

PROP KICKS

Cloud Kings R/C Club, Oxford, PA



AMA # 579

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The Presidential Address —2016

As 2016 looms before us our thoughts turn to what Cloud Kings should aspire to this year. There are several events planned, several projects which have been discussed and several meetings to organize.

We should all be proud of our little club, last year saw growth, when other clubs are struggling, saw good turn out at our organized events. So the question is what can and should we be doing better?

Therefore there are three things I want us to improve this year, and they all require your help, support and continued interest.

1: We must see more volunteers. Where people want to help, want to take part and want to contribute. At present Cloud Kings while hugely successful needs your help, otherwise some of these activities will start to falter. Too much of the work is being left to too few people.

2. We need to see growth. Many of us are at, or approaching our sunset years and it would be good to see new and younger flyers start to fill the gaps. Ideas please.

3. We need to see more flying. Even on those most perfect of days the field is barely in use. Cloud Kings needs to see new events, perhaps inviting other local clubs to Electric fly ins, Warbirds weekend, or perhaps a renewed emphasis of specialty flying, such as quadcopting, evening, perhaps a combat evening or other activities which get us collectively at the field. Again, your ideas are most welcome.

But most of all this year needs to be the year of safety. Check those checklists, and please do those repairs before heading to the sky. If in doubt, check again.

Holiday Bash...

A fortnight ago, saw the advent of our very own tradition. The cloud kings holiday bash. Now I have to confess to being of stout waist have been trying to lose weight. Well that all went out the window the moment I tasted their fried chicken. Which was so good it resulted in a walk of shame to get my third portion.

What a fantastic place. Great food, great atmosphere and clearly great fellowship. The start was signaled by Bill providing grace, which lasted 32 minutes by which time most of the kids were on their second helpings, and our illustrious Prezzie was on his third.

It was a great turn out, lots of new faces (at least for me) and fantastic to see so many cloud kings at the same place and time.

Before moving on from this topic I want to thank Bill, Robin and everyone else who made this not only happen but the roaring success that it clearly was.



Submissions to Prop Kicks

Prop Kicks is a bi-monthly publication of the Cloud Kings RC Club. Your pictures, ideas, articles are needed for publication. Send your submissions to Editor@Cloudkingsrc.org. Please submit your articles and photos in electronic format by e-mail or cd.

Builder of the Month...

Henry Bohe, has sent in some pictures of his newest build. He is currently building a Phil Kraft Kwik Fli III which he aims to have completed by the Octoberfest 2016. The model is covered in orange Ultracote, and will be powered by an OS46AX.

A lovely machine, a striking color, and an excellent finish.



AMA in the Spotlight...

Last month in this same newsletter: was published information regarding the AMAs robust defense of the FAAs "model aircraft" registration suggested approach. This month has seen one of the first examples of a government entity getting something done in double quick time and completely ignoring the plethora of complains concerns and arguments put before them. Yes, in short the AMA's arguments and current legal challenge would appear to have been completely ignored by big government.

Whilst many of us would agree that the responsible flyers who subscribe to the AMA are unlikely to present the main issue, the FAA would appear to simply have ignored everything and anything set out before them by our glorious AMA leadership.

So, now that we have to register with the FAA, this leads one to now ask what on earth is the point of the AMA? It's not for representation, it's not for insurance because they have never paid out, and demand you have alternative insurance, it's not for safety because that is number 7 in their list of objectives, but if not these things then what?

To register your flying machine with the FAA please go to: <http://www.faa.gov/uas/registration/>

Registration is just \$5 for all your aircraft, and will be free for the first couple of months. For complete fairness, the AMA is mounting a challenge and have asked members not to register for the time being. But given its going to be free that's not something that is likely to be taken seriously by many of its members.

Abducted by Aliens—Papal Visit?

How wide can someone's mouth open? A question frequently pondered but never before adequately answered. That was until Roger was reacquainted with his long lost plane, and his lower jaw hovered about 3 inches off the floor for a period of several seconds. We all knew we finally had the answer to what science has been unable to provide.

