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The Presidents Message

FEBRUARY 2009

January has been a busy month for the club. We were participated in the annual Lantana Airport Pancake breakfast with a static display and we hosted the popular Delta Dart Build at the South Florida Fair. I want to thank all that volunteered their time for these two events. This type of positive exposure is invaluable to the club and our hobby. It's also fun to show off a bit.

If you have not been involved in hobby shows, you should really give it a try. The great majority of people do not really know much about the hobby and are genuinely impressed when they hear what we do and how committed we are to this hobby. And it is fun to be on the other side of the table at shows and events. So if you are interested in participating in future shows and events, please step up and give it a try.

We have some fun club events coming up in the near future. Our annual swap meet is February 15. We will hold a fun fly for club members on March 1. Our first annual Rhineback (yes this is the correct spelling for our event) will be April 4. And our annual open house will be on April 19. See the calendar of events on our web page for more details.

We are in the busy season now and parking is becoming a problem at the field. If I can ask club members to voluntarily consider the following, we should be able to park in a more orderly fashion. The west parking lot is better suited for trailers. If you are parked in the west lot, please consider giving up your spot for a trailer if there are no extra spaces available. Double park only if you know the person with the car you will be blocking and please let them know you are parked there. Lastly, if you are not flying, please do not park on the north side of either lot. Leave these spots open for cars and trailers so that they can load and unload more easily.

See you at the field.

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

Doug Christensen

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS: DARREN LASTOFSKY, JOHN HAWKINS,
CHARLES ZIMNIK, MICHELLE STREITER, MICHAEL SENGLMANN, MATTHEW
CHIRAVALLE, MICHAEL CHIRAVALLE, ROBERT HARDER

WELCOME!!

IMPORTANT DATES
TO REMEMBER:

March 4, 2009
PBRCA Board Meeting
Coconut Cove Water Park

March 12, 2009
General meeting 7:30 PM
South County Civic Center
16700 Jog Road

**March 21 & 22 Gathering of
the Giants Cape Coral, FL**

**MARCH 28 MDI RACING
INDOOR SWAP MEET**

April 1, 2009
PBRCA Board Meeting
Coconut Cove Water Park

**April 4 Rhinebeck South
Vintage fun fly**

April 9, 2009
General meeting 7:30 PM
South County Civic Center
16700 Jog Road

April 19, 2009
Open House

May 6, 2009
PBRCA Board Meeting
Coconut Cove Water Park

And there are many more dates on
the web site "Calendar Page"
Check them out



**PALM BEACH RADIO
CONTROL ASSOCIATION
GENERAL MEETING JANUARY 8, 2009**

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

OLD BUSINESS

- Nominations were closed, Elections at February meeting
- 1. President, Doug Christensen
- 2. Vice President, Joe Brusco
- 3. Secretary, Walt Dreyfus
- 4. Treasure, Woody Rackoff and Alex Acuti
- 5. Safety Officer, Cliff Auerbach
- 6. Chief Training Instructor Mark Drogowitz
- 7. Newsletter Editor, Steve Westervelt
- 8. Director, Arty Mundell
- The battle for Boca netted \$132.03
- The South Florida Fair will be held Jan 17,18,24,25 and 31 need volunteers to help with delta darts. See Pete
- Lantana Pancake Breakfast static air show Jan 18 Register with Doug
- Remember DSS pilots need to post card in Radio impound
- All pilots must have a pin on the radio when it is out of impound this includes DSS radios
- Safety officers may close one of the two ramps when crowded

NEW BUSINESS

- PBRCA Swap Meet will Be held Sunday February 15 Volunteers are needed see Doug
- We will have a Vintage Fly in Saturday April 4 See Bob Temple
- Remember to keep field clean pick up your junk from the field and pit area.
- No taxing in the pit area. (Pit area is all grass north of fence)
- Walt has new club shirts see him at the field.
- Alex and Woody gave a talk on his qualifications to be treasure
- If you want to volunteer for future events give your name to Walt

REMBER SAFETY FIRST

**MEETING ADJOURNED 9 P/M
RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED
WALT DREYFUS
SECRETARY**

MEETING AND FIELD PHOTOS FOR THE MONTH

PICS BY ARTY AND ME! and by the way... now that I have been receiving a great amount of email features from the membership I will be having less photos in this spot so as to be able to have the room to share the membership submittals. Most every month these pics are already on the web site long before they get here to this spot. The meeting pics are new to all as well the show and tell so they will get the main spotlight.

