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The Presidents Message...

It's going to be a year to reap what we have sewn. But first, I want to thank Ray Murtha and the past BOD and interim BOD for all the hard work that went into developing a new club and flying site for the past two years. Because of all that hard work, we have a top notch site to show off. The BOD is planning to have at least one event at the field each month. For April, we will celebrate our one year anniversary on Sunday the 13th. And don't forget our annual Warbird event on May 24. Look in the web page calendar to view future planned events. These are great events to witness aircraft and skill that you may not see during the course of the normal week and it gives us a change to promote our hobby at the same time. Come out and lend a hand.

Getting your voice heard. If you have questions or concerns, please let the BOD know. Catch us at the field, post the forum site on the web or call. We are always looking for new ideas or ways we can make the club better and safer. I encourage you to attend the monthly general membership meetings held the second Thursday of the month. This is the best way to get your voice heard.

Lastly, being one of the largest RC clubs in the country has benefits and drawbacks. The biggest drawback is crowding at our field. With that, I want to remind you that we are a community and that we need to cooperate with each other so that we can operate efficiently and safely at the field. Be safe. Follow the rules. Be courteous to other flyers. Lend a hand. Help the new guys and gals. Promote our hobby to spectators. Basically, be a good citizen.

That is all for now. See you at the field.

Altitude, Airspeed, and Luck. You need at least two. Doug Christensen

Warbird promo photos for this month, are you ready for May 24th:



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

Karl Walden, Stuart Zimmelman, Robert Ciraldo, Dennis Plante, Rick Kroere, Don McLellan, Richard Vilissov, Michael Harding, Barton Goldenberg, Norman Miller, Mark Fleming, Les Berrent, Arline Berrent, Dawn Edberg, Luke Edberg, Dylan Edberg, Russ Horn, Lee Newton, Mark Eskenazi, Horton Weeks.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

Wednesday April 2, 2008
PBRCA Board Meeting
Coconut Cove Water Park

Thursday April 10, 2008
General meeting 7:30 PM
South County Civic Center
16700 Jog Road

Sunday April 13, 2008
Open House and BBQ
ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY

Sat May 4 & Sun May 5 R/C
COMBAT EVENT
Dyer Park West Palm Beach

Wed. May 7, 2008
PBRCA Board Meeting
Coconut Cove Water Park

Thursday May 8, 2008
General meeting 7:30 PM
South County Civic Center
16700 Jog Road

Saturday May 24, 2008
Warbirds over the Glades



CLICK THE LINK TO OUR
WEB PAGE FOR MORE!

Wednesday June 4, 2008
PBRCA Board Meeting
Coconut Cove Water Park

Sunday June 15, 2008
Fathers Day Fly-In!



PALM BEACH RADIO CONTROL ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING MARCH 13, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 7:30PM
New members and guests were introduced.
The February minutes were approved as read.
The treasures report was read

OLD BUSINESS

Woody gave the results of the Swap Meet Sunday, We made \$910!.

- We had election of officers.
- 1. President
 - [Doug Christensen](#)
- 2. Vice President
 - [Joe Brusco](#)
- 3. Secretary
 - [Walt Dreyfus](#)
- 4. Treasure
 - [Woody Rackoff](#)
- 5. Newsletter editor (board member)
 - [Steve Westervelt](#)
- 6. Chief training instructor (board member)
 - [Ray Murtha](#)
- 7. Chief Safety Officer (board member)
 - [Mark Drogowitz](#)
- 8. Event Director (board member)
 - [Ed Christiansen](#)

Board members must attend a minimum of six meetings a year.

NEW BUSINESS

- We had a motion from the floor to buy a container and give up the container we now have. The motion was seconded to purchase a container not to exceed \$2299 no one was opposed
- Sunday March 16 we will have a fun fly and BBQ Ed reminded the membership we will have a fun fly & BBQ Sunday March 16 pilots meeting 8:30 the field will be closed to members only.
- Alex talked about the up coming Warbird event Saturday May 24, 2008
- A motion was made and seconded to move the elections back one month to February. This is a By-Lay change and has to be posted in the newsletter than voted upon.
- A motion was made a seconded to add two field rules
- 1. There is no smoking in the pits or the area north of the spectator fence.
- 2. Club Cards are to be worn on your person in the pits or other restricted areas.
- Both changes were voted upon no one was opposed.
- A third change No chairs are permitted beyond 10 feet north of the spectator fence. Exceptions are allowed during special events as directed by the contest director. Was tabled until next meeting
- The [last table to the east](#) has been assigned as the test bench. When testing motors they are to be at this location.
- When at the flight line call all maneuvers.
- REMEMBER SAFETY FIRST

We had Show and tell, Raffle was held

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

WALT DREYFUS

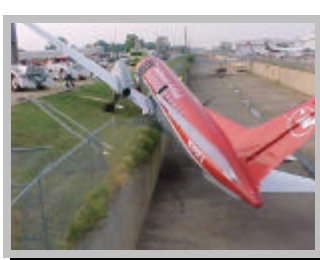
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MEETING AND FIELD PHOTOS FOR THE MONTH

PICS BY ME!



