



The Flightline



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President's Message

Let's try an **outside meeting** for this time if it rains we can go inside . There will be no coffee just a short meeting an lots of flying so bring your planes. This was one of the best picnics of all thanks for coming out .

This meeting we will talking about a picnic with the church; Oct. 8th 3:00 till dark. They would like to see an air show. Hopefully we can come up with a plan. They do give us a fine meeting room

Dick Seiwel, President

*Agenda for July 12th Meeting At
At the CA Field
Meeting 7:00pm till 8:30?
Flying before.*

1. Membership Report
2. Finance Report
3. Club Calendar Review
4. Show and Tell

Minutes of the Propstoppers Model Airplane Club June 14, 2016 at the Christian academy meeting room

Call to order took place at 7:12 PM by President Dick Seiwel

Roll call by membership chair Ray Wopatek showed 18 members and 1 guest present

Minutes of the May meeting as published were approved
Treasurer's report was omitted in the absence of the treasurer

Old Business:

The President announced that both fields are in good shape for flying.

New Business:

The president said that Elwyn Field will be cut on Monday or Tuesday for the popular Tuesday morning flying. Christian academy field will be cut on Wednesday or Thursday for evening flying.

Plans for the club picnic on Saturday, June 25 were finalized.

Show and Tell:

Jeff Frazier showed a blade 180 CFX Helicopter, a small model with full size setup. Everyone agreed that it flies great.

Jeff Thaete showed a SIG Tri-Star canard model that has been set up with counter rotating props. It is reported to have a unique sound in the air and flies very well. (See picnic pictures below.)

Adjournment took place at 7:56 PM

Dick Bartkowski Secretary

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Next Club Picnic

August 20, 2016 from 3:00 PM to dusk

Calendar of Events

Club Meetings

Monthly Meetings

Second Tuesday of the month.

Gateway Community Church at the Christian Academy. Doors open at 7:00

Next Meeting; 12th July at the CA Field

Tuesday Breakfast Meeting

Tom Jones Restaurant on Edgemont Avenue in Brookhaven. 9 till 10 am. Just show up.

Flying after in the summer at CA or Elwyn Field 10 am. Weather permitting.

Indoors at the Brookhaven Gym in bad weather 10:30-11:30 See dates allowable.

Regular Club Flying

At Old Christian Academy; **Electric Only**

Monday through Friday after school till dusk

Saturday 10 am till dusk

Sunday, after Church; 12 pm till dusk

At Elwyn Field; **Gas or Electric**

Monday through Saturday 8 am till dusk

Sunday 12 pm till dusk

INDOOR Flying, see attached dates.

Special Club Flying

Saturday mornings 10 am

Wednesday Helicopter evening in summer

Thursday evenings in the summer

Tuesday mornings 10 am weather permitting after breakfast.

Check our Yahoo Group for announcements;

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/propstoppers/>

Beginners

Beginners using due caution and respecting club rules may fly Apprentice or similar models without instructors at Christian Academy Field.

The club also provides the AMA Introductory Pilot Program for beginners without AMA insurance.

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The Magnificent June Club Picnic. The Best Ever?

The annual June club picnic was blessed with an outstanding turn out and wonderful weather. Flying was well underway at the 3 pm published starting time but some members had been there flying since 10 am.

It was great to see so many members bringing out their families to share the day too.

Members and guests grazed away all day at the nibbles, drinks and club provided Hoagies. President Dick Seiwel worried that he had bought too many hoagies but in the end only one half remained, and of course that was not wasted either.

As always members waited patiently till Tina Kime presented a vast bowl of "Pink Stuff" which was also steadily consumed till the bowl was empty.

So much for the picnic aspect, was there any flying? Heck yes, all day a steady if relaxed program with all kinds of models made the most of the warm calm weather.



Murray Wilson flew his Old Timer models to the enjoyment of his grandkids.





Garret Rice with his wife Trish and son Jason enjoyed the magnificent weather and even flew his new Slow Stick with ailerons.

Jeff Thaete encouraged by his friend flew a series of impressive jets and even a canard, some of them tickled the President Dick Seiwel's noise meter.





Ryan Schurman and Chris Maruzzi flew outsized aerobats putting on quite a show.



Matt Borden put on his usual outstanding show with his big helicopter but unfortunately suffered a flight battery lead failure to put this magnificent machine into the long weed. Perhaps that was fortunate as although the blades were broken much of the remaining hardware survived. It seems that the flight battery lead fractured, perhaps at the junction of the soldered joint and plain stranded wire. This is a well known weak point when exposed to extreme vibration, which this machine certainly feels with all those sudden maneuvers where the blades are crossing the wake and you hear that buzzing noise.

