

The Flightline

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Editorial

Dave Harding

There has been some discussion among the members about improving Dallett field for the flyers, spectators, visitors and community.

Flying Surface

The flying surface is quite good but the surface is not uniform and there are a number of bumps and odd patches. Various suggestions have been made on how we might improve the surface.

Some have suggested that we consider a scraping and re-seeding to put down a new surface. Others have indicated that this has been discussed before and that there are concerns for runoff should there be heavy rain while the new grass takes hold. Mike Black says that such work would require permission from the Township and that Farmer Dallett advised against it for the same runoff reasons.

Of course, if we did do some kind of strip and seed the field would be out of commission for some time while the grass takes hold, also, since we don't water the field, we might encounter a drought and then be stuck without grass for the season!

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Central Penn Auction

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Calendar of Events

Club Meeting - Annual Auction

7th March 2000

Place Marple library

Time 7:30 p.m.

Regular Meeting

WRAM's Show 2000

25, 26, 27th February 2000

Place West Chester, New York

Trade Show.

Lebanon R/C Flea Market

11th March 2000

Place Lebanon Fair Grounds

Time 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

See article in this issue.

Regular Club Flying at Dallett Field

Every Saturday and Sunday weather permitting

Daily 10 am til Dusk

Saturday 10 am til Dusk

Sunday 12 pm til Dusk

President's Message

Mike Black

Dear Fellow Propstoppers,

Please note that the February 1, 2000, meeting will begin at 7:00 PM because of the auction. We hope to conclude the meeting in one-half hour, so that we have plenty of time.

If you are bringing items, please plan to arrive early so you can tag your items either for sale or auction. Remember the auction is an absolute auction. That means that there are no minimum bids.

You can move a sale item to auction after all of the original auction items are gone, but it will cost you an extra 5%.

If you have not paid your year 2000 dues and you wish to remain a member you must do so by the end of the February meeting (7:30 PM). At that time Bud will process new memberships until we reach our by-law maximum of 70.

You may mail your self-addressed, stamped envelope to Bud McClellan for processing in advance or pay at the beginning of the February meeting.

I hope everyone is working on all of those projects they received for Christmas. It will make for good show and tell in March and April.

There will be NO show and tell at the February meeting. See you at the meeting

Mike 

1st February 2000 Meeting

Minutes

Russell Neithammer

The meeting was called to order at the Marple Library by President **Mike Black**.

Membership Chairman **Bud McClellan** read the roll call - there were 29 members and 5 guests present.

The minutes of the January 2000 meeting were read by secretary **Rusty Neithammer** and approved by the membership.

Treasurer **Al Gurewicz** gave the treasurer's report with income of \$1796.00, expenses of \$81.02 and a new balance of \$2636.02 reported. All hats have been sold.

One final reminder that year 2000 dues are due and payable at the beginning of the February meeting was given. Open positions will be filled by Bud's notification and processing of prospective members in the order that

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he received their applications. Dues for the year are \$55.00.

Old Business

Tickets are still available for the Brightstar ARF raffle.

The Central Penn Aeromodeller's Auction is scheduled for March 11. As has been the case in previous years, a carpool will be arranged. Directions and details will be published in the next newsletter.

The Buck's County RC club auction is scheduled for Thursday, February 10. See **Mike Black** for more details.

New Business

Rusty Neithammer submitted an article to the AMA's Model Aviation magazine covering the club's participation in the Thornbury Township Open House at Squire Cheyney park last July 17. The photo published in Town Talk, as well as one other photo taken by Town Talk and not published, accompany the article. It should be published sometime in the next few months.

Rusty Neithammer has had further contact with the AMA regarding the AMA's rules and/or recommendations for maximum sound levels. As documented in the January newsletter, the 90 dBA limit that was stated in Model Aviation is actually not published in any AMA documents. AMA feels that the club's current 95 dBA limit is good, and that the club should consider a small reduction in the near future. This will be discussed further at the March meeting.

Also mentioned in the last newsletter, are issues such as potential improvements to the runway surface, improvements to the shelter, and the addition of a message board at Squire Cheyney. These will also be discussed at the March meeting.

The 50-50 winner was **Marty Heiter**.

Al Tamburro reports that he lost a transmitter at Squire Cheyney. No, it didn't fly away!! It was a gold colored, Futaba FG series, channel 56 FM.

Show and Tell

There was no show and tell, due to the action. There were some good deals on engines and flight accessories. Some finished planes and a kit were for sale at the sale table.

The meeting was adjourned by President **Mike Black** at 8:30 PM. ✈

Field Facts



Field Marshal Al Tamburro

Field Maintenance and Improvements

As we reported in the last edition of the Flightline there are a number of flying field maintenance and upgrade items to discuss at the March meeting.


There are options for improving the flying surface ranging from a complete strip, level and re-seed to rolling the existing surface.

Field structure upgrades and a new notice board were also suggested as improvements that can improve both our club experience and our relationship with the Township.

Be ready to engage on these issues next Tuesday.

At the Field

The weekend of February 26 / 27 was blessed with unusually mild weather. Surprisingly few members took advantage but the few that made the effort had an enjoyable time.

