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**Presidents Message**



**THE UNEXPECTED**

All my stories are from a long time ago and I like to tell you about those that I found interesting. This one happened when I was a high school teacher, teaching aerospace education.

One day I was invited to participate in an aerospace seminar at City College, in Manhattan N. Y. for both students and faculty. The professor of that class was a personal friend of mine and also a fellow member of the Civil Air Patrol.

His classroom was on the 2nd floor, which exited on to a large circular concrete promenade, about 75 ft. in diameter. As part of my lecture, I brought with me an R/C model airplane. After the classroom session, I took the airplane out onto the promenade just to run the engine and taxi it around a bit. It seemed as though half the school came out to watch. I cranked up the engine and began taxiing it around very slowly, when the professor asked me if he could try it. Him being a licensed pilot and an R/C modeler, I had no problems with that whatsoever. "Be careful" I said, as I handed him the transmitter. "I know, I know, I know," he replied. For a while there, he was doing a great job, when suddenly from out of nowhere, he tripped and fell down. As he fell, he or the ground pushed the throttle forward and the plane went full speed across the promenade and became airborne. It all happened in a matter of seconds. But I did manage to pick up the transmitter and take control of the plane in flight.

You've got to picture this. An R/C model flying down the road, about 100 ft. high with tall buildings on each side of the street. No room to turn around. Had to do loops and immelmans to keep it near by. After a few, it became easier and easier. So I did a few more. Even threw in a couple of rolls and a spin. Then it dawned upon me. How was I going to get down? It was impossible to come in from the street side. Too many trees and poles. The ONLY way was from the rear of the buildings, which meant that I had to fly around the building and back through an alley which was about 200 ft. long and about 50 ft. wide.

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**GENERAL MEETING  
March 3, 2006**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM.

New members and guests were introduced.

The February minutes were approved as read.

The treasurers report was read.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- Howie reminded the members again that the flight tables are for everybody and to share their use.
- We made \$640 at the GCRC Swap meet.
- Howie talked about the new frequency hut.
- Remember the gates must be locked.
- Alex talked about the upcoming warbird event.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Howie talked about field maintenance.
- Nomination of Officers
  1. President
    - Ray Murtha
  2. Vice President
    - Skip Wright
  3. Executive VicePresident
    - Jay Eichler
  4. Secretary
    - Walt Dreyfus
  5. Treasure
    - Woody Rackoff
  6. Board Of Directors (2)
    - Alex Moreno
    - Joe Brusco
    - Emmanuel Parial
  7. Past President
    - Howie Kelem
  8. News Letter Editor

Raffle was held

MEETING ADJOURNED 9:00 PM.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED WALT DREYFUS  
SECRETARY

**NEW MEMBERS FOR MARCH**

**Joseph Albatys  
Michael Baker  
Mitagar Sashidhar  
Lewis Makepeace**

**SAVE THE DATE**

April 7	General Meeting 7:30 PM
April 20	Board Meeting 7:00 PM – at Water Park
April 23	Fun Fly Bar-B-Q

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**I was scared as HECK, but I finally built up enough courage to give it a whirl. I brought the plane around the building very nicely and back through the alley. I never flew an airplane so perfect and exact in all my life. Straight as an arrow through the alley and when it reached the promenade, made a sharp right turn, cut the engine and flopped it right in, safe and sound. The crowd went wild as though I had just saved the world.**

**When it was all over, we could still hear the police sirens as they rode around looking for the NUT who was flying the plane. They never did find out who it was, or perhaps no one would tell. That day will never be forgotten. But I'm sure it went down in history somewhere at City College.**

**Isn't that odd????????? This happened such a long time ago, but almost at the same time of year.....The 1st of APRIL.**

**So BE WELL.....FLY  
SAFE.....HAVE FUN.....ENJOY**

**HAPPY  
LANDINGS.....HOWIE**



## WARBIRDS OVER THE GLADES AFTER ACTION REPORT

Alex Acuti, Contest Director

March 4, 2006



Under clear blue skies and with favorable winds our club held its first warbird fly-in. The event was sanctioned by the A.M.A. and held under World Miniature Warbird Association guidelines.