Thank you for your understanding!! & go to the website often!



“Told ya” it just took a while!



Mark... Is that what you meant when you called... low pass?



AT OUR MEETING... Show and Tell & Raffle Winners:



Palm Beach Radio Control Association's Excellent Adventure:

SOUTH FLORIDA FAIR

PBRCA at the South Florida Fair: Members **Pete Ferris** and **Morris Halper** once again organized the Delta Dart Builds at the fair. Over the five days the **PBRCA** crew was present, we built **227 Darts** for the young fairgoers. Parents and fair organizers were thankful for providing this free service for the kids. Many thanks to all the club members that volunteered to help out. **Look for PBRCA to have an expanded role in next years fair as we are negotiating hosting the entire RC hobby exhibit.**



Looks like a great time was had by all!! Web page for more of the story, And oh Arty... what's that?



Cool...

Palm Beach Radio Control Association's Excellent Adventure:

PBRCA goes to the Indian River Kontrol Society's Big Bird Fly-In at their new field west of Cocoa Beach. **Steve Westervelt, Skip Wright, Walt Dreyfus and Doug Christensen** made the trek north to see how other clubs run shows. Although not well attended, there were some really nice examples of large RC Aircraft. This was their first event in four years at their new field near the landfill. They have a grass runway and a huge fly over area that took some getting used to as there were little visual queues to help you land. The biggest "take-away" from attending this event is that I now know PBRCA really puts on a great event. I guess I am spoiled by our level of professionally. Good job!



Palm Beach Radio Control Association's Excellent Adventure: PBRCA at Lantana Airport.

The Lantana Airport invited our club to show RC airplanes at their annual Pancake Breakfast on January 18. The airfield, now dedicated as the Owen H. Gassaway Jr. Airfield, sold over 650 pancakes for charity as part of a static air show and car show. PBRCA members George Stein, Pedro Jordan, Bill DeVries, Bob Madden and Doug Christensen displayed some of their RC planes as well as answered questions at the booth during the morning. After the event, one of our young members, Brett Christensen, got the ride of his life in his favorite airplane, a 1946 J3 Cub. It is likely that we will be invited back again next year so stay tuned.



Palm Beach Radio Control Association's Excellent Adventure: PBRCA at Lantana Airport.



Doug...where's the pancakes? Doug... does this mean they were eaten before you could take a picture? Next year...I know where I'm going to be. Again PBRCA with a great job well done. That's who we are.

SAFETY UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

FIELD UPDATE:

Radio Impound. Reminder that, per our rules, you are required to return your frequency pin and transmitter to impound when you are not flying. With our increase in traffic at our field, we need make it easier and safer to share frequencies. Please return your frequency pins to impound when not flying. Don't make others search you down to get a pin. This is a critical issue at our site and we need to enforce the impounding rules to reduce the chances of frequency collisions. It's just common courtesy.

DSS radios: Per our rules, DSS transmitters MUST follow the same impounding rules as the 72Mhz radios. You MUST clip your club or AMA card at impound and you MUST take a DSS frequency pin. This rule helps us to verify ALL pilots are AMA or club members. DSS radios must be returned to impound when not in use. Please remember to return the DSS pins when done.

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 be escorted in the pits.

Taxiway entrance: We have been experiencing conflicts with aircraft coming in from two sides of the pilot station at the same time. This has lead to confusion as to who is up next. In the "slower times" this can work, but when we are very busy we are asking the pilots to use one entry ramp and one exit ramp to control the flightline conflicts. Entry is to be based on wind direction. Exit ramp from downwind side.

Calling your intentions: Calling, calling, calling, Please call it loud.

3D Flying: We are not over the runway when flying any 3D maneuvers and we call any and all 3D before we attempt to perform them. Then they can be performed **AFTER** flight line approval.

And as always every clubmember is a safety officer. Every clubmember can make the difference as to how safe your day of flying will be. Thank you for your help.