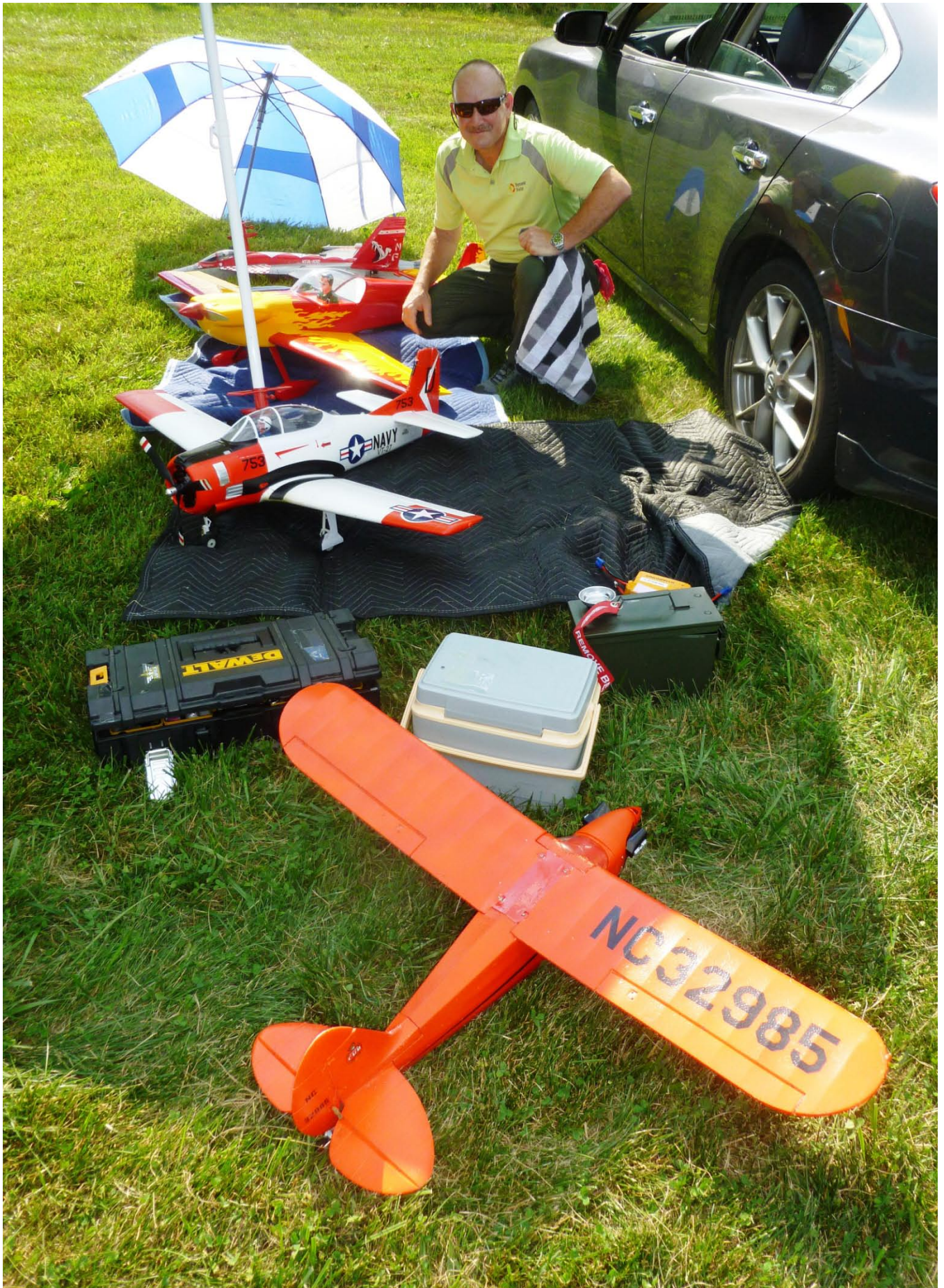
Joe Guardino and Steve Sagullo each brought out a collection of models to fly and have fun. Sorry guys, I got your names but don't remember who is which! (The curse of a newsletter editor)!





Dan DiValeo from Aston flew this interesting jet. It was very quiet compared to some but seemed a bit of a handful. He also brought out quite a selection of other models shown below including a Yak 54, Trojan T-28 and sport and Carbon Z cubs.





Pete Oetinger treated himself to this nice P-40 and had "good hands" Ryan Schurman check it out then perform the maiden flight. Looked good in flight.



Fran Misantoni also brought out a large aerobat and he flew an interesting flying wing and a couple of helicopters.



Then he went under the hood with a small quad!





