



Glitch Busters

August 2019



EVENTS

FLEA MARKET AND SWAP MEET
November 16, 2019

AMA #197

WARBIRDS OVER DELAWARE 2019 - by Roger & Scott

Warbirds Over Delaware was once again a huge success. We had 120 pilots and about 300 giant scale warbirds. The weather was not nearly as hot as some years, the winds were great for flying, and the pattern was constantly filled with planes.

The weather was great for most of the event, but on Thursday afternoon the flight line was shutdown early for a thunderstorm. Pilots quickly got their planes into the circus tents and battened down their other belongings in preparation for the blow. Boy did it blow! It wasn't a thunderstorm bearing down on us, it was two entire areas of thunderstorms that hit a couple hours apart. We got 3.5 inches of rain in a couple hours, and violent winds that bent the trees at the field at a 45 degree angle. For the first time in Warbirds history one of



the circus tents tore in the wind and rain. There were dozens of planes in the tent, but amazingly only five planes were damaged. Elsewhere on the field 10x10 canopies were brutally battered by the wind. An estimated 20 canopies were damaged or destroyed. It was a rough night, but the tent company brought a new circus tent up from Baltimore, and had it up within a few hours after the storm. The next morning people replaced or repaired their canopies, grabbed their planes, and started flying. The field was partially flooded, and for a couple hours planes were leaving rooster tails on take off and landing, but by noon you wouldn't know that anything ever happened.

Each year popular airplanes such as the P-51 Mustang, P-47 Thunderbolt, Spitfire, Zero, Corsair, Sopwith Pup, Fokker Dr.1 Tri-plane, and Fokker D.VII are always well represented at WOD. The unique airplanes, the ones that aren't modeled very often, are the ones we keep an eye out for. This year we had quite a few models that aren't

seen that often: a huge Grumman TBF Avenger that drops a scale torpedo, a de Havilland Twin Otter in Canadian military markings, a Soviet Polikarpov I-17, a P-26 Pea Shooter, a Westland Lysander, 2 Huge B-25s, and an equally huge B-26. That's just the piston planes. We had jets galore. Not one but three twin turbine powered A-10s, Paul Latourneau brought a beautiful F-86 and BAE Hawk 127, Scott Geller brought back his Huge BAE Hawk, and The Malchiones brought a monster F-18 in Blue Angels livery. For those who like civilian planes, Andy Kane brought a civilian model of a Chinese J-10B with thrust vectoring (yes, a thrust vectored turbojet on a model), and Scott Geller brought the biggest jet of all: the Leonardo. It weighs 80 lbs and has 70 lbs of thrust.

The noon airshow showcased the amazing big bombers and the jets mentioned above.

It was filled with sights and sounds to remember. Adam
Lilly did his popular flying farmer routine



with
a Fokker
Tri-plane. Adam
got so close to the
trees, that I could swear
that I saw trees moving out of
the way. Adam does a great act, but this year
he really out did himself. The WWI scramble was smaller this year. I
think due to the nasty crosswind we had in Friday and Saturday. The WWII scramble
was larger and louder. Several pilots took to doing low passes going flat out. The
bombers were a sight to see. They are massive, and when they throttle up you can feel
the sound. Then came the jets. They are always impressive, but the standout for me
was Andy Kane's J-10B, the Chinese thrust vectored jet. He made that airplane do
things that should be impossible. Words can't describe what he was able to do. If you
were lucky enough to have seen it, you know what I mean.

All in all it was a great event. I hope you were able to see it. If not, why not come next
year?















































Photo by Tom DiCuirci

FACEBOOK SAVES THE DAY - by Scott McClurg

I don't have a personal Facebook account. I never really saw the point. But about six years ago, I created a page for Warbirds Over Delaware at the suggestion of Fast Eddie, the announcer for Warbirds Over Delaware.

A few hundred people followed us the first year and it's grown ever since. We found pretty quickly that Facebook let us reach people faster than any other medium we used. If we posted something to Facebook, people would look at it within minutes. If they liked it, they'd share the info with their contacts, and we'd reach even more people.

We used Facebook to build excitement around the event and to share last minute details, like the design of that year's t-shirt, but we still relied on traditional media, like newspapers, TV and radio, to get the word out to spectators.

This year, we weren't as successful as we usually are in getting the media to cover us. Days before the event, we realized how little coverage we had and we were afraid that the general public weren't aware of the event. We needed to get the word out fast. Traditional media typically want a lot of notice. Usually at least a month.

We tried something new. I posted a note to Facebook saying, "We haven't had as much publicity this year as we'd like. Help us get the word out! Tell your friends & family." I included a snazzy photo with event details.

The response was far beyond our expectations. The post went up on the Sunday before the event around 3:00 in the afternoon. By 9:00 the next morning, we'd reached 11,000



people. That evening, the count was up to 15,000. Today, it has been seen by over 36,000 people and it's been shared by over 360 people. It also convinced nearly 300 new people to follow our page.

The final turn out for the event was good enough to allow us to sell out of t-shirts, which goes a long way to deferring the cost of the event. Without the Facebook campaign, you could have seen tumbleweeds blowing across the parking lot.

Next year, we are still going to use traditional media to advertise the event, but we'll definitely use Facebook, too.

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If you're looking for iMAC, it's coming next month. We wanted to give each of our big flying events an issue of its own this year.

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LOCATION**



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EVENTS:

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Giant Scale Civilian RC Aircraft
Extreme Aerobatic Demonstrations
200 MPH Turbine Powered Jets
Food Concessions
Raffle Prizes

DATE / LOCATION:

September 21, 2019 - September 22, 2019
17230 Swanson Road Upper Marlboro, MD

Runway Coordinates:
38 degrees 51'03"N 78 degrees 41'59" W
40' X 800' Asphalt Paved Runway
100' X 800' Grass Strip With Unobstructed
Flying Area

Flying Starts 9am to 4pm Both Days

Pilot Event Landing Fee - \$20.00

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