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The President's Message

Well here we are April already is everyone ready to fly. The cleanup went well at the Christian academy. And the war bird test flights went well .These small planes fly really well for their size and with the wind it was outstanding; this should be quite a show .So don't forget Sat April 14th is the day.

At this meeting we will have to firm up people and events for Pride day if someone has some ideas please speak up. We want this one to be just as good as or better than last year.

If anyone has a Trenton terror built please bring to the meeting.

Thanks hope to see you at the meeting

Dick Seiwel

*Agenda for April 10th Meeting
At Middletown Township Library;
Opens at 7pm meeting at 7:30 pm*

1. Membership Report
2. Finance Report
3. Field Situations
4. Flying Field Improvements
5. Review of Club Scheduled Activities
6. Plan for Cox Warbird Day
7. Old Timer Building Program Status
8. Show and Tell

Minutes of the Propstoppers Monthly Meeting 13th March at the Middletown Library

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Vice President Dave Bevan

A roll-call by Ray Wopatek found 18 members and 1 guest present A treasurer's report by Phil Ottinger was presented and accepted without comment

Minutes of the January meeting were approved by the membership as published, the February meeting having been cancelled due to weather.

Old Business:

Ed Goretzka volunteered to write a piece for Middletown Pride Day, Saturday May 12th. Dave Bevan said he would bring the remaining balsa gliders to the pride day to give out to interested spectators. Several members agreed to bring their planes to this event. President Dick Seiwel said he would contact some helicopter demo flyers to see if they would come also. Dave Harding said he would bring his RV, big canopy and his control line plane. Ed Goretzka has invited one of his MECA engine guys who will run old engines. President Seiwel updated us on negotiations for a new field near the Sleighton farm.

New Business:

Dick Seiwel spoke about field preparations for the coming year. The club agreed to work on Christian Academy on March 31st Saturday at 10:00 a.m.

Rick Grothman is planning his Cox Warburg day for April 14th, Sunday at the Christian Academy field. We will be gathering at 10:30 a.m. for the day's events.

Show and tell.

Phil Ottinger showed his Lazy Ace biplane which he recently acquired. It looks like a giant scale model powered by a converted Weed-Whacker motor.

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Dave Harding showed his Cox Spitfire kit with suggestions on parts that can be used. He also showed his full-size 72 in. Trenton Terror, the subject of the Propstoppers Old Timer Build. He's flown it with several electric and gas power systems

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Calendar of Events

Club Meetings

Regular Meeting at Middletown Township
Library: opens 7 pm, meeting 7:30 pm
Tuesday 10th April, 2006

Next Meeting Tuesday 8th April 2007

Tuesday Breakfast Meeting
The Country Deli, Rt. 352 Glenn Mills
9 till 10 am. Just show up.
Flying afterwards at Sleighton Field

Regular Club Flying

At Middletown / Sleighton Field
Monday - Friday;
10 am until dusk - Electric Only
Saturday
10 - 3pm-for FUEL PLANES and
10 - Dusk for Electric
Sunday - 12 - Dusk - Electric Only

At Christian Academy; Electric Only
Monday through Friday after School till dusk
Saturday 10 am till dusk
Sunday, after Church; 12 pm till dusk

Special Club Flying

Saturday mornings 10 am Sleighton Field
Tuesday mornings 11 am Sleighton Field

Note; only electric powered airplanes.
Beginners using due caution and respecting club
rules may fly GWS Slow Stick without
instructors.

Rick Grothman showed the bones of his Playboy senior built from a Holman short kit.

Mark Burkemeyer showed his mini Llama indoor helicopter with counter rotating blades. He currently flies it in his basement.

