

Prop Kicks



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President's Corner

By the time you read this we will have most of the improvements done at West Field. This includes extending the runway, wing extensions on the flying stations, a new grill, and replacing the spectator fence. The field was also rolled and blended into the east extension. My thanks to Bill Losey and Ray Crowley for their help in making all this happen.

Ray and Bill also sponsored an educational trip to Massey Aerodrome to see their facility and the restoration that is going on there. It was worth the short trip to Massey, and if you are ever in the area be sure to stop in and see them. The folks there are gracious with their time to show you around. They also allow R/C flying there.

The next issue that faces us, is how can we effectively utilize Harris Field on the schedule that we have to work with, which is every Wednesday and Thursday along with alternating weekends. Mike Denest is planning to use the weekday evenings to have flying instruction at Harris and needs your help to train those students that are on the roster. We are planning to have a toilet placed there for our use during the summer months.

Henry Bohe is in the final planning stages for our annual Tailgate Sale being held at West Field on Saturday, May 22nd. There is no cost for selling things from your vehicle and food is also free to those who attend. I really hope that our members will come out and join in this event!

I am sponsoring the first Club Picnic for this year on June 19th at West Field. I am looking forward to a relaxing day with some low key fun competition for all to enjoy. More on this later.

We are off to a good start, so come and enjoy flying!

The next meeting is at West Field on June 9th at 7:30 pm. Plan to come and bring something to show and tell us about.

Hope to see you all at the field.
Dick Plyler

R/C TAILGATE SALE & AUCTION

SATURDAY,
MAY 22, 2010

9:00 'TIL NOON

SPONSORED
BY
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LOCATION-WEST FIELD, 160 CREAM RD., OXFORD, PA 19363

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SPACES ARE PROVIDED FREE OF CHARGE

FOOD & BEVERAGE WILL BE PROVIDED FREE OF CHARGE

OPEN TO ANYONE TO SELL ANYTHING R/C

IF YOUR ITEMS DON'T SELL AND YOU WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THEM

AUCTIONED OFF WE WILL DO SO RIGHT AT YOUR TABLE

NO COMMISSIONS WILL BE CHARGED TO SELLER OR BUYER

Vintage Thoughts – By Mike Denest

Well, the Taurus is coming along nicely. I was looking over the wing and noticed a small section of covering was lifting. It was Ceconite aircraft fabric, the type used on full scale aircraft. I had covered my Ugly Stik wing years ago using the stuff with good results. I was trying to decide what to do; either glue down the area or lift it off. So...I got out the knife and removed it. I was surprised at how easy the covering lifted off the frame so I think my decision was a good one. Anyway, it's ready for a silk covering job; I'm just waiting on the weather to cooperate. I'm sending the radio off for a good tune up prior to first flight so I can rule out any failures (and excuses!). I hope to have it at the field around the end of June.

Octoberfest

I received the AMA Sanction approval for the event so remember the dates, October 9th and 10th 2010. Hopefully we will have better weather this year. Volunteers are needed to help run this annual event; it cannot happen without you.

Scene at Toledo

If you haven't been to this show, you are missing a great time. It was my first trip to Toledo for the show and I was not disappointed. This year marked the 56th event to be hosted by the Toledo Weak Signals club. And, I can say that they are doing it right. There were approximately 350 vendors showing their latest products, some of which I would have a very hard time explaining to Diane as to why this was so essential to my basement. There were many seminars on a number of items of interest and the swap shop which almost wrapped around the second floor of the Seagate Center. I toured the swap shop several times that weekend but really didn't bring anything home I "thought" I needed. I was there to represent the Vintage RC Society so most of my time was spent promoting the VR/CS. However, I did get some time to wander around the show floor. A year ago, the show incorporated a Vintage RC classification. It has paid off well with a good number of vintage models presented for display.

The first picture is a Bell P-63 built from a Sterling kit built by Dan Grotzinger of Indianapolis, IN. Although the model is several years old, you would

think it was brand new from its appearance. Dan did a fine job and won a well deserved First Place.



Sterling P-63 by Dan Grotzinger

Second place was taken by a deBolt Custom live Wire Bipe built by Lawrence R. Latowski of Battle Creek, MI.



