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The Presidents Message...

When I was elected President two years ago, one of my first thoughts was "How am I going to come up with enough material for all those newsletters"? Now that I am looking back, I can think of many things I didn't say.

I sure didn't thank everyone enough for all the time and effort they put into making the PBRCA the best club in the AMA, or the people that worked so hard to create such a fantastic flying site for us to enjoy.

There is not enough room to thank all the members for their efforts every day, but there are always club members willing to take up a new pilot, help retrieve a downed plane, lend you a tool or find you a part to replace the one that just fell off while you were flying. In my first Presidents Message I said "our membership is our greatest asset" and that is one thing that was, is and will always be true.

I want to give a special recognition to a few people:

Walt: For doing everything. When something needs to get done Walt's response has always been "I'll take care of it".

Doug: For sitting in front of the keyboard endlessly revising the by laws and rules changes and spending hours working around the site BEFORE he starts flying.

Julio and Susan: For cooking the best food I have eaten at any club event anywhere.

Artie: For being the official club photographer, e-mailer of jokes and especially for his Project Helping Hands.

And finally **Steve:** For his construction genius and for providing all the tools we needed, no matter how big the project. Whenever we need some big power tool, he always says "I have one of those at my warehouse". I've been to his warehouse; he really does.

I want to wish the next President and Board of Directors good luck. They deserve our respect for volunteering to keep things going so we can enjoy our beautiful flying site for many years to come.

Now its time for me to practice what I preach.....

Shut Up and Fly,
Ray

Are you ready for the Warbird event? Warbird photos for this month:



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

Tony Vasconcelos, Julio Perisse, Richard Collins, Jerrold Katz, Christopher Courier Michael Reiman, Buddy Hurwitz, Wayne Rippel, Jerry Rodman, Raymond Sollberger Sheldon Portnoy, Kenny Rubenstein, Walter Betkowski, Kenneth Singer, Robert Mgle Steve Dionne, Chick Price, Steve DiMartino

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

March 13, 2008 General meeting 7:30 PM South County Civic Center 16700 Jog Road

Sunday March 16, 2008 Fun Fly & BBQ ****Current Club Members only**** see info in this issue

Saturday March 29 Big Bird Fly In, At On Top Of The World

Sunday March 30 Swap Meet DYER PARK

April 2, 2008 PBRCA Board Meeting Coconut Cove Water Park

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

MAY 3 & 4 R/C COMBAT EVENT Dyer Park West Palm Beach

AND COMING MAY 24...
WARBIRDS OVER THE GLADES
SEE INFO IN THIS NEWSLETTER



GO TO OUR WEB PAGE FOR MORE INFO!



PALM BEACH RADIO CONTROL ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING FEBRUARY 14, 2008

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

- Ray thanked the members that helped Saturday January 12, 2008 to build a new impound.
- The weather for the breakfast fun fly Sunday January 20 2008 was bad and we had a poor turnout. The food that was left over was donated to the church on Atlantic Ave East of 441.
- Arty again asked the members for volunteers for project helping hands.
- Pete Ferris talked about the South Florida Fair we had a good turn out for The Delta Darts 213 were made for the three weekends
- Ray talked about the upcoming Swap Meet Sunday February 17. Need Volunteers See Jerry Cohen. Mark Freedmen is taking table reservations.
- We had closing of nomination for officers.
 1. **President**
 - Doug Christensen
 - Howie Kelem
 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
 - Skip Wright
 7. **Chief Safety Officer** (board member)
 - Mark Drogowitz
 8. **Event Director (NEW)** (board member)
 - Ed Christiansen

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

NEW BUSINESS

- We are going to change the old Frequency hut to a charging station
- Please pick up your trash when you leave.
- Sunday March 16 we will have a fun fly and BBQ the field will be closed to members only.
- When at the flight line call all maneuvers.
- **REMBER SAFETY FIRST**

We had Show and tell
MEETING ADJOURNED 8:55PM
RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED
WALT DREYFUS
SECRETARY

MEETING AND FIELD PHOTOS FOR THE MONTH

PICS BY ARTY AND ME!