And now for a special feature this month...it's not just us RC guys that can have "airplane control" problems...



MAY I HAVE YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE!

OUR ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY IS APRIL 13...



The *Palm Beach Radio Control Association* presents:

Open House Fly-In.

Sunday, April 13 from 9:00 until 3:00 PM EST.

Open to all RC pilots with proof of a current AMA membership. All pilots must abide by PBRCA Safety Rules. No landing fee.

Demo flights conducted at 10:00, 12:00 and 2:00. Lunch provided to pilots and guests of pilots. Open flying at all other times.

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Club information: www.palmbeachrc.com

“ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM OUR “SAFETY GUY” – MARK!!

FIELD RULES HIGHLIGHTS & UPDATES:

FIRST THE BASICS! THESE ARE THE “MUST BE FOLLOWED” RULES, EVERYFLIGHT!

Pilots and Pits: Everyone that crosses the spectator fence **MUST** have a club card or AMA card. Please challenge anyone you do not recognize and ask for proof of either membership. If they do not produce a card, ask them to return to the south side of the fence. With our increase in guest traffic, this has become a major liability issue for us. This rule applies to children as well. Small children with credentials must still be escorted in the pits as per the AMA!

“Red card flyers” must be supervised. That means the supervisor can not fly his plane at the same time that their “red card” is flying theirs! Supervised take-offs and landings are a must! Call all take-offs and landings as loud as it takes to be heard. “Deadsticks” always have the right of way, sounds easy right? Spend a day as a safety officer; we can always use the help on the flightline. We as the host club are to make our flightline the safest possible. Together we can do it and we must not fail.

Smoking in the pits or on the flightline is strictly prohibited. If you do smoke in the spectator area, pick up your butts and dispose of correctly.

Engine “testing/break-in”: All “break-in” is to be conducted at the east end of the pits on the newly located table that is now the place. We all know that “excessive noise” comes with this procedure. There have been complaints to the BOD from the membership as to the distraction. We need to correct this for safety concerns at the flightline. When you call out landing or deadstick you must be heard, without a loud racing engine in the background.

Remember that before you **“TURN ON”** any radio that you have the right to do so! To have the right you need the pin, the club membership card in the pin slot, and the second club membership card clipped to you body to ID yourself...I hope this clears it up for those of us that sometimes need to be reminded! **NO EXCEPTIONS!** Until Walt issues the second club card use your AMA card in the pin slot and your club card clipped to your body. This is now the rule, and we as a club must comply

New members: You must see Walt to buy your club shirts hurry before they are gone!

Now Mark... below will be the first safety words from our new safety officer. Please read them!



Hello Pilots. My name is Mark Drogowitz (AKA “Electric Mark”) and I am your new **Safety Coordinator**. I would like to thank the Board of Directors and Membership for nominating me and electing me to this position.

Those of you who already know me (which hopefully are most of you) know that I am passionate about our great hobby and our awesome club. I will do everything I can to help make our club the safest and most enjoyable place to fly Radio Control in the country. We already are the largest club in the country, now we all have the responsibility to try to be the safest club as well.

Now for a little background about me. I have been obsessed with Radio Controlled Airplanes since I was a kid. For many years, I thought it was something I could never learn how to do and I found it difficult to find someone willing to show a Newbie the ropes. Well eventually, I bought my first Airplane and a friend and I attempted to teach ourselves to fly. Our flying was actually going surprisingly well but the landings were much too fast and hard. After countless very hard landings (or crashes as they are more commonly called) my airplane was too heavy with epoxy repairs to fly and we finally found some expert help. Since then, I have been flying regularly for about 20 years. I love to fly all types of Aircraft, but as many of you know, I have a special attraction to Electric-powered models that fly rather fast!

I moved to Florida about 5 years ago from New Jersey and immediately got involved with our club. I first met our club secretary, Sir Walt – “Keeper of the Field” and he made me feel welcome as he has done for countless members over many years. I came to the field every morning for the next two weeks and met many club members through Walt’s introductions. I met many different types of Pilots. I met the weekday morning flyers, the afternoon flyers and those crazy weekend flyers as well.

I was amazed at what a large beautiful flying site we had compared to the “postage stamp” sized field I used to try to land on in New Jersey. I was surprised by the number of large IMAC and Scale Airplanes that I saw daily at the field. But what I found most impressive was the great group of guys I met that were quickly becoming my new friends. Many were excellent pilots, as could be expected, but they were also intelligent, funny and very generous with their time and knowledge of Radio Control. Everyone I met, beginning with Walt, would drop whatever they were doing to help a fellow modeler in need. I was surprised by this behavior at first due to my previous experiences up north. I soon came to realize as I began instructing new pilots regularly, that helping a new pilot out can be a very rewarding experience in itself. When you help a brand new pilot get into the air for the first time and then safely back on the ground in one piece, you realize what our great hobby is all about. The look on that pilot’s face and the gratitude they show after their first flight is priceless. In just a few minutes of our time, we can help a new pilot discover a hobby that can be a life-long source of Joy, Stress-relief and camaraderie and that’s what it’s truly all about.