Club Shirts:

Walt still has a few white Polo shirts, contact him to get one before they are gone!

We will take advance orders for our Club T-shirts as well.

From the Ready Room: Spitfire-A looking glass through time!

Last month when I told you the story of two Spitfires, one a radio controlled model in southeast Florida, the other buried in the French countryside for last sixty five years, I thought that was pretty much the end of the story.

Then last week I received an email from Barry in which he told an amazing story. Over the Christmas holiday a young Canadian lady named Noa Dorn traveled back to France to visit her grandmother, Georgette Dorn, who lives in Paris. On New Years Eve the two women were talking about the war. Georgette then produced a newspaper article which detailed Barry's return to France for the excavation of what was thought to be his Spitfire. Georgette told her granddaughter she saw the plane being shot down and the pilot jumping out of the airplane. As it turned out the plane was a Merlin powered P-51 Mustang. Barry's Spit would turn up a few years later.

On January 1, 2009 after the Dorn women had managed to locate Barry through the internet and they called him. During the conversation Barry asked her to write out what she observed and what she knew of the event. The following is a translation Georgette's letter to Barry detailing her eyewitness account of the event.

"On that summer's day in 1944, my mother and I were witness to a small plane getting hit by anti-aircraft fire. The plane quickly burst into flames. We saw the pilot jump with his parachute. We were touched by the pilot's sensitivity when he directed his plane away from our houses." A map drawn by Georgette shows the geography of the event.

An email from Noa Dorn provided more information on the events of the fated day as recalled by her grandmother.

"At the time my grandmother (Georgette) was a beautiful 20 year old living and working in Paris as a housekeeper, helping to support her mother and younger brother in the town of Bons Tassilly. She was home on holiday and was hanging up washing to dry when the Spitfire was shot down. She tried to catch Needham's attention as he drifted to earth, waving a white tea towel, hoping to direct him way from the Germans. The terrain prevented her from reaching Barry before the Germans. However, she made her way to the road she knew the Germans would be using to take Barry for interrogation, Barry was seated in the SS car, she waved Au Revoir, and there was a wave in reply. But she was unable to tell if it was Barry or one of the SS men.

That was the last time she saw the young Canadian airman. As you will recall from last months story, Barry and his wife returned to France in 2006 for the excavation of his Spit and again last September to speak at the dedication of a memorial to the Canadian airman who died on French soil during the war. And we all thought that was the end of the story until the Noa and Georgette Dorn showed up. The pictures below are of Georgettes map, Georgette and Noa Dorn, and Barry in front of a Spitfire.



During a recent phone conversation, Barry told me that now when he looks back at it, that summer day in 1944 may have been one of the luckiest days of his life. Who knows, he may have been killed the next day! We also joked about what would have happened had the wind been blowing in another direction and he landed in Georgette's arms!

Until next time, ***"Pilots man your aircraft"***

If you have any comments or suggestions for this column please feel free to contact me at spitfireluckyb@yahoo.com.

MEMBERS PROJECTS: Scratch building project C-131 Part 2



Here is a "taste" of the progress. I have Dave's 2nd part, but the newsletter has run out of pages for this month! So be ready...
To be continued: You can call me at 561-703-8730 or Email me.

Dave Rettig

There will be on going updates monthly as this project develops and your project needs to be here as well send them in, now!!

LOCAL HOBBY SHOPS

3 G's Hobbies

1379 N. Military Trail, West Palm Beach
1-95 to Belvedere Road, travel west to
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561-547-3812
1228 Hypoluxo Road. I-95 to Hypoluxo Road, exit
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FINAL WORD: OK SO I AM TRYING... NEXT MONTH I'LL PROVE IT TO YOU ALL...MAYBE.

SEE YOU AT THE FLIGHTLINE SOON AGAIN, THAT IS AFTER THE NEXT NEWSLETTER...

NEXT MONTH MORE FROM RAY AND A BUILD UPDATE, MORE SAFETY, MORE FUN.

PICS FROM THE SWAP MEET AND FUNFLY. RAFFLE TICKET UPDATE AS WELL.

AGAIN I AM SORRY TO BE "THIS BEHIND" I AM DOING WHAT I CAN TO FIX THE PROBLEM.

STEVE