I WILL ASK YOU ALL AGAIN: BE SURE THAT YOU SEND ME YOUR PHOTOS SO THEY CAN BE IN THESE NEWSLETTERS! SBW

MAY I HAVE YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE...

- **NOMINATIONS CLOSED AT THE END OF THE FEBRUARY GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING.**
- **ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD DURING THE MARCH GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING.**
- **PLEASE ATTEND THIS VERY IMPORTANT MEETING. **VOTE!** THANK YOU.**

P.B.R.C.A. SWAP MEET

Date: 2/17/08
Time: 09:00 AM

R/C HOBBY
SWAP MEET AND AUCTION
SUNDAY FEBRUARY 17 2008
9 AM TILL 1 PM
AUCTION AT NOON
INDOORS & AIR-CONDITIONED
CIVIC CENTER DELRAY BEACH,
FLORIDA
10700 Jog Road
DeLray Beach, FL

TABLE SET UP 8 AM DOORS OPEN 9 AM
TABLES \$10 (in advance) \$15 at door
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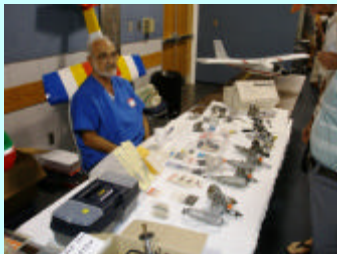
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P.B.R.C.A.



THE PLANES WERE SET UP ON DISPLAY & THE COFFEE WAS READY...THE DOORS OPENED... AND IN CAME THE SWAP MEET BUYERS TO GO MAKE THEIR DEALS- AND DEAL THEY DID!



THERE WERE DEALS EVERYWHERE ON EVERY TABLE! AT THE CLOSE OF THE SHOW SOME OF THE "LEFT OVERS" WERE AUCTIONED AT VERY LOW PRICES. AN EXAMPLE...ALEX MORENO BOUGHT A COMPLETE READY TO FLY MODEL FOR \$24.00. I EVEN SOLD EVERYTHING THAT I BROUGHT TO SELL, BUT THE PROBLEM IS WHAT I BOUGHT... RAY SAYS: THE OBJECT IS TO MOVE EQUIPMENT "OUT OF INVENTORY"...OH WELL SORRY RAY... BUT THAT CHRISTIAN EAGLE WILL LOOK GREAT WHEN YOU GET IT DONE! MANY THANKS TO MARC FREEDMAN, WALT & TO ALL THAT WORKED SO HARD TO MAKE THE DAY A SUCCESS. WELL DONE.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

FIELD RULES HIGHLIGHTS & UPDATES:

THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT WILL BE IN EVERY NEWSLETTER IN AN EFFORT TO HAVE EVERYONE ENFORCE THESE VERY IMPORTANT RULES. WE NEED YOUR HELP!

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. We will discuss this at the next meeting.

Remember when the county crews are "doing their thing" cutting the grass, no flying until their done. They have been keeping the park in the best shape possible and we need to do our part to help. How about those handicap facilities! They are great!

Club Shirts:

New members: You must see Walt to get your shirts. He still has a few white Polo shirts, contact him to get one before they are gone! He will take advance orders for any Club T-shirts that you want as well.

SUNDAY MARCH 16TH "CLUB FLY-IN"

This is our next club event and the plans for the day will be discussed at this next meeting.

Ed plans to have separate events for the gas/glow flyers and events for the electric flyers. There will also be a mystery event for all and that is all I know about it as of this writing. Pilots meeting starts at 8:30 sign up early!

The flightline will be closed for this event, open to club members only as per our arrangements with Palm Beach County. The flightline will reopen to all when the events and awards close.

That's right... awards to the winners for each event! The grill will be in action for the hungry.

I know Ed has a great day planned and we are counting on a large turnout. In the coming months he has plans for many more "club days" let's all be sure to go to as many as possible.

Remember... these "host club" events are for members only, but with the many spectators that we now have watching, I know they will enjoy the show. These events let us show the "newcomers" just how great a flying site we run and just how great it is to be a flyer with the Palm Beach Radio Control Association. Flying at the best flightline anywhere, the one... in a Palm Beach County Park!