Ok, so I brought out some of my old but trusty fliers the 48 inch foam delta and the foamy F-22, and a couple of SAM Speed 400 contest models, a mini sized Boehle Giant and a Russian TU-ANT-25 World Distance Record setter from 1937.

So was it the best club picnic ever?

Dave Harding

"Woodward takes third place in annual flying competition."

News Flash from Crosby Beach Landing just in: Larry Woodward, representing the Propstoppers flying club of Media PA, has shocked the locals here in Brewster MA by placing Third in an exciting "sudden death" fly-off for the Limbo Pole championship at the annual Fathers Day Fun Fly competition. In addition to "bragging rights" for a whole year, Larry walked away with nice balsa glider kit prize.



The Limbo Pole competition is one of the annual Fun Fly Day events that always provides plenty of entertainment, that is to say carnage, for the spectators and flying challenges for the competitors. Two pilots, flying concurrently, try to fly under the limbo pole (string) as many times as they can in a two minute heat. If a plane has a survivable crash, the clock is stopped while the pilot gets back in the air to complete the heat.

Here is a shot of Larry's FT Versawing coming in for an attempt while his competition, a Lazertoys Fenix, is coming around for another pass.



The Second and Third place were tied at 2.5 points each so a "sudden Death" fly-off, first man under the pole wins, was made to determine the winners. Scoring is one point for a successful pass under the wire and 1/2 point for hitting the wire.



The Limbo Pole is an easy and fun flight game for any occasion. It is simple to set up and is sure to provide lots of close in action to please the spectators and competitors alike.

Pictured Below are some of the Crosby Beach Flyboys, an "almost organized" group of AMA members that fly every morning, weather permitting, from the back side marsh at Crosby Landing Beach, Brester MA. Standing with a cane at front left is Al, the oldest member at 95, still flying, from his beach chair, most mornings.



Best regards to all for more great summer flying,

Larry

DOT and FAA Finalize Rules for Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems

https://www.faa.gov/news/press_releases/news_story.cfm?newsId=20515

We hobby RC fliers have been twisted on a proverbial string over several years while the FAA and our Government try to write laws to allow expanded use of RC aircraft, particularly for commercial purposes, while not screwing up our hobby.

The AMA acting on our behalf has hung with the whole process, initially successfully yielding section 336 of Public Law 112-95;

SEC. 336. SPECIAL RULE FOR MODEL AIRCRAFT.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law relating to the incorporation of unmanned aircraft systems into Federal Aviation Administration plans and policies, including this subtitle, the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration **may not promulgate any rule or regulation** regarding a model aircraft, or an aircraft being developed as a model aircraft, if—

- (1) the aircraft is flown strictly for hobby or recreational use;
- (2) the aircraft is operated in accordance with a community based set of safety guidelines and within the programming of a nationwide community-based organization;
- (3) the aircraft is limited to not more than 55 pounds unless otherwise certified through a design, construction, inspection, flight test, and operational safety program administered by a community-based organization;
- (4) the aircraft is operated in a manner that does not interfere with and gives way to any manned aircraft; and
- (5) when flown within 5 miles of an airport, the operator of the aircraft provides the airport operator and the airport air traffic control tower (when an air traffic facility is located at the airport) with prior notice of the operation (model aircraft operators flying from a permanent location within 5 miles of an airport should establish a mutually-agreed upon operating procedure with the airport operator and the airport air traffic control tower (when an air traffic facility is located at the airport)).

(b) STATUTORY CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit the authority of the Administrator to pursue enforcement action against persons operating model aircraft who endanger the safety of the national airspace system.

(c) MODEL AIRCRAFT DEFINED.—In this section, the term “model aircraft” means an unmanned aircraft that is—

(1) capable of sustained flight in the atmosphere; 49 USC 40101 note. 49 USC 40101 note. Deadline. VerDate Mar 15 2010 07:45 Mar 06, 2012 Jkt 019139 PO 00095 Frm 00067 Fmt 6580 Sfmt 6581 E:\PUBLAW\PUBL095.112 GPO1 PsN: PUBL095 dkrause on DSKHT7XVN1PROD with PUBLIC LAWS 126 STAT. 78 PUBLIC LAW 112–95—FEB. 14, 2012

- (2) flown within visual line of sight of the person operating the aircraft; and
- (3) flown for hobby or recreational purposes.

However, for a while the FAA seemed to ignore this expression of the Congress. But in the final proposed **RULE (note how our Government is writing more rules that seem to be laws....)** they have incorporated this law in its entirety;

Model Aircraft; Part 107 does not apply to model aircraft that satisfy all of the criteria specified in section 336 of Public Law 112-95. • The rule codifies the FAA’s enforcement authority in part 101 by prohibiting model aircraft operators from endangering the safety of the NAS.

Dave.