Club President, Mike Black made a rare flying visit. Does this mean that the new basement hole is dug and declared "done"? Mike was flying his venerable Sig Four Star 40. . . 



Our leader, Club President Mike Black with his Sig Four Star 40



Newsletter Editor, Dave Harding with his Hanger 9 Piper Cub. Electric powered by an Aveox 1409/2Y and 24 x 1700 mAh NiCad cells. It's overpowered!

A few weeks ago when the thread about the "KRC" replacement got started and I chimed in.... apparently some KRC members were offended.... I wish to correct this....

My desire to be brief and still rather vague(as we were still in the "negotiation" phase) may have seemed a bit cold, and for this I apologize...

What I MEANT to say was...

This September, the Silent Electric Flyers of Long Island are holding a "follow on" electric meet to continue the nearly 2 decade tradition of the promotion of electric model flight in the US started by the Keystone R/C Club of Hatfield Pa.

The KRC members put on an excellent show for so many years. I personally attended the last 7. Not single-handedly, but certainly, this show influenced more people to try electric model flight than any other. With over 250 pilots and a couple of thousand of spectators the last few years.... their "influence" was certainly being displayed.

SEFLI would like to build on this tidalwave....Many modelers have asked to resurrect the event. There is a desire, there is a way, there is a site!!!

On Sept 22,23,24th of this year.... and hopefully for many years to come, The NEAT(Northeast Electric Aircraft Technology) Fair, will be held a little farther north than Allentown Pa., in Downsville, NY. This site was acquired with the help of Joe Beshar and his friend "Ski". A campground, along the east branch of the Delaware River, has a lot to offer, not only to the modeler, but the vacationer. The new site will obviously be closer for some, farther for others, but the beauty of this place, and the emmense flying field is worth the extra drive.

A TREMENDOUS grass field, REAL toilets/showers, more than enough room to grow well past the size the largest KRC did, and best of all.... at a fair price to the organizers....

The meet will be "hosted" by SEFLI, but will also be supported by the Grumman Wingnutz R/C Squadron (a mixed wet/electric club) and individuals from wet/electric clubs in the Tri-state area.... making this affair a real "group effort" of modelers dedicated to the advancement of electric flight.

Two websites to visit :

The Virtual Home of the NEAT Fair, hosted by Gabe Baltain of NY Blimps (a SEFLI member, and terrific inventor) can be reached at:

<http://www.nyblimp.com/NEAT.htm>

The site is still under construction and will be "fluid" for some time, visit it often for updates.

The other is the Peaceful Valley campgrounds..... the virtual site to the "physical" site where the event will be held.

see them at:

<http://www.peaceful-valley.com>

If the NEAT website does not answer all your questions, you may email us at

Neatfair@aol.com <<mailto:Neatfair@aol.com>>

Thanks for listening.... hope to see you there....and lets all give an electric round of applause to KRC for all the years they gave us!!

regards

Tom Hunt and all of SEFLI

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Exit No. 20

DATE: Saturday, MARCH 11, 2000
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See Map on Back

TIME: 9:00 A.M. for General Admission
7:00 A.M. for Table Renters Only
til 3:00 P.M.

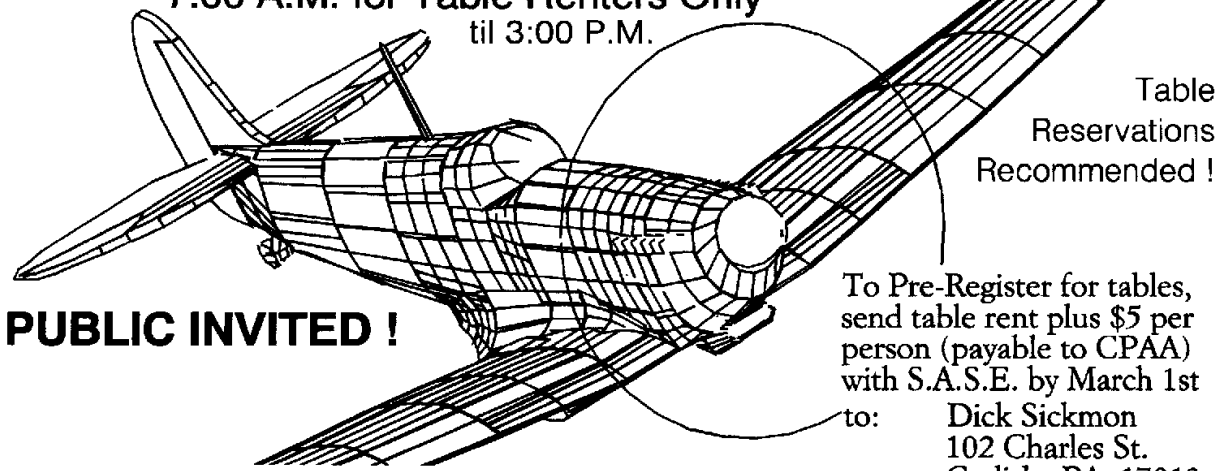


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