IT WAS THE “DAY BEFORE” AND THE “BIG BOYS” NEEDED A PLACE TO PRACTICE TO BE READY TO COMPETE IN MIAMI...



From what I heard... they really liked their day with us... so much that they have joined the club and are now planning to bring an event to us as soon as this year! More info as the days move closer to that day.

Safety news: Mark Drogowitz is now our new **Safety Coordinator** and will be writing “words of wisdom” to share with us all from the flightline. This is his place on these pages to bring us together with the common goal of the safest flightline possible. Let’s all do our part to help make his job easier. He will be looking for help so contact him to be part of the safest flightline team.

And now... **SKIP'S TIPS:**

(This is part one of a two part series) **For the last three months the focus was IMAC & contests.**

Now we will cover for two issues what is required for Pattern. AMA events 401, 402, 403, 404, 406

*“ While the following is an exact copy of the AMA rules for aerobatics, the **only** recognized official source of AMA rules is the AMA Competition Regulations Rule.*

Book published by the AMA

1. Applicability. In addition to the following General Radio Control rules and the specific rules for each radio control event, radio control model aircraft construction, flying, and competition are also governed by the rules of the following sections: Sanctioned Competition, Records, and General. Although the following general and specific rules primarily govern competitive activity in AMA events, it is strongly recommended that in the interest of safety and consistency they be followed in all radio control activity.

2. Safety Declaration. At all -sanctioned contest each contestant shall sign an AMA Flight Safety Declaration (perhaps as part of an entry form); attesting to the fact that he/she has previously and is now capable of confidently performing the maneuvers comprising his competitive event. Furthermore, the contestant shall also similarly declare that any and all aircraft he/she uses in said competition have been test flown at least to the extent that they have performed the same competitive maneuvers and are therefore qualified to be flown in the contest and in the presence of fellow contestants, contest officials, and all others who may be in the flight area during the competition period

RADIO CONTROL PATTERN

For events 401, 402, 403, 404, 406.

1. Applicability. All pertinent AMA regulations (see sections entitled Sanctioned Competition, Criteria for Cancellation of Contest, Selection of Champions and Radio Control, General) shall apply except as specified below.

2. Objective. To control by radio a model airplane so that various planned maneuvers may be accomplished The criterion is the quality of execution of the maneuvers compared to defined geometric descriptions and specified procedures. Maneuvers shall be judged according to the AMA Radio Control pattern Judges Guide.

3. Licensing Requirements. All radio equipment and operation must conform to the regulations of the FCC. The AMA membership card of each entrant shall be checked at every .sanctioned meet. An FCC amateur license is required for use of 50 and 53 MHz.

4. Model Aircraft Requirements.

4.1. Power. Models shall be powered by reciprocating or rotary piston internal combustion engine(s) or electric motor(s) of any size and displacement.

4.2. Noise Limit. Each reciprocating or rotary piston internal combustion engine shall be equipped with an effective silencer. The maximum noise level for all classes shall be 96 decibels measured at three (3) meters from the center line of the model with the model standing on concrete or macadam, and 94 dB if an earth or short grass surface must be used. All measurements will be taken perpendicular to the fuselage centerline on the right-hand downwind side of the model with the motor running at full power; the microphone to be placed on a stand 30 centimeters above the ground and in line with the motor. No noise reflecting objects shall be nearer than three (3) meters to model or microphone. A score penalty of five (5) percent of the raw flight score shall be assessed for those models registering over 96 dB, and a 10 percent penalty for those registering over 98 dB. The Contest Director shall have the option of deleting the noise level requirement at any sanctioned event; however, such deletion must be published in advance of the event date.

To be continued...See you at the flight line, *SKIP*

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FINAL WORD:

AS YOU KNOW WE VOTE FOR OUR NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS AT THE NEXT/MARCH MEETING.
AND TO BE ABLE TO VOTE YOU NEED TO BE THERE. GUESS THAT MEANS...

I'LL SEE YOU THERE! **SBW**