



# The Flightline



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## President's Message



I hope you all got the change for the Meeting Nite the 10th to the 17th this should be a one time change.

We have a special treat for the kick off of the New Year; our own denizen of decals John Moloko will present a work shop

on everything you ever wanted to know about creating your own decals.

John will be teaching us about the different types of decal papers for specific types of decals, where to get the paper, how to use photo programs and Microsoft Word, printers and setting up your own library of decal designs. Don't forget to bring a thumb drive or blank CD if you would like a copy of John's designs, free to our members. Also, John will be bringing real coffee!!

## Minutes of the Propstoppers model airplane club

December 13, 2011 at the Middletown library

Call to order took place at 6:35 PM by Vice-President Eric Hofberg.

No formal roll call was taken but 15 members were present.

Minutes of the November meeting were approved as printed in the newsletter.

### Old Business:

Christian academy field is still very wet and almost impassable. The pond and water table are almost to the field ground level. Elwyn Field is still in good shape. It is still new with some brambles and poison ivy on the ground so be careful. Indoor flying: both the Tincum and Brookhaven gym has been active and is continuing through the winter.

### New Business:

Eric Hofberg spoke about his open house that will display his extensive model train collection. The open house will be on December 26 and has been well attended in the past. John Moloko volunteered to bring coffee and doughnuts to our future meetings. Adjournment took place at 7:10 PM so that the members could see the flea market items that were displayed throughout the room.

## Creating a USAF "Bird Dog" From a Parkzone Micro J3 Cub

Well, it didn't take long before the walls of Tincum gym decided to reach out and touch my new micro J3 cub.

Although it only sustained a broken prop-shaft; most of you know the routine..... cut the

decals, cut your fingers, crack open the fuse and curse, get some coffee, curse a little more and then replace the stupid shaft with one you don't have.

I took my revenge and frustration out on the little J3 by deciding to do a make-over into a fire breathing USAF "bird dog" we used to harass the VC with, back in the not so good old days.



Step one called for a light sanding to rough up the paint and persuade the last remnants of old sticky decals to take a hike! While at it, I decided to trash the J3 engines and fill in the

holes with Micro-balloons, aka "Hobbylite filler" from Hobbico.

Now prepped, it was time to start laying on a base coat of paint over the now absent decals and a little more fine sanding. A trip to ACE hardware found a rack of small "Benjamin Moore" decorator paints jars, which are foam-safe and available in every color imaginable. The paint is rather thick and needed thinning a bit with water to work with my airbrush. FYI, the paint covers extremely well and dries faster than I can crash! Great paint for foam.

No "bird dog" would be complete without a few 2.75 air-to-ground missiles. As you can see from the pics; a length of balsa 3/16 stock, chucked in a drill and spun against a grinding wheel did a great job of shaping the warhead. I

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2011-2012 Indoor Flying Season!

Tinicum:

6:30 - 9:30  
February 3rd  
March 2nd.

Brookhaven:

6:30 - 9:30  
January 14th  
February 18th  
March 17th.

### **Agenda for January 17th Meeting At the Middletown Free Library:**

Doors open at 6:00 and the meeting starts at 6:30.

1. Membership Report
2. Finance Report
3. Show and Tell

## Calendar of Events

### Club Meetings

#### Monthly Meetings

Second Tuesday of the month.  
Middletown Free Library  
Next Meeting:

January 17th

#### Tuesday Breakfast Meeting

Tom Jones Restaurant on Edgemont Avenue in Brookhaven.  
9 till 10 am. Just show up.  
Flying after at Chester Park 10 am.

### Regular Club Flying

At Christian Academy; Electric Only  
Monday through Friday 3 PM till dusk  
Saturday 10 am till dusk  
Sunday, after Church; 12 pm till dusk

### Special Club Flying

Saturday mornings 10 am  
Thursday evenings in the Summer  
Tuesday mornings 10 am weather permitting after breakfast at Chester Park.

Check our Yahoo Group for announcements;  
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/propstoppers/>

then decide to drill through the shafts solely for weight reduction. Two each of the rocket were then CA'd to a piece of 3mm foam shaped to the air foil and glued to each wing.

With a final coat of paint, it was time to get creative with the computer and wrassel a few decals out of the color printer. Of course the job would not be complete without paying homage to our Pres. Dick Seiwel who suggested my flying reminded him of the "Grim Reaper". I found the skull and sickle in MS Word clipart and in a few minutes I had a nose art design worthy of any discerning critic of my flying style. Now, about those rockets..... hmmm, some black powder, electric fuse.....

*John "JOMO" Moloko*