The day was started with the raising of the colors by the Coral Springs Civil Air Patrol Cadet Squadron Color Guard. The flag was presented to the Color Guard by **Mrs. Sylvia (Ernie) Kraft**. (The event was blessed by good weather and good fortune and maybe Ernie helped us out a little bit.) Our thanks to **Commander Bruce Sage** and the Color Guard for getting the day off to a great start.

Twenty-five pilots registered an impressive array of fifty-three scale models of military aircraft dating from WWI through the end of WWII. A breakdown of the aircraft is as follows:

- 33 WWII fighters representing the U. S., Great Britain, Russia, Germany and Japan
- 8 WWI fighters representing the U.S. Great Britain and Germany
- 2 U.S. Bombers-
- 9 Trainer Aircraft from the U.S. and Canada
- 1 Military Transport aircraft

Each pilot that registered received a commemorative dash plaque as a gift from the club and a really great T-SHIRT especially designed for the event by our friends at **SouthEast RC**. We are just awed by magnitude of their generosity and support. We were also able to give most of the club members that worked the event on of these great T-shirts as well. Thanks to the great job done by **Mal Lawrence** and **Art Mundell**, we were able to give each pilot a mounted photograph of his airplane as a remembrance of the event.

We estimate that during the course of the day some 400 spectators were thrilled to see models of aircraft from times gone by once again take to the air. It is hoped that these spectators will talk about the event and our club and over time we will be recognized as the community asset we truly are. We are also glad to report the casualties were limited to three aircraft slightly damaged. While all the planes were special in their own right, the 1/9<sup>th</sup> scale B-17 just stole the show. The sight and sound of four engines thundering down the runway at an altitude of three feet is something no one that saw it will ever forget. We once again thank Doug Smith for bringing "Shoo Shoo Baby" to our event. For most of the day, the B-17 was flown by Dino DiGeorgio, president of the W.M.W.A. Dino left the frozen environs of New Jersey to spend the weekend with us and get in some flying. Just for the record, it was Dino that did the one wheel "touch and go's" with the B-17. Also with us from the W.M.W.A. was Emory Irons, the Secretary-Treasurer of the W.M.W.A.

During the day we raffled off to the pilots an array of gifts from our friends at **RC Hobbies**, we thank them so very much for their continued support of our events as well as those events held by the various clubs in our area.

At mid-day, we gave the pilots and crews a chance to catch their breath and chow down at our famous **FIVE SPOON** kitchen run by **Bobbi Rice** and her great crew. While the flight crews were resting **Chris Handegaard** and his combat guys took to the air and put on a great demonstration of RC Combat. Everyone enjoyed seeing this phase of RC modeling in action, and there was plenty of it. Thanks again to Chris and his merry band. Also, as is traditional during the noon time break, we have what is called by the pilots "Show and Tell", all the aircraft are lined up on the runway and the spectators are invited out on the flight line to take pictures and talk to the pilots. This is always enjoyed by the pilots as much as the spectators, only the pilots don't admit it!!! Also during the mid-day break we were treated to a couple of low passes mixed in with some aerobatics by a "mystery pilot" (the name is withheld to protect the guilty) in an awesome Pitts Christian Eagle. The mystery pilot also offered as first prize in the pilots raffle a one hour

ride with him in the Pitts Christian Eagle. The prize was won by Doug Smith owner and operator of the heretofore mentioned B-17 “Shoo Shoo Baby”!



