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**PALM BEACH RADIO
CONTROL ASSOCIATION**



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The Presidents Message: DECEMBER 2010

The end of 2010 is upon us. It is also my first year as President. As I look back over the preceding year, I see a good year with many Events and good flying. We have many new members, both experienced and new flyers. The training program is working and the Field is in good shape.

Now we have to look ahead. Elections are upon us and nominations will open this month. We still have Toy for Tots left for this year. We will start off the New Year with the County Fair and we will need volunteers for working with the children building darts and also we need volunteers to work in the display area. Also scheduled for February are the annual swap meet and the Bigbird event.

Although we have over 500 members, our meeting turnouts are small. I would like to see a better turnout at our meetings. Why not try to make at least 2 meetings a year? I would like to meet more of you. Come out and find out what is happening and what is planned for the Club. You would also get a chance to voice and opinion where it would be heard.

In 2011, the runway will be repaved. All regular events will be scheduled and posted on the web. We will continue with the field be open to members only on the second Sunday of every month. All in all this coming year should be as good as the previous years.

I hope to see all of you at the field or at a meeting.

Wishing everyone a happy and healthy New Year,

Dave Rettig

President





PALM BEACH RADIO CONTROL ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING OCTOBER 14, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by our vice President Arty Mundell
New members and guests were introduced.

The September minutes were approved as read.

The treasures report was read

OLD BUSINESS

- Mark gave a quick report on Safety
- Mark gave a quick report on training
- Tony gave a report why you should not go into the woods alone.
- Warbirds over the Glades November 6 & 7 see Alex
- South-East Big Bird event was moved to February 2011
- Toys for Tots will be held December 11 see Alex
- Swap meet will be held February 13 2011 See Dave
- Shirts and hats will be at the November meeting

NEW BUSINESS

- We will need another field work day to clean out the container
- Rhinebeck South will be held March 26
- Our BOD meetings have changed location to the Library on Stat Rd 7 between Clintmore and Yamatto Rds. members are welcome with prior notice
- Beginning in July, we will close the field to members only on the second Sunday of the month.

We had show and tell

REMBER SAFETY FIRST

Raffle: was held courtesy of 3G'S HOBBY'S

MEETING ADJOURNED 8:35 PM

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

WALT DREYFUS SECRETARY

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS FOR OCTOBER & NOVEMBER!

EDWARD LEEKE, LAWRENCE LAKSTER, JUSTIN KANARICK



PALM BEACH RADIO CONTROL ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING NOVEMBER 18, 2010

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

OLD BUSINESS

- Mark gave a quick report on Safety
- Mark gave a quick report on training
- Steve made a newsletter report.
- Alex made a report on the Warbirds over the Glades November 6 & 7
- South-East Big Bird event was moved to February 2011
- Toys for Tots will be held December 11, see Alex
- Swap meet will be held February 13, 2011 See Dave
- Shirts and hats were available at the meeting
- Rhinebeck South will be held March 26
- Our BOD meetings have changed location to the Library on State Rd 7 between Clintmore and Yamatto Rds. members are welcome with prior notice
- We will close the field to members only on the second Sunday of the month.

NEW BUSINESS

- We will need another field work day to clean out the container
- The Palm Beach County Fair will be held Jan 14 to the 30 we will need volunteers for delta darts see Pete and volunteers to man the hobby booth see Walt
- Dave asked the membership if anyone had a small refrigerator that the club could have.
- The leak in the container will be repaired this weekend.
- The underbrush north of the runway has to be trimmed.
- It was announced that Don Smith of Don Smith Plans passed this past Sunday.

REMEMBER SAFETY FIRST

We had show and tell

Raffle: was held courtesy of: **3G'S HOBBY'S**

MEETING ADJOURNED 8:45 PM - RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED - WALT DREYFUS, SECRETARY.



SOME TURKEY DAY PHOTO'S:



Photos by Arty!



GO TO OUR PBRCA WEB PAGE FOR MORE OF THESE GREAT MEMORIES OF THIS YEARS TURKEY DAY!!

NEXT UP: SETH HAS SOME INFO TO SHARE:

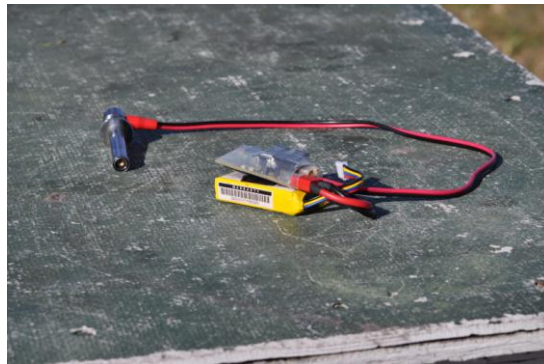
A better glowdriver

What's compact and lightweight, uses a 2 or 3 cell lipo battery, and lights your glowplug daily for weeks before needing to be recharged? The answer? A lipo-powered glowdriver!

It's the latest device from the creative mind of PBRCA member Mike Palumbo!

Included in his design are LED indicators for battery and glowplug condition. Unfortunately, Mike doesn't plan on mass producing these units at the present time, since assembling the small components onto his circuit board isn't easy and is very time consuming.

But will lipo-powered glowdrivers eventually be commercially available? Don't bet against it!