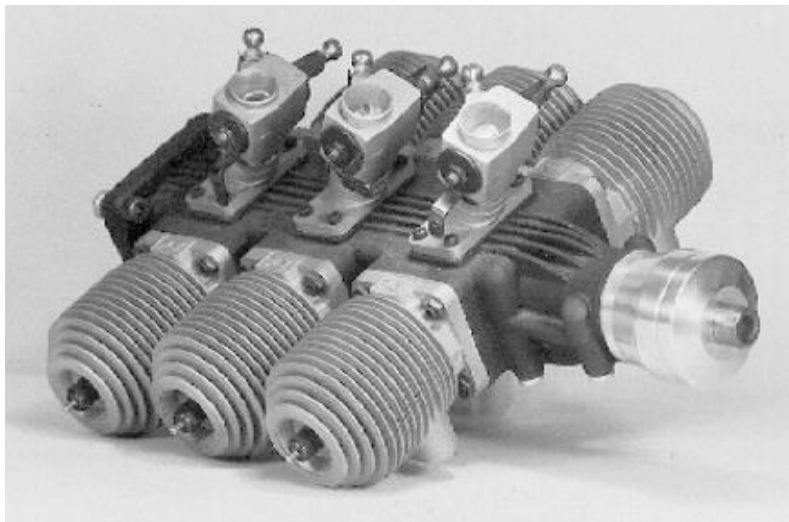


Adjournment took place at 8:45 p.m.

Richard Bartkowski, Secretary

Get Ready for Middletown Community Pride Day

One of the activities planned for the Middletown Community Pride Day is running of engines. Last year the Township organizers asked us to make as much noise as we like; the Williamson Free School grounds are substantial. So Ed Goretzka has asked one of his fellow Model Engine Collectors Association members to bring out some old and interesting engines. I hope other club members will do the same. Remember to bring a test stand and other support equipment, or coordinate with Ed. or your buddies to be sure you have what you need. You will charge the glow plug igniter, won't you? Anyway, it would be a good time to dig into your deep stash and see if the old engines are ready to run. While you are at it, bring them out to the next club meeting.



Well, it doesn't have to be this special for you to participate. Just, as they say in the Drag Racing World; "Run what you brung".

Dave Harding

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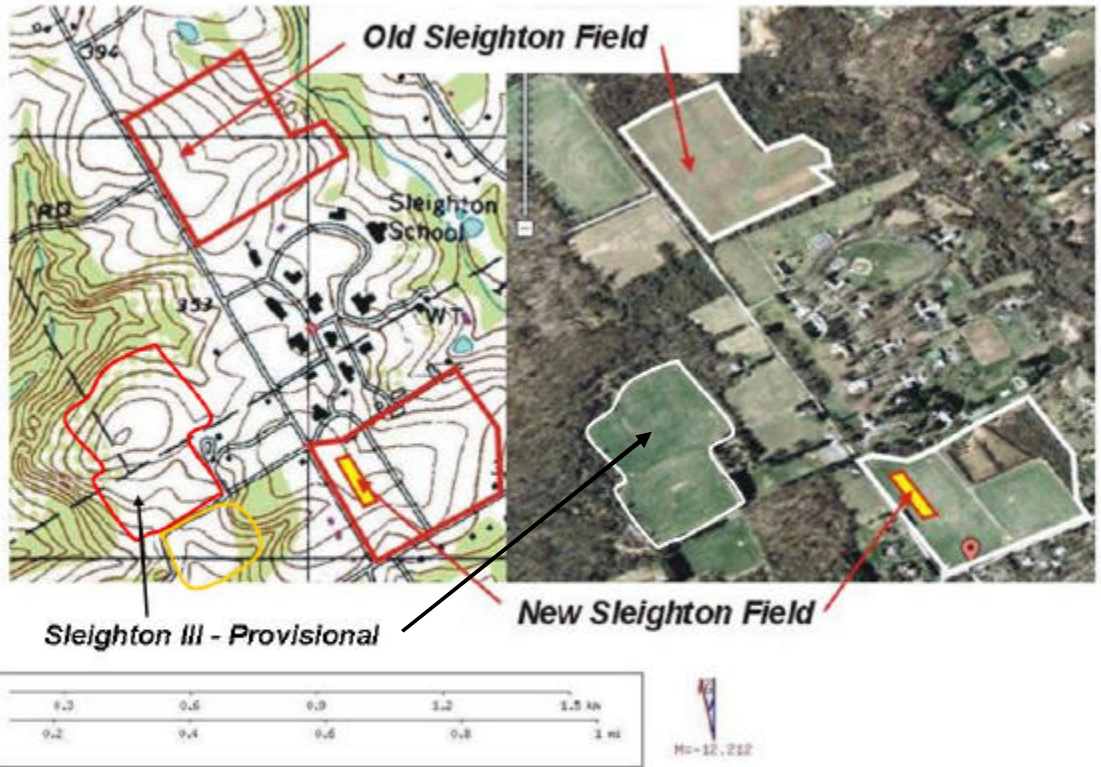
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Field Matters

