

PROP KICKS

Cloud Kings R/C Club, Oxford, PA



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AMA # 579

Octoberfest



Important Club Business:

As discussed in the October club meeting, the club officers are proposing a change to the bylaws relating to membership renewal. We propose an April 1st deadline for renewals.

Section 4.3 Membership Renewal

"All current members should renew with the club by April first of the New Year to retain their membership in the club. Membership with the AMA must be confirmed at that time. Renewals after April first (1st) are subject to a \$15 late fee."

This does not impact returning members from prior years as described in section 4.4. This only applies to renewal of existing members. So if someone is a 2016 member and fails to renew in 2017, they may return in 2018 with no penalty. However, if they wish to join in 2017 after April 1st they will have to pay the late fee in addition to normal dues.

We propose voting on this change at the December meeting.

Presidents Bench:

This years Buy & Fly was a huge success, largely due to the hard work of our club members and my wife Robin and Dan Crawford who did a bang up job with the food. The club realized \$258.94.

Although very hot our annual picnic came off without a hitch. Attended by about 30 folks who dined on a variety of delicious food prepared by family members. Let's hope for cooler weather next year.

Another flying season has all but slipped away with evening flying getting shorter by the day. So let's all get to the field and enjoy the flying time we have left.

Bill Brueckman

A request from the editor's desk:

We love to post pictures of your build projects, whether it is currently flying, ARF's, restorations, etc. for publishing in the newsletter. We need good pictures of your project, as many as possible so we can choose the best ones for inclusion. We want to know the particulars of your subject and appreciate it if you will send not only pictures but information as to the design, wing span, length, radio, covering, engine/motor, weight and anything else you would like to have included. We also encourage you to post helpful hints, articles and other items that may be of interest to the membership. So, if we don't receive anything from you, it is going to be a very, very short newsletter!

Club Calendar of Events:

Club meeting—December 10th
9:00AM Post House

Christmas Luncheon—December 17th
1:00PM Dutchway restaurant

Indoor Fly - November 6th 1:00PM
- 4:00PM North East High School

Membership

Prospective—Kelly Joyce

New Members

Rodway Sterner and John Martin

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, USB stick or cd.

Octoberfest

By Mike Denest

Usually, the early fall season is an excellent time for flying. The heat of summer is behind us, the temperatures are cooler and the winds are lighter; the hot summer breeze from the south has dissipated into light zephyrs. You can count on getting to the field during the week if you're lucky or hold off for the weekend to enjoy some nice weather and get in a few good flights.

The first few years of Octoberfest enjoyed these fine weather patterns until the recent last few years. Despite the fluky weather that has lately been experienced on the Columbus Day weekend, modelers gathered together to enjoy vintage R/C airplanes. Except for last year's cancellation due to a tropical storm, this year was no exception; sixteen flyers came to Johnson Field to enjoy this rite of the fall season that is Octoberfest. I had been watching the weather all week, watching if we would get a good weekend to fly. Several weather outlets I checked consistently showed early in the week to be spotless up to Friday then showers and overcast on Saturday with Sunday clear and sunny but windy. "Just my luck, another crap weekend!" I thought. I made the decision to hold the event and deal with it as it came.

Even though overcast, the Saturday morning flying session was pretty good, with a variety of airplanes from a Goldberg Ranger 42 with an operational Galloping Ghost system, a Ken Willard designed Page Boy, to a nice quarter scale deHavilland Tiger Moth taking to the skies. Things were good up to the lunch break; it was time to serve up a great menu in the Cloud Kings Café and give away a few donated kits. Offered up was a Das Little Stik from Lazer Works, a Balsa USA Moonraker and a very vintage DeBolt Mustang went to Andrew Bedsole, Ray Phillips and Beppe Fascione respectively.

I wanted to get some pattern flying completed but the steady light rain said otherwise and many of the attendees decided to pack it up and head for home. So much for Octoberfest 2016. I'm considering a date change to either the spring or earlier in the fall. I want to thank everyone who supported Octoberfest whether you participated, helped (thanks Rodway!) or just came out to watch. A special thanks goes to the crew of the Cloud Kings Café, grill master Dan Crawford, Bill and Robin Brueckman and Jannie Hamilton for the enjoyable lunch menu of burgers, dogs and all the fixin's.

Enjoy the photos and build something vintage for next year.









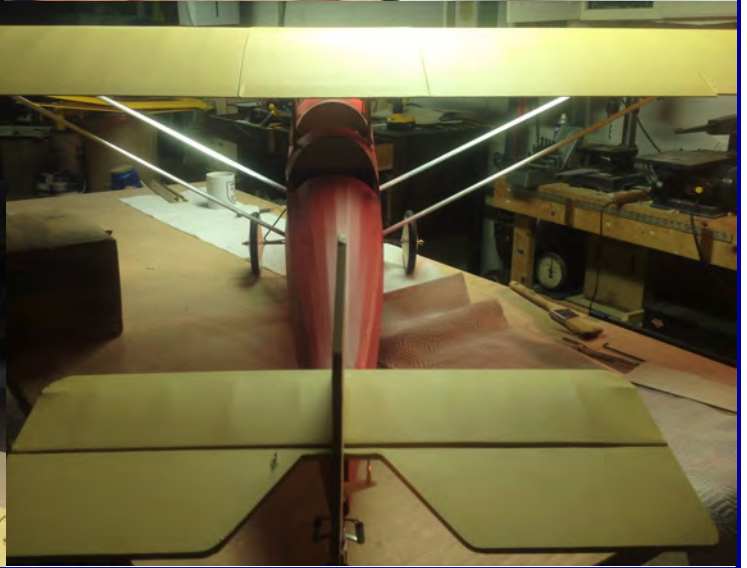
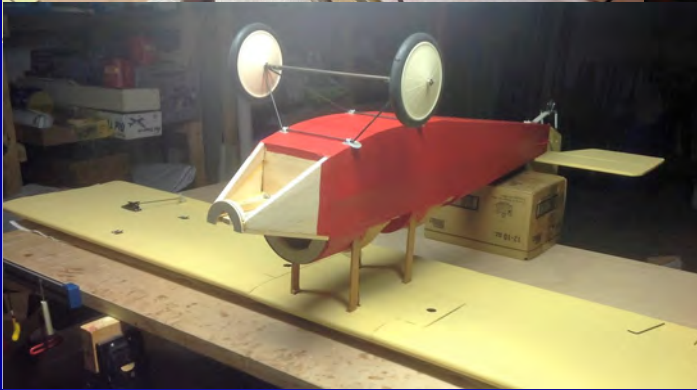


Club Picnic



Around the Patch

The unstoppable Rich Kline is at it again, this time with a nice replica Peitenpol Air Camper. Rich says it is from a House of Balsa 1/4 scale kit, 85" wingspan, about 7 pounds, powered by an Evolution 10 gas engine and covered with Solartex fabric. It features aluminum airfoil shaped wing struts reinforced with 1/4" hardwood dowel. Nice job, Rich.





Ray Crowley sent in this photo of Johnson (formerly West) Field in 2001. Note the safety fence, the lack of a pavilion and the port a potty location.

It's that time of the year again to renew your Cloud Kings membership at the December meeting. You will need to present your 2017 AMA membership as part of your renewal.



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