



The Flightline



Volume 42, Issue 3

Newsletter of the Propstoppers RC Club AMA 1042

March 2012

President's Message



John Moloko did an outstanding with his decal presentation -- thanks John! This meeting we will schedule the club picnic,s and other events for the year. Talk about field use, how to enter the Christian Academy field without

getting stuck in the mud. We will have time for Show & Tell so bring your's in. March 17 th will be the last indoor fun fly for this year. Hope to see you at the meeting.

Dick Seiwell

Minutes of the Propstoppers model airplane club

February 14, 2012 at the Middletown library

Call to order took place at 6:40 PM by VP Eric hoffberg. A count of the room showed 14 members present. Minutes of the January meeting were approved by the membership. Treasurer's report by Pete Oetinger was presented to the group.

Old Business:

Dick Seiwell discussed spring planning to improve the Elwyn Field. He would like to suppress the poison ivy and also lengthen the runway. VP Eric hoffberg suggested that we encourage more indoor flying participation by enforcing separate times for each class of model. Eric also gave a report about membership chair Ray Wopatek who has been ill recently. He said Ray has improved markedly and should return home soon. He also said that Ray is very interested in resuming his duties as membership chair.

Show and Tell:

Jeff Frazier showed his small model of the F - 22 that he constructed from depron foam sheets which he cut. He said he will post plans for the model probably on the club web site. John Moloko continued his presentation on making decals for our models using a computer graphics system. He maintains a supply of images that he is willing to share with the group.

Adjournment took place at 7:45 PM

Dick Bartkowski

Indoor Flying Rules

Our final INDOOR FLY is set for Saturday, March 17th, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Brookhaven Gym. We would like to have a great turnout!

Our club has a long history of winter indoor flying, and we have been very fortunate in expanding the opportunities by renting the Brookhaven Borough Gym in the last couple of years. We have seen most Propstoppers members and invited guests fly all manner of airplanes over the years; and we have also experienced the expansion in types of models and flying performance. In earlier days few helicopters were flown and 3-D flying had not been invented, although the IFO moved some of the members into this area.

I bring this discussion because to maximize the fun and opportunities for all members, it has become necessary to separate the flying of these disparate flying styles. Why, you may ask? Well, it is because they don't mix well, and we have experienced a series of recurring collision events resulting in significant expense and loss of flying opportunities for those involved. Of course, it would be ideal if we had a whole day dedicated to each kind of flying: Mondays Helicopters, Tuesday 3-D, and Wednesday Vapors and ultralights, etc. But that is not going to happen, so the next best thing is to separate the flying styles during the evening. We have been doing this on a casual basis, but it doesn't seem to work that way and we are still suffering crashes. We discussed these issues at the February meeting.

It was agreed at the February club meeting that in order to offer a more user-friendly flying environment for every member, we will re-implement and enforce a flying schedule based not only on the type of aircraft being flown, but also on the style of flying. The segments would be as follows, but not necessarily in this order:

- 3-D airplanes and 3-D style flying
- Slow flyers (Vapors, Embers, other similar lite flyers)
- Fast Planes (including planes such as micro T-28s, Mustangs, Corsairs, etc.)
- Helicopters
- Mixed will be "fly at your own risk," in which all types and styles of fixed-wing aircraft may be flown.

Each segment is scheduled for 15 minutes, subject to

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/>

change at the discretion of the event director should the makeup of the fliers allow a better combination and so long as every member gets the opportunity to fly. The event director's decision is final.

We ask all in attendance to stay off the flying "field" and to be respectful of other fliers when they go to retrieve their aircraft—after they have announced their intention by stating "on the field" (or words to that effect).

It is our hope that this system will ensure that all of our members will have a safe and enjoyable time flying their planes. The club reserves the right to ground anyone who refuses to adhere to these procedures.

Please note that as a club we welcome members' input regarding the rules and procedures under which we fly; but these matters should be discussed at the club meetings. Specifically, any concerns or reservations about rules or procedures should not take place via club Yahoo email or at the flying events; rather, they should be brought up at our meetings, where all members are able to offer their opinions and the appropriate agreements on procedures can be formally made.

Eric Hoffberg

Mike Williams - Editor
12 Ravine Rd
Wilmington, DE 19810
302-475-1249

Agenda for March 13th 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

Propstoppers RC Club of Delaware County,
Pennsylvania Club Officers

President Dick Seiwel

(610) 566-2698 reslawns@verizon.net

Vice President Eric Hofberg

(610) 565-0408 bgsteam@comcast.net

Secretary Richard Bartkowski

(610) 566-3950 rbartkowski@comcast.net

Treasurer Pete Oetinger

(610) 627-9564

Membership Chairman Ray Wopatek

(610) 259-4942 raywop@juno.com

Safety Officer Eric Hofberg

(610) 565-0408

Newsletter Editor and webmaster Mike Williams

(302)-475-1249 mike@ddsw.com

Propstoppers Web Site; www.propstoppers.org

Material herein may be freely copied for personal use but shall not be reproduced for sale.

2011-2012 Indoor Flying Season!

Tinicum:

Brookhaven:

6:30 - 9:30

March 17th.