he and Frank Donnelly just met with the "Friends of Bellanca" at their monthly meeting. Frank and Mark proposed to the group that they allow CL fliers to prepare some unused land at the site and allow CL planes to fly there. Everyone thought it was a good idea, and one that would be mutually beneficial to both the Friends of Bellanca as well as the CL community. At this point, we anticipate the CL group will form their own AMA-approved club and not be part of any existing RC club. Each new club member will be required to join the "Friends of Bellanca." This is only a \$25.00 annual contribution. More will come later.

Davey Moyer gave a very positive report on all the work and resulting efforts that culminated with the club's new and fantastic shed. Thank you Davey and the guys who

FEBRUARY MEETING MINUTES (cont.)

did all the work, and this was work. Thank you to all club members who were there and helped.

Mark updated the group on the inclusion of control line as the official sixth flight line area for the 30th Annual Joe Nall. The official web site has been updated with the new and exciting details regarding CL. There will be 2-3 circles with one dedicated to new pilot training (crashing too) as well as official demos. Some of the very best CL Stunt pilots in the country have agreed to attend.

John reviewed the latest Congressional decisions regarding RC modeling and airspace. For now, it appears that our flying will remain as it has been without any undue new restrictions.

John has been posting updated articles as they have been appearing in the media and from AMA.

The group was reminded of the upcoming WRAMS Show at the new location near Giants Stadium and the Meadowlands. For us, it represents at least an one hour shorter drive each way and a far superior set up.

Davey Moyer talked about mechanical abuse that has taken place to our tractor. This is an expensive piece of equipment and using it for tasks for which it is not designed is not a smart thing. If a plane is up in a tree, for example, using the tractor and the bucket as a retrieval vehicle is not a good idea and will cause significant repair costs. We are talking about thousands of dollars.

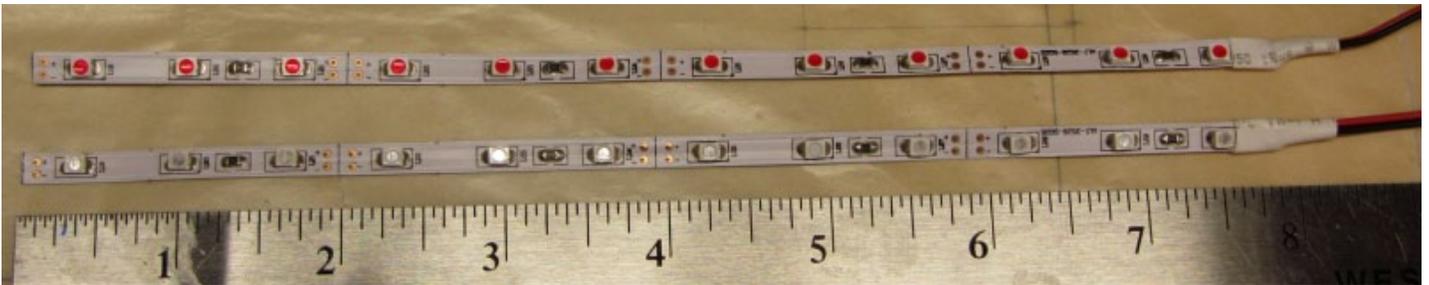
The meeting adjourned at 8:45PM with the next Meeting on Tuesday, March 6th at the Newark Senior Center. See you there!

NEW MEMBER

We met up with our new member David Ashby at the field this week.

LOST & FOUND

This month an airplane canopy, two strips of LED lights and a tire were found on and around the field. The tire was found in the woods.



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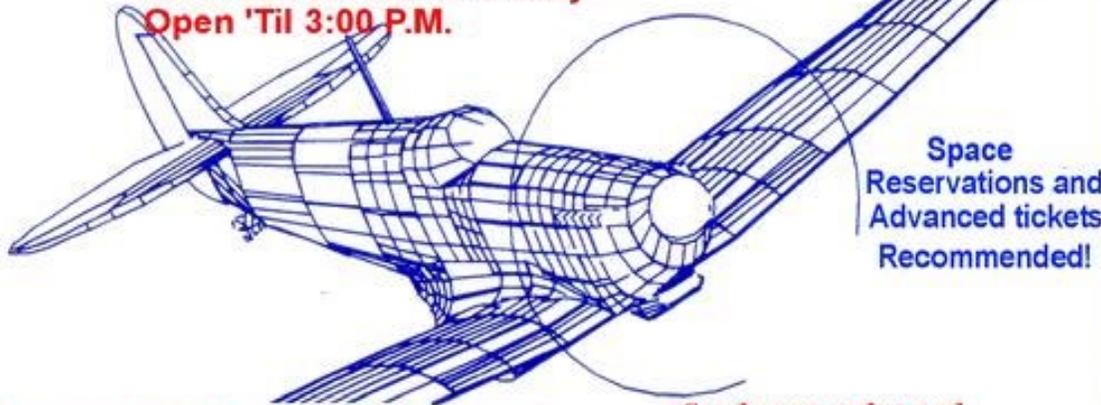
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INSTALLING THE NEW SHED

Last month, we told you all about the installation of the new shed. This month, we're bringing you the pictures.





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