

# Prop Kicks



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## President's Message:

The weather is showing signs of fall and now is the time to start prepping for winter, like oiling my engines for storage but only keep a few out for winter and wrapping the engines to keep dust off of them too.. Another thing I always do is keep a log of repairs needed for each one, things like a tear in the covering that I just patched with electrical tape to get by, a control linkage that is a little loose, etc. All of us should try to keep a log. I am always surprised when I look back at my notes and see something I completely forgot about. Also take your batteries out, keep them all together, label them, cycle them, and keep them at a storage level of charge. Nicds will have to be checked from time to time since they will drain down frequently. A log will also help you plan for your storage because you may want to make one "more accessible" during the winter than others for some repair or modification, etc. All this planning now is a plus when spring arrives. It'll be a long winter and by spring you will know that your planes are near ready to go, or not ready. Make sure you keep your engines tuned properly too. The pit area is not a place for maintenance and tuning; it is a place where you set up, start up, tweak the needle slightly, get your clearance and fly. The neighbors and other pilots will be more grateful when we keep noise to a minimum.

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This is vital, most of the trouble we experience at the field is mechanically related and it can be prevented. The remainder is likely that our head is somewhere else and usually stays there until some event happens with our flight and only then do we get our heads straight but it may be too late. The more of these tasks that we can do at home, our experience at the field will be more pleasurable.

Enjoy the winter

## NOTICE

Due to the scheduling of the Upper Oxford Township Building, our meetings will be held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:30 pm as follows:

October 14th. December 9th. February 10th. April 14th.

### New Members:

Bill Devoe

Walt Faulkner

### Prospective Members:

Steve Howell - Sponsored by

Cecil Miller

Chad Lester - Sponsored by

Tom Lauletta

### Next Meeting:

Wednesday, October 14, 7:30 PM

Upper Oxford Township Bldg.

### Up Coming Events:

Oct. 10 & 11 Vintage Octoberfest

Nov 7 - RC Sale (*Check the Delaware R/C Club's website*)

Dec 5 - Christmas Luncheon

# ***Octoberfest Vintage Fly-In***

**For all VR/CS and SAM models eligible per Vintage R/C Society and Society of Antique Modelers approved planes lists  
October 10 & 11, 2009 West Field, Oxford, PA**

- Hosted by the Cloud Kings Radio Control Club <http://www.cloudkingsrc.org>  
See the club website for maps and directions.
  - Vintage RC planes must meet rules of the Vintage R/C Society (eligible planes cutoff date prior to 1/1/1974) <http://www.vintagercsociety.org>.
  - SAM R/C assist planes must meet rules of the Society of Antique Modelers <http://www.antiquemodeler.org>
  - Four flight lines available.
  - Class I, II and III VR/CS Pattern Competition per VR/CS rules, three flights each, awards to third place.
  - Goldberg Concours – Any Carl Goldberg VR/CS legal design to 1/1/1974.
  - VR/CS Concours – Note: All Concours planes must have plans available.
  - VR/CS Scale
  - VR/CS Open flying
  - SAM Concours
  - SAM 1/2A Texaco and combined Class A, B, C LER 20 second engine run, best 2 of 3 flights 8 minute max, no power limitations. Awards to third place.
  - Entrants must possess current 2009 AMA membership – VR/CS and SAM membership not required to fly.
  - Flying field opens 9:00AM Friday for early arrivals – NOTE: All I/C glow engines must have effective mufflers. Flow through mufflers prohibited. 2-Cycle Engines 95db at 9 ft. 4-Stroke Engines 100db at 9 ft. SAM approved ignition engines may be used per the discretion of the CD. No limitations for electric power.
  - Flying field closed 9:00AM to 4:00PM Saturday except for official vintage flying events.
  - Field open Sunday to general flying at 10:00AM.
  - Lunch available on the field.
  - Tailgate swap shop – bring your hobby items for sale.
  - Saturday Evening Banquet.
  - Pilot registration: \$10 for current VR/CS and SAM members, \$15 for nonmembers.
- Contest Director: Mike Denest, 610-316-3570 email [mjd12k@yahoo.com](mailto:mjd12k@yahoo.com)  
Headquarters Hotel – The [Inn at Nottingham](#) 190 Baltimore Pike Nottingham, PA 19362 (610) 932-4050. Room rate \$88.00/night.  
Friday Gathering – 7 PM – Margarita's Restaurant 4 miles north off US 1 from the Nottingham Inn.  
Saturday Banquet – 6:30 cash bar, 7 PM dinner Inn at Nottingham. Information to follow

# SUMMER PICNIC - SEPTEMBER 12th



## Al's Custom Models Now In Operation

Though my home shop is still "*A Work in Progress*," I have started assembling R/C planes for people.

All work is done on a "Flat Rate." That is, each category of models is assembled for a set price, ie

ARF	- .40 / .60 = \$80.00
Kit	- .40 / .60 = \$150.00
Scratch	- .40 / .60 = \$200.00

This is labor only. You supply the kit and materials.

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### **-NOTICE-**

When a flier takes the field frequency pin home with him, it causes a problem for everyone else at the fly field who may use that same number. So please return your pin before leaving the field.

Thank You.

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### **-NOTICE-**

Van trip to:

**Golden Age Air Museum, Bethel, PA**  
October 3, 2009

Contact A.L. Johnson for info.  
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# Vintage Thoughts

-By Mike Denest

Labor Day weekend is the time to get that last trip to the beach for the tan that has to hold you until December. Usually my Labor Day involves a trip to the Southern Tier of New York State for the annual Vintage RC Society Selinsgrove Reunion. The tradition of the reunion goes back to the late 1950's when a group of RC modelers got together to demonstrate what new developments had been made in RC. While the planes were mainly free flight adaptations converted to various forms of rudder only control, the gist of the gathering was what individual modelers were doing. Eventually this invitational gathering moved to the Selinsgrove, PA airport. The meet was held there for a number of years until the size of the event grew too large for the airport to support the model activities while remaining an active airport. The meet settled on the Ft. Indiantown Gap military reservation and for the next few years until the mid 1970's when the site was no longer available.

The current Selinsgrove Reunion is held very Labor Day weekend at the flying field owned by the Aeroguidance Society of Owego, NY. Owego is one of those small towns you find around Middle America and if you have traveled around the country, you find that small town charm in the turn of the century homes, mom and pop stores and other small shops you find in the shopping district. While the guys are at the flying field, the wives entertain themselves with shopping and lunch in town.

Rather than this turning into a blog, here are some photos of the action. Some of these planes will be at Octoberfest. Enjoy.



Aeromaster Converted to electric power



Concours judging of a Jetco Krackerjac. Note the original kit box was also presented!



John Haffner with his Brooke Crusader and Taurus from a Top Flite kit.



Ted Strader Chicken Hawk built by Jim Quinn



Corben Super Ace built from enlarged plans.

Don't forget, Octoberfest is coming October 10 and 11.