In the coming months, I will (thankfully) write less about me and more about the actual happenings going on daily at the field and particularly at the flightline. I will report to the membership what myself as well as my field safety coordinators witness going on at the field. We will talk about the good, the bad, and the ugly things we see and offer suggestions on what we can do as a club and as individuals to operate a smooth and safe flightline that can be enjoyed by beginners and expert flyers alike.

Next month I will discuss the topic of “Awareness” and how a little extra attention at the field can help us all fly safer. Well, until next time this is your new “Safety Guy” signing off.

**Have fun and always fly in control,
Mark Drogowitz
Safety Coordinator
PBRCA**



THEY ARE AT IT AGAIN! THAT’S RIGHT...

Palm Beach County Parks and Recreation *have again*, done a great job for us with the field maintenance. This month they have treated for ants, fertilized the runway and all green areas, & then did a great job with the cutting of everything! They explained to Walt their system. They are preparing to top dress the runway when the fertilizer has taken control and the grass runway will be amazing. Walt explained to them some of our water problem “pit areas” and those will be treated as well!! Many thanks to a great team of hard workers, looks great!!

4.4. Controls There shall be no radio equipment or aircraft control function limitations in any Pattern class except Sportsman; however, the use of an "automatic pilot" type device, which places the model under anything less than full pilot control at all times, is prohibited in all classes of competition.

4.4.1. In the Sportsman class, aircraft must be of the fixed gear type, or, if the aircraft is equipped with retractable landing gear, the aircraft must be flown with the gear down.

4.5. Eligibility of Models. Contestants may fly any aircraft which conforms to the rules of the class in which they are entered and may share, borrow, repair, or interchange aircraft components or complete aircraft as they see fit during the competition, providing the resulting complete aircraft conforms to the equipment requirements as stated in this section, and satisfies the provisions of Paragraphs 4.7.1 and 6.1.

4.6. The builder-of-the-model-rule shall not apply to the Pattern events.

4.7. Identification. All models shall be identified by the contestant's AMA license number permanently affixed to the upper side of the right-hand lifting surface or to each side of the fuselage or vertical stabilizer. The height of the numerals must be at least one (1) inch. Both stroke and width shall be such as to enable ready recognition

4.7.1. Borrowed or shared aircraft shall carry temporary identification, as shall repaired aircraft if deemed necessary by the Contest Director. Such identification shall consist of the AMA license number of the contestant operating the model affixed to or written on the model in any way which conforms to the standard set forth in 4.7. Temporary identification numbers may be affixed in any manner which will withstand the rigors of flight.

5. Number of Helpers. Each pilot is permitted one (1) helper during the flight, two (2) helpers may be present during the starting of the engine(s). Once airborne no person other than the pilot shall operate the transmitter controls. Operation by anyone else shall require disqualification of the flight.

All right...any questions? For over the last six months I have tried to make it clear with as much info as possible without being too deep or make you fall asleep, trying to get all the facts out to you so as to help everyone who has been wanting to know the difference or ask... but are always saying no I won't bother anyone... no bother... just ask that's what I do!

For the next few issues I will be looking at new products from batteries to planes to heli's and share reviews on the same. **Let's now go fly** after all that reading.

See you at the flight line, **SKIP**

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FINAL WORD:

OK, HERE WE GO! NEW BOARD IS NOW IN PLACE. WE NOW FACE THE CROWDS WITH NEW LEADERSHIP... BUT ... WE ARE STILL THE SAME CLUB WITH THE SAME GOALS. EVERYONE MUST REALIZE THAT THEY ARE SAFETY OFFICERS. EVERYONE MUST PROMOTE THIS CLUB TO EVERY FLIER THAT COMES TO THE PARK. EVERYONE NEEDS TO MAKE THIS THE SAFEST FLIGHT LINE ANYWHERE...AFTER ALL WE ARE THE LARGEST CLUB IN THE UNITED STATES, SO WE BETTER LIVE UP TO THAT WITH THE BEST SAFETY RECORD POSSIBLE. WHEN YOU SEE A NEW FLIER HELP HIM OR HER TO FEEL THAT THEY ARE NOT NEW BUT GAINING THE SAME EXPERIENCE THAT YOU NEEDED TO GAIN WHEN YOU FIRST STARTED...YOU CAN REMEMBER THAT FEELING, RIGHT? PLEASE TRY TO AND MAKE THEIR START IN THIS "ENDEAVOR" ONE THAT *THEY WILL REMEMBER* FOR ALL THE RIGHT REASONS! LIKE MAYBE JUST YOU!... **SBW**