A New Sleighton Field?

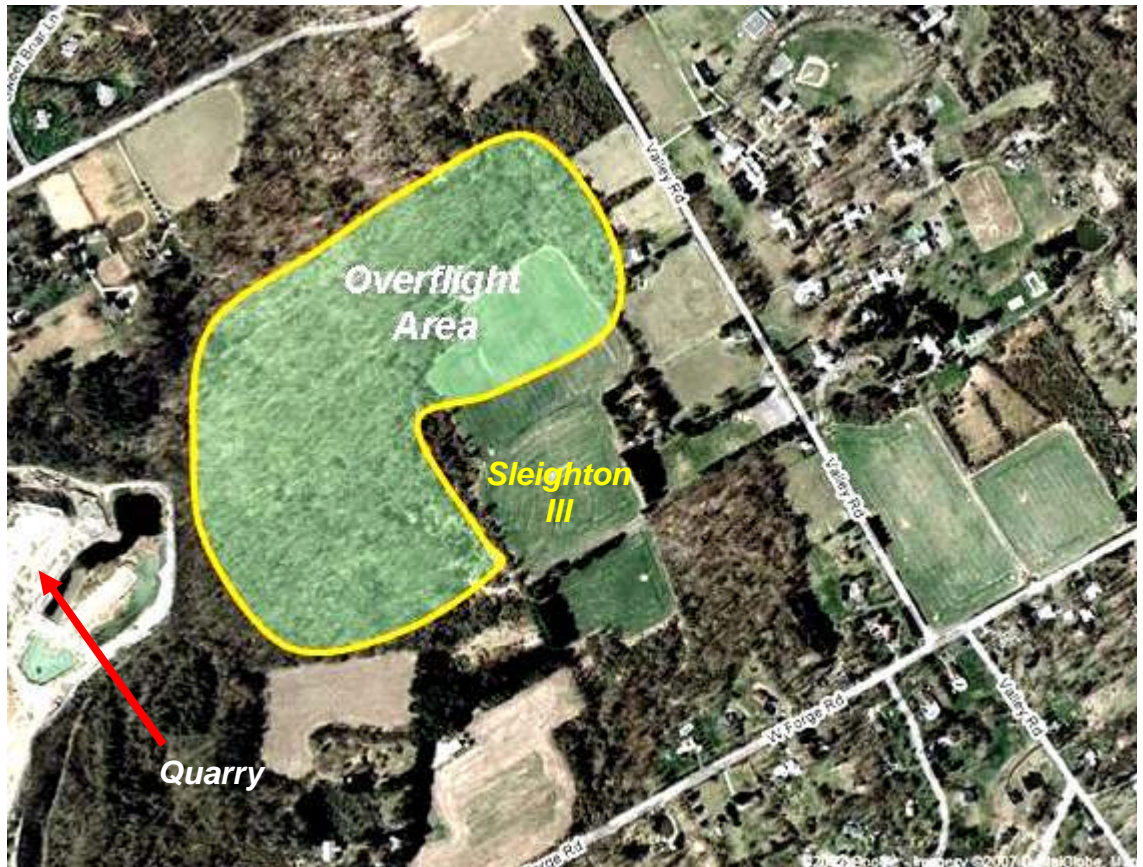
There are a couple of field developments to report this month. First, a news item in Trading Times reported that the Christian Academy property is sold for the development of eighteen houses (I think) and a ten acre open space. We think the open space must be "our" field with "Lake Christian" and some of the woods. They might have realized that the field is, like it or not, a wetland. Under current EPA rules you cannot drain a wetland, nor can you develop it. So, keep your fingers crossed and hope that we can continue to strike a deal for the use of the field. Except this time it will be, once again, with Middletown Township.



