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President's Message

We are entering the fall season of flying and our Club still has several events planned.

The next one is our Fall Club Picnic, scheduled for Sunday, September. 12 and is being sponsored by Bill Brueckman. A separate flyer will be published by Bill with all the details.

This is followed by a planned trip to the Golden Age Air Museum in Bethel, Pa. This is a model flying event for planes made before 1941. It is sponsored by the Tri County-Sky Barons. If you want to join in on this, contact Bill Losey or Ray Crowley.

The last flying event is the October Vintage Fly-in sponsored by Mike Denest on October 9th-10th. This open flying event has replaced our spring event that used to occur in June. This is a well attended and growing activity that you should consider attending and participating, if you have a vintage model to enter. Contact Mike on questions and he will be looking for us to assist him in doing this.

The last event is our Christmas Luncheon which is scheduled in December at the Nottingham Inn on old Baltimore Pike in Nottingham, PA. I am sponsoring this and by popular demand have returned to this location.

At the August meeting we approved a proposal to allow us to begin to integrate "gas powered" airplanes at our fields without excessive or offensive noise levels. This is not an "anything goes" plan, but an organized approach that allows us to work with our engine/plane combinations to improve levels of noise that may be excessive and offensive. A separate write-up has been written and is included for your use.

The next meeting on October 13th is at Upper Oxford Twp. Bldg. at 7:30 pm. If you are interested in running for any of the four elected offices for 2011, you need to announce this at the October meeting to allow voting at the December meeting.

Hope to see you at the Field.
Dick Plyler

New Members:

Jack Douglas

Prospective Members:

Wayne Morris
Dennis Cannon
Earl McMullen
Steven Andrew, Jr.

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Next Meeting:

**Upper Oxford Twp. Bldg.
Wednesday
October 13th
7:30 pm**

Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome

The Early Years

I have put three very early aircraft on the following pages that are generally flown on the Saturday show at Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome. These three planes are more like butterflies than aircraft.



Blériot Type XI (French)

"I will Huff and Puff until I get Airborne"

I understand this is the oldest plane flying in the USA. It was quite a treat to see it lift off a few feet into the air. This engine would have trouble passing the Massachusetts auto emissions testing program. The aircraft is powered by a 35 HP Anzani "Y" type engine. The maximum altitude this particular plane has flown is 60 feet. At the Aerodrome, it is flown at much lower altitudes---two to three feet.

Europeans read of the Wright Brothers successful conquest of the mysteries of flight in the USA in 1903, and built their own aircraft. The announcer at Old Rhinebeck, (Jim Hare) is fantastic. If you can remember what he says, you get a very enthusiastic lesson in the history of aviation and of Old Rhinebeck.

The XI was the first aircraft to fly over the English Channel in July of 1909 from Calais, France to Dover, England. The plane took 38 minutes to cross the 22 miles, and aviation took off. Louis Blériot was very accident prone and he made the channel trip with his crutches strapped to his fuselage. In order to make this momentous trip, it took 10 earlier versions of Blériots, and many crashes to achieve his goal of making a reliable aircraft. The Model XI became his most sought after aircraft, and can be seen skimming over the grass at Old Rhinebeck.

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The 1910 Hanriot (French)

This is about as high as I have seen this aircraft go. The conditions were perfect on the 26th of September--no wind and I would say that this old timer was about 30 feet off the runway. The bit of blue on the left is a building used for the Sunday show. This photo clearly shows the pilot with his hands on the two sticks. The pilot's left hand controls the wing warp and the right hand controls the elevator. The pilot's foot controls the rudder. This is a pretty plane and I believe the wood on the fuselage is mahogany. The plane is powered by a 50 HP Franklin engine.



1911 Curtiss Pusher Model D (USA)

It is hard to believe that anything that looks like this can fly, but it can. This US aircraft is powered by the original 1911-- 80 HP Hall Scott engine.

Flight Training 101 – By Mike Denest

We have a solo

On July 6, 2010, Henry Bohe pulled the cord (buddy box that is) on Walt Faulkner for his first solo flight. Many thanks also to Pete Jones who jumped in to help Walt get ready for the big day. The recent club meeting featured the award of a solo certificate and shirt cutting by yours truly. Congratulations Walt, now let's see some real flying.



Octoberfest October 9th and 10th 2010

Well it's almost here and the club needs your help and support in these areas:

- Concours judges (3 persons)
- Pattern judges (4 persons to work in rotation)
- Transmitter impound (2 persons)
- Event photography (1 person)
- Field marshalls (2 persons)
- Parking (1 person)
- Food service (4 persons)

SAM contestants will provide their own timers. I have the judging guidelines and score sheets available and will provide any briefing necessary.

Contact me at mjd12k@yahoo.com or call me at 610-316-3570.

The event is open to all; VR/CS or SAM membership is not required. Vintage planes however must have been approved by VR/CS and SAM or verify that the plane was built, designed, kitted before the VR/CS or SAM cutoff dates. Registration is \$15 for VR/CS and SAM members, \$20 for non members.

FMI:

<http://www.vintagercsociety.org> <http://www.antiquemodeler.org>

Octoberfest 2010 event schedule

Friday: Open flying – Field open at 9:00AM

Saturday: Field closed 9:00 AM to 4:00PM except for official VR/CS and SAM events.

- Class I, II and III pattern (best two of three flights)
- VR/CS Concours with a special award for Best Taurus
- VR/CS Scale
- VR/CS and SAM Open flying
- SAM combined ABC Limited Engine Run 20 second limit (Best two of three flights)
- SAM 1/2A Texaco (Best two of three flights)
- SAM Concours
- Saturday evening banquet at the Nottingham Inn. 6:30PM cocktails, 7:00PM dinner. \$32/person, all are welcome. I need your commitment on or before October 8, 2010 for the headcount.

Sunday: Open Flying – Field open at 10:00AM. Regular flying day, all are welcome to fly. AMA sanction will still be in effect



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Our Purpose: To integrate gas powered aircraft at our fields in our flying activities without excessive or offensive noise levels.

Our approach: We will allow temporary, reasonable excursions of engine noise above our existing standards of 95 & 100 db at both of our fields. These temporary excursions are on Saturdays at West Field and on Wednesdays or Thursdays at Harris Field.

Reasonable and excessive noise levels will be determined by an appointed "Noise Committee" consisting of at least 5 members who will be present to evaluate each aircraft prior to flying it. If the aircraft is judged to be excessively noisy, it should not be flown until modifications are made and re-evaluated. In all cases, noise levels will be taken in order to objectively track progress.

The premise is, that with sufficient effort, most engines can be quite acceptable if given the opportunity. Modifications to the prop, airframe or engine can be additive to reduce the noise.

A positive attitude and approach needs to prevail if we are to succeed at reducing noise levels of Gas powered planes to a level when they can be routinely flown at our fields.

Dick Plyler
President, Cloud Kings R-C Club

Noise Committee:
Earl McMullen
Alvin Johnson
More to be added

A Note From Your Safety Officer

It has come to my attention that some of us are standing in the middle of the pit area while flying our aircraft.

With the four feet extensions that have been added to the flight stations, this should give us adequate room to be in compliance with field safety rules “***That all pilots are to stand in the flying stations***”.

William L. Bruckman

Cloud Kings Picnic

West Field on Sunday Sept. 12th, 2010

Serving begins at 1:30 pm. Please bring a covered dish and drinks of your choice.