B-17 Shoo Shoo Babv



Pitts Christian Eagle Full Scale

We were fortunate to have five of six event plaques sponsored by local business owners that are also model aircraft enthusiasts. Award winners and sponsors were as follows:

<u>AWARD</u>	<u>WINNER</u>	<u>SPONSOR</u>
<b>PEOPLES CHOICE</b>	ALLEN RICE TUCKER RICE P-51	BRIAN KESSLER BK POOLS 954-234-0173
<b>BEST PILOT</b>	RICHARD GRUBER ZIROLI P-40	DOUG SMITH DENTMAN PAINT/BODY 954-978-6231
<b>BEST MULTI-ENGINE*</b>	ED CHRISTIANSEN P-38	PAUL RICE PAR PAINTING 954-596-1222
<b>CD'S CHOICE</b>	CHRIS HANDEGARD P-51	ALEX ACUTI ENTREPRENUERS FINANCIAL SERVICES 954-718-1449
<b>PILOT'S CHOICE</b>	PAUL RICE HAWKER TEMPEST	ROBERT PURE ROBERT PURE & ASSOC. 954-749-0708
<b>BEST WWI</b>	JAY EICHLER NIEUPORT 28	GOLD COAST RC CLUB



\*Note: The plane was flown all day by Kevin Knebel and he accepted the plaque in Ed's absence. Remember to support these fine business owners as they have supported us.

The club also sponsored a special “**360 DEGREE**” award in memory of the late **Col. Art Johnson** for the “**Best All-Around**” aircraft. The winner was chosen by our club President Howard Kelem and he presented the award to Doug Smith for his magnificent B-17. Yes, Doug had a very good day indeed!

It is time now to give thanks to the many club members that gave up their Saturday to work on the event. I will tell you right here and now, this event would not have happened with out the support and efforts of **Walt Dreyfus**, He handled a variety of issues and took care of a lot of the little details that can drive a Contest Director nuts. Aside from the many administrative details he handled, he was able to get the necessary waivers from the county that allowed the great aircraft we saw at the event to be able to participate. **Howard Kelem** , **Ed Christiansen** and **Allen Rice** also took care of a great many tasks that had to done in order for the event to happen.

Special thanks to **Bobbi and Allen Rice**, Allen provided support in many ways, including providing the generator that powered the sound system. With the kitchen and food operation in Bobbi's capable hands there was no doubt that all would be happy and well fed. I know she was well supported on the day of the event by, **Howard Kelem, Sylvia Kraft, Elaine (Hy) Frishman, Rita (Mal) Lawrence, and Woody Rackoff**. Again, great job and thanks to the whole crew.



Our Air Boss for the event, **Skip Wright** along with **Ray Murtha** and **Mike Waech** kept the flight line smooth and organized, no small feat when you consider the number and variety of airplanes that participated in the event.

**Steve Westervelt** took charge of the transmitter impound area, he along with **Hy Frishman** and **Mike Waech** (we kept Mike busy) played a key role in keeping things safe of all present.



**Bill Unkes** and **Gail Acuti** worked the registration table and in general kept the paperwork straight and me calm. They also mounted the photographs taken by **Mal Lawrence** and **Art Mundell**.

Before each plane was allowed to fly, it went through an inspection process. The inspection team was **Greg Triolo, Ray Murtha** and **Alex Moreno**. Since nothing fell off any airplanes we can assume they did a great job and we thank them all.

All during the day the event was recorded both on video and still photography by **Cliff Westervelt**. We are all waiting for the video to hit the website. Thank you, Cliff for your efforts. Finally, a big thank you to **Chris Handegaard** for giving us the use of his sound system for the day.

If I omitted anyone, please accept my apologies, I am still new to the club and I haven't matched all the names with the faces, in any case please accept my thanks for your help and support.

Lastly, thank you to the general membership for allowing us to hold this event and for the support it was given. After the event was over I spoke to several of the participants that had never been to our field before. They were very impressed with the support the event received by our membership as evidenced by the number of members helping out wherever they could. In summation, I feel **WE** had a very successful event and as one participant said, "...this event put the Gold Coast club on the map!"

# PROPNUITS & STUFF



A special thanks to Robert Russell for the great camouflage paint job on the new frequency shack. The club sincerely appreciates the time you spent making it "disappear"!



## *COURTESY IS CONTAGIOUS*

The benches that were built by the club members are intended to be used by everyone. While there were many tables built, on occasion they may all be full. The bench is not for your sole personal use. They are to be shared when there are more flyers than benches available.

Should you have trouble with sharing the bench, you are encouraged to bring out your own table for your personal use.