The second item is regarding the field that member, Dr. Mike, is pursuing for us. This field, shown here, is still in the hands of the owner's lawyers and discussions are moving slowly.

This field, which I have called Sleighton III, is indeed on what was once Sleighton Farms land, but this piece has been sold to private owners. They hope to develop the land.

Former Treasurer, Jim Burrows, lived near here and he is doubtful about their getting permission to develop this close to the Glenn Mills quarry due to the blasting effects. Regardless, if we can make arrangements to use it we would have a pretty good field.

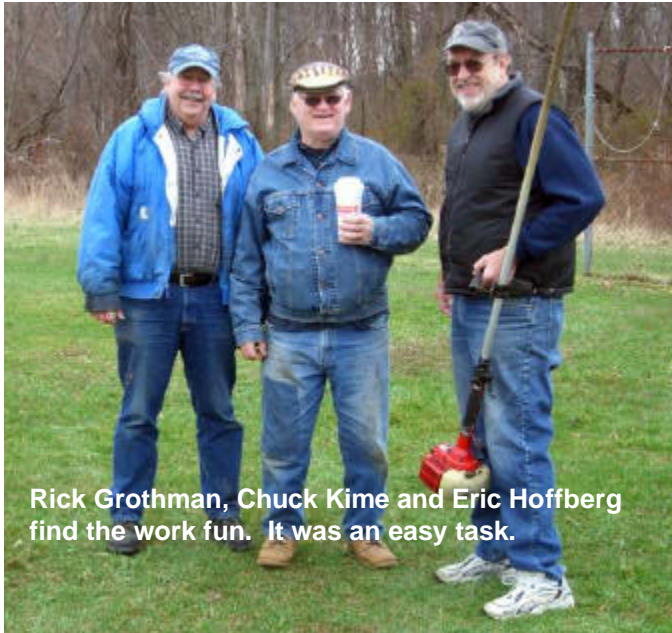


Meanwhile we hear that the Chester County club has just lost their field, the second or third in the last few years. It is getting tougher folks.

Dave Harding

Christian Academy Field Fix Up Day

President and field director, Dick Seiwel, called a fix up "day" at Christian Academy field although he declared that there was not much work involved, so bring some planes to fly too. Sure enough, the guys cleared the debris of rotting Propstopper shelters and other stuff quite quickly and didn't even encounter the serpent reported from earlier attempts. Could it have slid back into Lake Christian just to strike another day?



Rick Grothman, Chuck Kime and Eric Hoffberg find the work fun. It was an easy task.



OK Dick, tell me again about the ten-foot long, two-inch diameter black snake you found here. You don't look that worried now.

The soft ground had caught out someone who had driven over the northern end of the runway leaving ruts and getting stuck in the rough. So Dick declared we should drive over the ruts with his mower in an attempt to lay them down somewhat. Well, after years of taking pictures of other Propstoppers driving Dick's equipment it was finally my turn. Not sure if we accomplished much with the ruts but at least they were way down the end and it would be quite difficult to actually touch down there. I know a good deal about rolling dirt as that is the primary chore in the maintenance of natural clay tennis courts, like we built in our back yard twenty five years ago. It is a bit like rolling dough, it must be quite well soaked to allow a flattening action but dry enough that it

does not stick to the roller. Outside these conditions you are just wasting your time.



