

PROP KICKS

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FREEZE FLY 2012



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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

It's hard to believe that we are almost to February and have had no appreciable snow. Although the cold comes and goes it didn't stop a good number of hearty flyers from attending the New Years Freeze Fly. I guess that a lot of us had "cabin fever" and decided to get out there and enjoy ourselves anyway.

We also had a good turnout at the December meeting to elect a new slate of officers and also have discussion around some new ideas for our events this year. The board will be meeting to discuss these and others to select a program to present at the February meeting. You should plan to come and provide your input to these ideas. I also anticipate a lot of "show and tell" projects from the winter season.

I hope to see you there on Feb.8th at the Upper Oxford Twp. building at 7:30 PM.

Dick

Deadlines for Submissions to Prop Kicks

January 15th

March 15th

May 15th

July 15th

September 15th

November 15th

If you have anything that you would like to have published in Prop Kicks, such as, interesting stories, tech tips or R/C items for sale please send it to:

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It's time to renew you club membership for the 2012 flying season.

MEET OUR NEW VICE-PRESIDENT



I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to the general membership of the Cloud Kings. My name is Bill Brueckman and I am the new Vice-President. I've been a member of the club for six years.

My wife Robin and I have been married 25 years and I have two daughters, two step-sons, eight grandchildren and two great-grandsons. I'm a life-long resident of Cecil County Maryland, residing in the Fair Hill-Calvert area for the last 25 years. I recently retired from the State of Maryland after 45 years of service as Clerk of the Circuit Court for Cecil County.

My first hobby, dating back to 1946 and continuing to present day, was model trains. Over the years I have acquired a large collection of S-gauge American Flyer. It was in my early teens that I became interested in model airplanes and built quite a few control line model. Most recently my interest has turned to radio control aircraft. Since starting out in R/C I have dabbled in nitro power, electric power and my latest is a gasoline powered 1/4 scale Extra 230.

I feel that the Cloud Kings R/C Club is a positive influence to the advancement of building and flying of model aircraft. As your Vice-President I will strive to achieve the goals set out by the leadership of the club and with the help and support of the membership those goals will be accomplished.

Bill

Earl B. Gibson

We note with sadness the loss of Earl Gibson who passed away, in his 82 year, at the Harrison House in Christiana, PA, on December 11, 2011.

Earl was a charter member of the Cloud Kings R/C Club, and was very active in the clubs early years. However, some of you will remember him being in attendance at our picnics and fly-ins - especially those great events at Harris Field! Earl was always accompanied by his wife Gladys, who survives him. They had been married for 55 years.

Earl served consecutive terms as one of the clubs first presidents. He was a prolific builder and proficient pilot. He was one of those early pioneers in the art of model aviation particularly R/C modeling. Those were the days before canned models, ARFs, and all the rest of that which is called modeling today. Earl lived at a time when you had to "roll-your-own." He stands shoulder to shoulder with the great ones who made model aviation what it is today. These men had to first plan it, then gather the ingredients from everywhere they could be found, slip off to some secluded spot in the basement or garage under a single light bulb and create a flying machine. Having done all this they then had to go make it fly with a primitive radio system and they did it!

Farewell Earl, we look back upon you with affection and admiration and look forward to the day when we shall fly again with youthful glee.

Chester Ciesielski

We mark with sadness the passing of our friend Chester Ciesielski. Chester was an enthusiastic member of the Cloud Kings RC Club and a regular at the Mid-Week Flyers breakfast on Wednesday mornings.

He brought a special kind of life and vitality to our group which will not be easily replaced. Men like Chester are one of a kind and we are the poorer for his loss. However, we take solace in the confidence that he has winged his way to that great eternal flight-line where we shall all hope to enjoy fairer skies and sweeter reunion again.

Oh, I have slipped the surly bonds of earth,
And danced the skies on laughter-silvered wings,
Sunward I've climbed and joined the tumbling mirth
Of sun-split clouds - and done a hundred things
You have not dreamed of - wheeled and soared and swung
High in the sunlit silence. Hov'ring there,
I've chased the shouting wind along and flung
My eager craft through footless halls of air.

Up, up the long delirious, burning blue
I've topped the wind swept heights with easy grace,
Where never lark, or even eagle, flew;
And, while with silent, lifting mind I' ve trod
The high untrespassed sanctity of space,
Put out my hand, and touched the face of God.



Bill Losey

Calendar of Events

Every Wednesday 8:30 AM

Post House Restaurant, Oxford, PA
Mid-Week Flyer's Breakfast

Feb. 2nd - 6:00AM

Punxsutawney Phil's 126th Prognostication!

Feb. 8th - 7:30 PM

Club Meeting, Upper Oxford Twp. Bldg.

Feb. 11th - 1:00 PM

Valentines Day Luncheon,
Wesley's Restaurant

Feb. 24th - 26th

44th Annual WRAM Show
Meadowlands Expo Center
Secaucus, NJ (Different Location)

Mar. 10th

32nd Annual Lebanon Flea Market

Mar. 24th

Annual Flea Market, Hamburg, PA

R/C Stuff for Sale

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