Third place was a Carl Goldberg (yes bunky!) Sr. Skylark built by Dave Platt (Mr. Scale) of Palm Bay, FL. Now any of you who have been around this hobby long enough know that Carl Goldberg never produced a Sr. Skylark commercially. Well, yes and no. It seems that the design made it through the prototype models and flight testing but there was a decision to not produce a kit, even with the prototype being flown in competition at the 1965 Nationals at NAS Willow Grove in PA. Since the resurgence of the vintage RC movement, some of those still around presented evidence that there was, in fact, a Sr. Skylark. Existing drawings surfaced and several new examples have been built

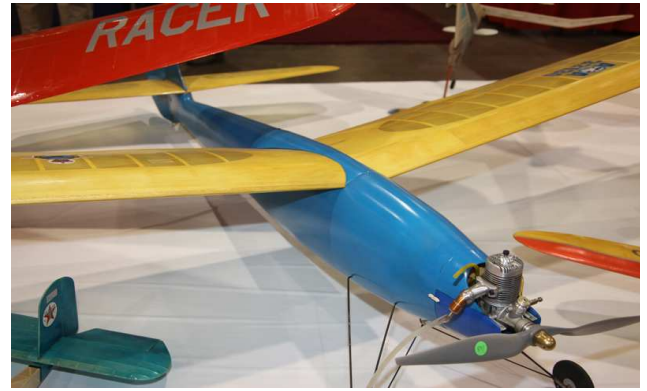
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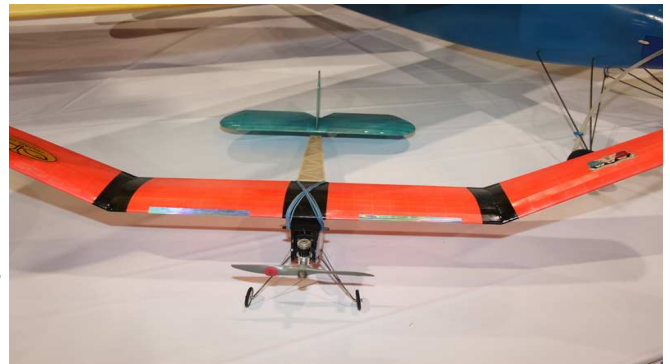
Goldberg Sr. Skylark by Dave Platt

If you take a close look at the picture, you can see that Dave flies it with an Orbit 10 channel reed radio! If you are familiar with radios of this vintage (1964) you will note that there are some things different about it. Take a look at the antenna. Original Orbit transmitters have a large coil cover in the middle of the antenna. Most radios of the time had what they called “center loading” which means that there is a length of wire coiled within the cover. Without the center loading feature, the antenna length would be impossible to handle. Another thing you will notice is the frequency is a black streamer with a “06” to indicate a channel number. This radio is what we call “synthetic reeds” where the original electronics have been removed and replaced with a modern electronics deck and a Futaba narrow band FM module tuned for 50MHz (6 Meter Amateur band) frequency. There is a modern FM receiver and servos installed in the model. If you are an old button pusher, you will have no problem flying a radio of this type.

SAM was also represented, there being a number of fantastic models on display.



Shershaw Nimbus



1/2A Texaco Lanzo Racer



Lancer



Remember; vintage is a frame of mind. See you at the field.

**A MESSAGE
FROM OUR SAFETY OFFICER**

With the installation of the extra four feet added to our flying stations we will have one of, if not the safest flying field in the area.

Being a person who deals with rules and regulations on a daily basis I do not advocate more of the same for our club, but I would ask each and every member to keep in mind SAFETY FIRST while flying their airplanes and we all will have a fun filled and safe flying season



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Our Coming Activities and Events

Tailgate Sale on May 22nd – Henry Bohe
Cloud King Picnic – June 19th – Dick Plyler
Fall Picnic – Date (to be discussed) Bill Brueckman
Vintage Event – Oct. 9th & 10th – Mike Denest
Christmas Luncheon – Dec. 11th – Dick Plyler

Other Planned Events

Armed Forces War Bird Fly-In – May 15, 2010

The day to pay tribute to those men and women
serving in the US Armed Services

Trinca Airport

131 Airport Road

Andover, NJ 07821

For more information contact Scott Geller

932-464-59

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Bethel Old-Timers event – Oct. 3rd

Contact – Bill Losey or Ray Crowley

Delaware War-Birds – July 9th thru 11th

April 2010 Club Meeting

Prospective Members

Mack Graham - Sponsored by Bob Taylor

Members Approved

Richard Wortmann & daughter Rebecca

Day Trip to Massey Air Museum

On April 28, 2010 a group of the weekday flyers...made up of retired members... made a trip to the museum.

Rich Kline, a former club member, was nice enough to supply a fifteen passenger van and be our driver.

The museum is staffed by a group of craftsmen in many trades. The staff is very friendly and informed on all the displays. They spent about two and one-half hours escorting us around the museum. The museum has many work-in-progress projects to view. Also, there is an aviation library and many model aircraft on display.

The museum is only about an hour drive from Oxford and well worth the trip.
Check out the attached photographs.



Arriving at Museum



Main Lobby



Cub Restoration



View out Library Window