After all these years of watching the Big Dogs operate Dick Seiwel's equipment, Editor Dave Harding gets his turn

So the problem is to have access to a heavy roller at exactly the right time weather-wise. Dick tells me that farmer Dallatt's roller is practically beyond our reach now and he knows of no other we might use. Anyone out there have a connection? Rolling is really the only way to get a smooth surface.

Well, we rather quickly cleaned up the pit area and removed the debris so it was time to see if it is still a good field. The Cox Micro Warbird Day being only two weeks away, three of us brought out our Warbirds for checkout.



Cox Warbirds ready to go. The test flights went well, if you count Rick's failed launch as an attempt.

Rick Grothman had a launch oops with his new Zero and needed to make a workshop fix before further testing, but Eric Hoffberg had a good first flight with his Bf-109 and your editor did likewise with his east coast Spitfire. The Spitfire is fitted with a LiPoly and if flew just fine after the rudder gain was adjusted. Now it is time to put on the decals and get ready for the meet.

Meanwhile I ordered three other planes and I am looking for some members to build these to fly at the meet. There is very little choice from stock right now so I ordered two P-47's and one P-40, which should arrive on the day of the next meeting; Tuesday 10th April.

Dave Harding

Cox Warbird Day; Saturday 14th April at Christian Academy Field

Event organizer Rick Grothman is planning some structure for this, our first flying event of the season. Should we have sufficient models we will have the morning focused on the European Theater and Pacific Theater in the afternoon.

It will be quite interesting to see just how many of these fine models are built in time for the meet. I bought eight last year and so far few of them have turned out, including my Spitfire; although I corrected that by flying last Saturday.

Mick Harris was the first to fly with his Corsair, but unfortunately this model has poor flying qualities and was found by Mick and Dick Bartkowski to be almost un-flyable. It looked neat though.



The Cox advertisements now lists Bf-109, FW-190 and Zero as being added to the existing fleet of P-40, P-47, P-51, Corsair and Spitfire. Unfortunately, although the west coast hobby shops are literally loaded floor to ceiling with these models you can't find them around here.

I made an order through the Cox website and although they only showed a few of these I found they had even fewer in

stock. As explained in the prior article, I have ordered three new kits for delivery on the day of our next meeting, Tuesday 10th April so there will be plenty of time for someone to build them ready for the meet. I ordered batteries and spare props too.

Rick asked if anyone had a bomber to make the flights more realistic and a better show so I am trying to finish up the old B-24 model I started years ago. Who knows, we may have one to play with.

My test hack uses an old foam glider wing but the rest is in scale for a B-24A. It has four speed 400 7.2 volt direct drive motors. I plan to use the Polyquest two-cell 4000 mah LiPo battery and a 50 amp ESC. Individually the motors draw just over ten amps although I would expect somewhat less with all four pulling down the battery voltage. I am not sure what color scheme to use yet. The first batch off the line in San Diego were ordered by the French, but they had been over-run by the time delivery was due so the British took over the order. Later the US forces flew them, so is it Roundels or Stars and Bars?



Dave Harding

Editor, Dave Harding's B-24 hack. Once again on the front burner. I hope it gets finished in time for some "Missions".



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Propstoppers at the last Tinicum Indoor meet of the season. The proliferation of fine flying \$30 Chinese "toys" have changed the face of our indoor meets. I found this was also true in England where I visited a similar meet in a school gym close to my mother's house.

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Future Events

Saturday 14th April Cox Micro Warbird Day

Saturday 12th May, Middletown Township
Community Pride Day at the Williamson
Trade School.

Saturday 16th June, Aerobat Day

Saturday 14th July, Club Picnic

Membership Renewal For 2007 - Last Chance

Membership renewal for 2007 is now required. You can renew by mail or at the club meeting in April.

**After this you will loose your club privileges!
Bring cash or check and your AMA card.**

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