For more info you can contact me at: seth@palmbeachrc.com **SETH STERLING**



NOTES FROM THE SAFETY DIRECTOR:

We need to "straighten up and fly right" at the field (excuse the pun). Some people have been flying in a dangerous manner and we all have to take responsibility for it. The consequences of allowing it to continue are too great. Besides the obvious physical danger of unsafe flying, there is also the possibility of losing insurance for the field and our place to fly that we've worked so hard on. I know people are hesitant to be confrontational with others including their friends, so I propose this...

If you see someone acting in an unsafe manner and have a cell phone with a camera, take a picture and send it to the board. If you don't have a cell phone with a camera, point it out to someone else for the purpose of having a witness, then e-mail the board and we will take action. Thank you in advance for any help in this matter.

Another thing I'd like to point out is that, if you are flying with a 2.4 radio, you need to bind your airplane more than once. It should be bound, obviously, while building the airplane, but it should also be bound again once you have set all throws and throttle controls to where you want them mechanically. I find it better to bind it again after the maiden flight and all the trimmings are set. You should also rebind the airplane periodically, perhaps every three months just to ensure that you are bound correctly.

Remember, it's not a matter of if your airplane will crash, but when. You can cut down the chance of this happening by periodically checking your equipment and rebinding the airplane. Thank you and happy holidays.

CLIFF AUERBACH

SAFETY FIRST!

LIVE IT EVERY MOMENT WHILE YOU ENJOY YOUR TIME AT OUR FIELD – IT'S THE ONLY WAY!

SAFETY UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

CLUB RENEWAL FORM: FIRST... RENEW WITH THE AMA, SO WALT CAN RENEW YOUR CLUB MEMBERSHIP. YOU MUST BE A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING WITH THE AMA TO JOIN OR RENEW WITH PBRCA. This year is over and 2011 will be here in a blink...Renewal forms are attached with this Newsletter.

Renew to stay in the air!!!

FIELD UPDATE:

Radio Impound. Reminder that, per our rules, If you are still flying 72Mhz, 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.

DSS radios: Per our rules, DSS transmitters NO LONGER FOLLOW the same impounding rules as the 72Mhz radios. You need to post your membership card or AMA card on the "S" area in the radio impound and remember to wear your other club membership card.

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.

READ THIS PLEASE:

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. YES You are right these rules are in every newsletter. And they are to be in every day of flying at our field.

SAFETY FIRST IS REAL. SAFETY FOR ALL AT ALL TIMES.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

January 5, 2011 PBRCA Board Meeting Palm Beach County Library 18685 State Road 7 Boca Raton
January 13, 2011 General meeting 7:30 PM South County Civic Center 16700 Jog Road
Palm Beach County Fair will be held Jan 14 to the 30 - **we will need volunteers for delta darts see Pete and volunteers to man the hobby booth see Walt**

February 2 PBRCA Board Meeting Palm Beach County Library 18685 State Road 7 Boca Raton
February 10 General meeting 7:30 PM South County Civic Center 16700 Jog Road

February 13 2011 PBRCA SWAP MEET

February 26 and 27 Delray Big Bird

March 26-27 Rhinebeck South

COME TO THE NEXT CLUB MEETING AND JOIN IN ON THESE EVENTS - WORK OR FLY - BE THERE! THANK YOU!!

May I have your attention please...

Time for Club Business...

Elections!!!!

Nominations opened for all elected positions at the December General Membership Meeting.

Nominations close at the end of the January General Membership Meeting.

ELECTIONS to be held *during the February General Membership Meeting.*

Positions are:

**President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Newsletter Editor,
Safety Coordinator, Chief Training Instructor, Director - Events Chairman
And Director - Public Relations.**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION TO THIS MATTER

PLEASE BE IN ATTENDANCE SO *YOU* CAN VOTE FOR THE NEW BOARD!

IT IS TIME FOR YOU TO GET INVOLVED!

ON DECEMBER 11, 2010, ALEX ACUTI WENT TO WORK AGAIN... AS OUR CD FOR THIS YEARS:



TOYS FOR TOTS!



**AND ARTY WAS THERE FOR US
WITH THESE PHOTOS OF THE DAYS EVENTS...**



And if you were to go to the web site for the PBRCA and click on the tab for Toys for Tots... Much much more!!



Hoping that all your holiday wishes came true!

Happy Holidays, Merry Christmas, And Happy New Year to all! As he flies away til next time... opps! Sorry Santa!

LOCAL HOBBY SHOPS

3 G's Hobbies

1379 N. Military Trail, West Palm Beach
1-95 to Belvedere Road, travel west to
Military Trail. Travel north on Military.

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 closed

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

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I-95 to Cypress Creek exit. West to University
Drive. Southeast corner of University and McNab
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University and south to McNab. (Cypress Creek
turns into McNab)
M-F 9-8, Sat 10-5 Sun 10-3

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Royal Palm, FL 33411

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REMEMBER - ELECTIONS IN FEBRUARY - WE NEED YOU - GET INVOLVED!

SEE WALT & RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP - FORMS ARE ATTACHED!

OK THAT'S IT FOR THIS YEAR - HERE COMES 2011 - SEE YOU SOON ON THE FLIGHT LINE

STEVE