

PROP KICKS

Cloud Kings R/C Club, Oxford, PA



AMA # 579

Bill Brueckman - President
Dan Crawford - Vice President
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The Pressies Annual Thought...

He doesn't get them often so we should take note...

After another successful year, Cloud Kings is alive and well, has increased membership by 5, has held several successful events, not least the hugely successful Buy and Fly, and none can compete with our very own annual picnic, which despite beautiful weather, could have benefited with an increased turnout. Both events were financially successful. It was unfortunate that our October vintage fly-in was cancelled and measures next year should be made to accommodate a rain date.

Cloud Kings is about fun, flying and fellowship rather than financials. While the organization must remain in the black, flying is the passion of our members and is fully reflected in the events we hold. But in order to continue these events, we must have more volunteers to help set-up, manage and organize, we cannot rely on the same people year after year.

My hope for next year, is for us all enjoy the field, flying, and generally have fun. I hope we will continue to grow and attract new members both those new to the hobby and those long in the tooth.

It is the members which makes our club dynamic, vibrant and successful.

A Note of Thanks...

Thanks to all those who did contribute and helped out this year, not least of all Bills wife Robin, who not only made and supplied gourmet food at all the clubs events, but stoically stood on a freezing flight line during the New Years Freeze Fly, handing out hot coffee. A day which stood up to its name.

Builder of the Month...

Mike Denest, who will soon head to the wet, drab, dreary and perpetually rainy English countryside. But will therefore experience the steamy delight of delicious "real" fish and chips, which more than makes up for the inclement weather. Has sent in pictures of his newest creation.

Mike is building a 1966 vintage model he acquired at a swap meet. Its almost as old as me. It is a 68" span Vic's Custom Models Great Lakes Trainer, Mike is rebuilding the nose to accept an inverted .45-.65 engine.



Mike superb workmanship, a beautiful plane. When do I get to test fly it for you?

I need tips on how to keep my workbench this tidy..

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.

Multi GP...

Or Multirotor Grand Prix has exploded in popularity over the past few years. It uses FPV multirotor technology through goggles or a screen. Pilots get a birds eye view from their cockpits, and are expected to fly an obstacle packed course.



This happens at speed, and with a full complement of other fliers all intent in getting to the choke point first.

In my view, any hobby which mixes, speed, obstacles, and lots of testosterone, has to be worthy of carnage, and therefore a second look.

There are now lots of locations and lots of countries hosting Multirotor GP events, its definitely here to stay and has put a new spotlight on RC in general.

This is part of the hobby which is completely new to me, and is so new that's there are simply not many pictures available anywhere.

AMA in the Spotlight...

Under strictly controlled terms, this month saw the AMA make a robust argument to the FAA to exempt AMA members from further registration. Their argument mainly centered around the fact that the legions of commercial drone users are in general not AMA certified, and that model aircraft are exempt from such regulation under the special provisions of 2012.

AMA further suggested that additional registration was unlikely to have any impact on those people essentially purchasing commercially available toys.

Contributors

Our very own Prez. Bill Brueckman

Mike Denest—Builder of the Month

Nick Lang—Our inside track to AMA

Smoking Foam...

Last month I reported that after many hours, and lots of very colorful but highly original language, I finally had my CNC foam cutter working.

That might have been a tad premature. Little did I know that was just the start of stress, frustration, and general discontent, interspaced with moments of euphoria, and then back to even more highly original language. But after spending countless evenings, merging into even earlier mornings, and enough scrap foam to fill a department store dumpster, I have finally managed to partially dial in the settings to get reasonable results.



I am now in the process of designing and building 4 forward swept prototypes, to test two designs, and hopefully will have at least some of them flying next weekend.

Events Calendar...

December 5th	Club Meeting—Posthouse, Nottingham Road. 9:00AM
December 13th	Indoor Fly-in—North East High school 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.
December 19th	Christmas Bash—Dutch Way Restaurant, 365 PA-41, 1:00PM
December 27th	Indoor Fly-in—North East High school 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.
January 1st	Annual Freeze Fly— Cloud Kings Field, As much fun as you can have with your thermals on.



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