## CLASSIFIEDS

For Sale; Goldberg J3 Cub-Full Wing-RTF w/4 stroke OS 70 Surpass, Radio/Xmtr (Futaba), voltmeter, location finder & PILOT. Beautiful Cond. Flown once, like a dream. Asking \$425 OBO.

Telemaster w/ 4 stroke OS 70 Surpass, Radio/Xmtr (Futaba). Flown many times. Asking \$225 OBO.

OS 4 stroke 52 Surpass. Asking \$100.

Odds & Ends. Call for details. Al Drucker @ 561-477-0899.



There are also many items available for sale on the [www.GoldcoastRC.com](http://www.GoldcoastRC.com) web site including airplanes and radios from the Ernie Kraft collection. Check the site out for incredible bargains on airplanes and other "stuff".

## **RC FLEA MARKET**

Broward County Radio Control Association

**Sunday, May 21, 2006**

**Markham Park**

\$5.00 charge to set up your own table.

Just looking - \$1.00 park admission.

## REMINDER

RADIOS ARE TO BE STORED IN THE FREQUENCY SHACK – NOT BY YOUR PLANE. PLEASE PUT YOUR RADIO IN THE SHACK AFTER FLYING.

**SPEEDING** between the gates continues to be a problem at the field. All members are being advised once again that the speed limit is **15 miles per hour**.



**TAKE WARNING.** Any member or guest violating the posted speed limit will be banned from the site.

## LOCAL HOBBY SHOPS

### **Craft House**

561-683-0764  
1079 N. Military Trail, West Palm Beach  
I-95 to Belvedere Road, travel west to  
Military Trail. Travel north on Military  
M-F 9:30-6:30 Sat 9:30-5:30 Sun 12-4

### **G&C Hobbies**

561-547-3812  
1228 Hypoluxo Road. I-95 to Hypoluxo Road,  
exit East. The store is ¼ mile on the north side.  
M-Sat 10-6 Sun 11-3

### **Belzers Hardware Store**

561-391-7977  
3198 N. Federal Highway, Boca Raton  
I-95 to Yamato Road. Exit east to Federal Hwy.  
South on Federal Hwy. Store is on east side of  
Federal Highway  
M-F 8-6 Sat 8-5 Sun 11-4

### **Radio Controlled Revolution**

**NEW**

561-684-2772  
2275 Palm Beach Lakes Blvd. Suite A  
West Palm Beach, FL 33409  
Northwest corner of Palm Beach Lakes and  
Okeechobee next to Sound Advice  
[www.rcrevo.com](http://www.rcrevo.com)

### **RC Boca Hobbies**

561-483-2540 email: [JR@RCBoca.com](mailto:JR@RCBoca.com)  
561-483-2541 WEB [www.rcboca.com](http://www.rcboca.com)  
20449 State Road 7 (Mission Bay Plaza) Boca Raton  
In LA Fitness Courtyard Area  
M-W-R 11am-7pm F 11am-6pm Sat 10am-  
6pm Sun 10am-5pm

### **RC Hobbies**

954-721-5720  
6800 N. University Drive, Tamarac  
I-95 to Cypress Creek exit. West to University  
Drive. Southeast corner of University and McNab  
Road. Or take 441 to Sample Road, west to  
University and south to McNab. (Cypress Creek  
turns into McNab)  
M-F 9-8 Wed Closed Sat 10-5 Sun 10-3

### **Southeast RC Hobbies**

954-978-6050  
1901 West Copans Road, Pompano Beach  
I-95 to Copans Road. Go west. Store right before  
Intersection to Powerline. Store on north side of road.  
Or take Lyons road to Copans, turn east. Store  
located just past Powerline intersection.  
[www.southeastrc.com](http://www.southeastrc.com)  
MWRF - 11-7 SAT 10-5 SUN 11-4 TUE Closed  
[www.southeastrc.com](http://www.southeastrc.com)

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**Next Meeting**

**April 7, 2006**

Meeting takes place at 7:15 pm  
Boca Raton Community Center  
150 Crawford Blvd., ½ block north of  
Palmetto Park Road and West of 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue