



NEWSLETTER

of the
**Palm Beach Radio
Control Association**



**+555 MEMBERS - LARGEST CLUB IN THE USA
AMA GOLD LEADER CLUB**

The Presidents Message

November/December 2011



With the end of the year in view, I would like this opportunity to thank all those members that have come forward and helped with the Club's operation.

We have only a few Events left for this year. The next event will be this Saturday, Warbirds. As is usual for this event, we expect a large turnout. It is truly the highlight of the year's activities.

The balance of the Events will include; the turkey shoot next month and Toys for Tots in December. I hope that everyone will come out and participate. I looking forward to seeing you all at the field. Look for me in the "kitchen".

We will also be having election of officers for the coming year. I have served 2 years and my term will be over. So come out and nominate someone for the Board. I would like to see a better turnout at the meetings. During the summer we had a small turnout. I hope that now that the snowbirds are back, the attendance will pickup.

If you have not heard, our safety officer, Cliff, has deserted us. He has moved to South America and rumor has it that he is in "lov". We wish him the best of luck. In the interim, Doug has been appointed by the Board to fill in for the rest of the year. We will need a permanent officer in the coming year.

Well that's it for now. Happy and safe landings,

Dave Rettig

2011

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PALM BEACH RADIO CONTROL ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

October 13, 2011

- ★ The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.
- ★ New members and guests were introduced.
- ★ The September minutes were approved as read.
- ★ The treasures report was read.

OLD BUSINESS/DISCUSSION:

- IMAC event was held September 24 and 25
- Shirts and hats were available at the meeting Shirts \$15 member \$20 non member
Hats \$10 member \$15 non member
- Golf carts have been fixed. You must sign Waiver before using.
- We will be installing a solar charging system at the field shortly

NEW BUSINESS:

- Warbird event will be held November 5 this is a one day event if any one wishes to help for this event see Dave or Alex.
- Turkey fly will be held November 20
- Toys for tots December 10
- Doug has been appointed our safety officer due to Cliff moving away.
- "Brooklyn Joe" has been appointed our newsletter editor.
- Mark made his training report.
- Doug made a brief safety report

REMEMBER SAFETY FIRST - DO NOT GO LOOKING FOR A PLANE ALONE!

MEETING ADJOURNED 8 PM

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED WALT DREYFUS SECRETARY

UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS - CLUB EVENTS IN BOLD

November 2	-	PBRCA Board Meeting Palm Beach County Library
November 5	-	Warbirds Over the Glades
November 4, 5, 6	-	Port Saint Lucie Helicopter FunFly
November 5	-	Swap Meet Okeechobee
November 10	-	General meeting 7:30 PM South County Civic Center
November 20	-	Turkey Day Fun Fly
December 7	-	PBRCA Board Meeting Palm Beach County Library
December 8	-	General meeting 7:30 PM South County Civic Center
December 10	-	Toys For Tots 
January 12, 2012	-	General meeting 7:30 PM South County Civic Center
February 9, 2012	-	General meeting 7:30 PM - ANNUAL ELECTIONS

Full calendar: <http://www.palmbeachrc.com/CALENDAR.htm>

Picture of the Month



This is a brand new feature of the newsletter; "Picture of the Month". Each month I will feature a "Picture of the Month" and EVERYONE is eligible. This month's picture is from our official club photographer:

Arty Mundell

As any good photographer will tell you, luck is as important as skill, and Arty had both going for him when he pressed the shutter. Arty, you have made quite a **splash** as the first photographer to capture the:

"Picture of the Month"

**CONGRATULATIONS
ARTY**

Send your submission for "Picture of the Month" to: bklynjoe@palmbeachrc.com
Pictures should be sized to 640 x 480, your name and e-mail address and some info on the picture. Photos must be related to our club, the PBRCA.

This is OUR club newsletter and it belongs to all of our members. Do you have an idea, a story or a suggestion; please send it to me. Many of our members have been in the hobby for a long time and you can share your knowledge, tips, tricks and stories with our membership by submitting it to be included in our future newsletters. Pictures, picture stories and articles are all welcome.

Send your submission to: bklynjoe@palmbeachrc.com

A very special "THANK YOU" goes out to our own "STEVE WESTERVELT"

Steve's generosity and commitment to the Palm Beach Radio Control Association has played a huge part in the success of our club. Steve is a Director, and the former Newsletter Editor and he has played a huge role in the development of our beautiful "Westervelt Field" located in West Delray Regional Park. It is probably one of the best flying fields in the country. Steve has continued with his generous support in many of our events.

Thanks Steve, for a job well done!

2012 PBRCA Club Elections:

All club Board of Director positions are open for nomination for the 2012 season. If you are interested in running for the board, you can run for following positions: President, Vice President, Treasure, Secretary, Chief Safety Officer, Chief Training Officer, Newsletter Editor and Director.

The Election schedule is as follows:

- Nominations open December 8, 2011 (at our general meeting)
- Nomination close January 12, 2011 (at our general meeting)
- Elections February 9, 2012

You can nominate yourself or have a club representative nominate you by informing the club secretary, Walt Dreyfus, at any time during the nomination window.

BOD members have the responsibility to participate in all BOD and club meetings as well as provide services to the members throughout the year. Please be sure to have the time to dedicate to the tasks required by the positions. The positions are described in the club By-Laws which are viewable in the club web site.

Safety Report: Doug Christensen, Chief Safety Officer

I want to thank Cliff Auerback for his time and dedication as our Chief Safety Officer. Cliff has moved out of the country for business and I have volunteered to fill this position until elections in February.