In a feat which few have been able replicate, Roger managed to lose not one but two planes on one of the rare days which are noted in the club calendar as being perfect flying weather. In Rogers defense..... Arhh slim pickings on this one. We ahh believe that ahh aliens, Mercury in retrograde and a papal visit were all at play.

It has been suggested by a rather unscrupulous individual that Roger re-lost his reacquired plane while carrying it to his car. The club has been unable to verify this most heinous of suggestions.

Roger was unavailable to comment on this allegation at time of publication. But on the assumption of guilty until proven innocent....



Events Calendar

January 1st	Annual Freeze Fly— Cloud Kings Field, As much fun as you can have with your thermals on.
January 10th	Indoor Fly-in—North East High school 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.
January 16th	Deleware RC Flea Market and Swap Meet – Newark Senior Centre, 200 Whitechapel Drive, Newark, DE 19713 Doors Open 8:30AM, Entrance \$5.00
January 24th	Indoor Fly-in—North East High school 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.
February 6th	Club meeting—Saturday Morning Post House, Nottingham, 9:00 o'clock



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Back to the future...

In a slight break from tradition, I am devoting a whole page to a most impressive build project.

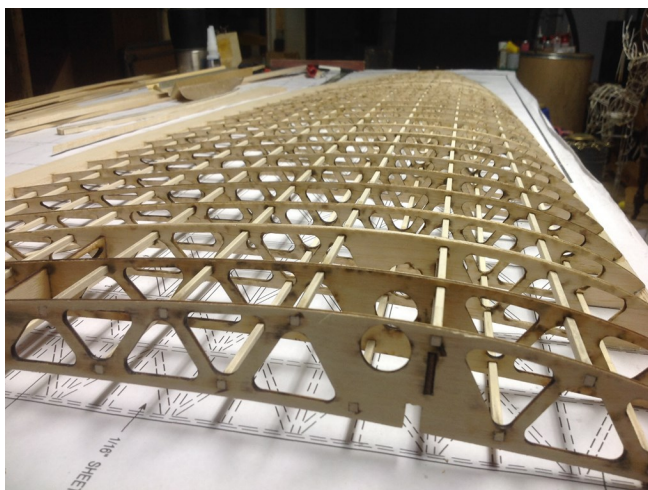
Richard Klein has sent in some very impressive pictures of a little monster he is building, This is the Valkyrie, and is a classic Carl Goldberg design of around the 1930's. It has an impressive 118" wingspan, and is about 6 foot long. The Valkyrie has impressive heritage being originally designed in the 1930's by none other than Carl Goldberg.

The short kit is now available from Dan Walton of Laser Technologies, 499 Blue Goose Road, Troy, MO 63379: Phone 636-462-7400 or e-mail Lasers@centurytel.net

Richard will power this baby with an e-flite 46, which is a bit of a break from the traditional, smoky, noisy combustion thing it would have originally been designed for.

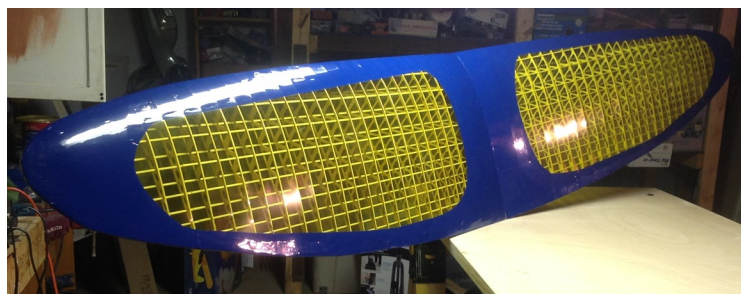


Scratch built by Franny Brodigan—Colorado.



Richard, you are building the aeronautic equivalent of the Mona-Lisa, and the Sistine chapel rolled into one. A beautiful creation, demonstrating your ability as an expert builder.

I am going to suggest that the club has a bbq when this lady is due for her maiden. I for one cannot wait to see this fair maiden get her wings.



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