I want to suggest that we precede with a program for safety I call "conspicuous passive enforcement" for our membership. I am asking all members to wear their club shirts at the field. The effect is the same as parking a police car on the side of the road. We will show a presence at the field that should make non-members or pilots not familiar with our rules behave in a more acceptable manner. Let's give it a try.

Of course, remember key safety items at the field:

- Never fly south of the runway or west over the Everglades.
- Landings have priority over take offs. Deadsticks have the ultimate priority.
- Announce your intentions: Landings, Takeoff, crossing the runway....
- Non-AMA members must stay south of the fence.
- See full ruled: <http://www.palmbeachrc.com/informatin.htm>

If you have specific safety issue to discuss or need me to relay to the membership, please see me at the field or email me: doug_christensen@att.net.

Fly Safe. Doug

NOTES FROM WARBIRD ALLEY

by Alexander Acuti



First of all, a big thank you to Joe Mannino for taking over the position of newsletter editor, and the same to Steve Westervelt for the great job he did as newsletter editor for many years. On that note let's hold a prayer in our hearts for Steve to return to good health.

Over the last year members of our clubs warbird traveling circus have flown in the Top Gun half time show, travelled to Americus, Georgia for the "Warbirds Over Georgia" event and more recently the Ocala "Summers End Fly-in", Monster Planes in Lakeland and just last weekend at the AMPS "Aerofest". All of our guys represented our club flew very well and as always, had a great time visiting with old friends and making new ones. It would be great if more of our club members would venture to travel to and fly at events held by other clubs. It's a lot of fun, it's good to fly at different venues and see how other clubs operate.

This year we saw Rob Goldsmith roll out his Top Flite giant scale P-47. Rob did a great job building the plane from the kit, it's beautifully detailed and flies like well .. a Top Flite P47! He really distinguished himself flying the plane in the Top Gun half time show "Warbird Gaggle" and became officially "**hooked**".

Most recently, Doug Smith rolled out a Top Flite 1/5 (approximately) scale P-51 Mustang "**By Request**" powered by the venerable and reliable G62. The plane is done in the colors of then Lt. Benjamin Davis (later to become Air Force General Benjamin Davis) of the Tuskegee Squadron. This is another of Doug's reclamation projects as the plane is made up from the parts of several ARC (Almost Ready to Cover) P-51's. We all had a good laugh on the flight line when a very white Doug Smith with a P-51 with a black pilot and a very African-American Stanley McCoy with a P-51 with a very white pilot fired up their planes for a two plane gaggle. There were several remarks about "identity crisis and identity confusion".

Recently, we have also seen Tom Bukaty flying his giant scale Top Flite P-47 ARF. Tom is really coming along and flew very well at Monster Planes. I recently rolled out a Great Planes PT 17 Stearman powered by a DLE 20. Because of the rear carb configuration installing the engine in an airplane designed for a 150 glow four stroke glow engine was one giant headache, by

the time I was done I had relocated everything but the tailwheel. However, the plane and engine combination are a pure joy. The engine is fast starting and reliable and plane is stable and yet responsive. I highly recommend both.

Several months ago Rich Smith flying his giant scale Me109 and Wayne Knight flying his giant scale P-51 were engaged in a dog fight to the death! The result was that Wayne got to add another "kill" to the side of his Mustang and Rich got to rebuild his Me109. We are happy to report that the Me109 is flying again and really was a crowd pleaser at Monster Planes and the Amps Aerofest . Speaking of the Amps Aerofest, Stanley McCoy flying his giant scale P51 put on a great show flying with Rich's Me109. Happily there were no casualties in spite of their best efforts!

Looking to the future, Doug Smith has already ordered the kit for a Meister P-47 to replace the one he lost a few months ago due to radio failure. I am almost finished with my Top Flite P-47 replacing the one I lost in Georgia to an engine out situation....I don't want to talk about it. When that's done I can get back to my Ziroli Zero which I would like to have finished by early spring. Rich Smith is starting work on a giant scale FW190. Knowing how Rich details airplanes this should be something really special. Hopefully, somewhere along the way he will get around to repairing his magnificent Skyraider which was damaged in a landing crash...he doesn't want to talk about it either!!

As I have written many times in previous articles, one of the best things about the RC warbird genre is the link to history. Last year, due to an article that appeared in the Palm Beach Post after our warbird event were invited to display our aircraft at the Stewart Air Show as part of the 8th Air Force reunion. We had a great time displaying Fran Arrigo's collection aircraft. We are scheduled to do it again this year on the weekend of November 12th and 13th. If you would like to join us, let me know.

In December several of us will be going back to Lakeland to fly in the inaugural "Twelve O'clock High" warbird event put on by Frank Tiano on the weekend of the 12th and 13th. We are also planning to fly at the Sarasota warbird event the weekend before. If you think you would like to join us, the more the merrier!!!

That's it for now, fly safe, have fun and help someone and maybe think about building something!

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**New Pilots are Flying in
to our club every day!
A special welcome to new club members!
Renew Your Club dues for 2012, Now!
Renewal \$25.00**



FUNNY STUFF!



Where in the World Are We ?



Another new feature of the newsletter is aimed at all you “worldly pilots”! Microsoft Flight Simulator X has great, detailed scenery covering of the entire world, including over 22,000 airports. Each month I will feature two “screenshots” from MY flights around the world. That’s 24 locations starting next year. See how many you can identify. Look for the correct answers in next months newsletter (January 2012).



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