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Editorial - A Glorious Event

What is it that makes a Glorious Event?
We certainly had one at our annual Electric Fun Fly!

One element is, of course, the perfect setting, and our Dallett field is arguably that. Pretty countryside, rolling hills and a variety of woods as a backdrop make up the vistas with a few interesting old buildings to anchor us to civilization.

For us it's easy to access, yet the road is really beyond our direct view and lightly traveled. A beautiful site.

The field preparation for the Electric Fun Fly was excellent, the runway and pit area was immaculately trimmed and farmer Dallett had cut the long grass in the surrounding areas.

Weather is also an ingredient and we were blessed with perfect conditions, warm, mostly sunny and low winds all day.

With the Pennsylvania sun still strong at the end of August the array of canopies together with our "pavilion" provided ample shade, and the new benches allowed the spectators and resting pilots to view the goings-on as if in a stadium.

From the field, it was as though you were at the Palm Beach Polo Grounds at the Scale Masters, stepping up to wow the many with your perfect scale BE-2 with working rotary engine and machine guns. (well, we can all dream, can't we?).

But these conditions are not unusual at our club field on any given weekend, and we usually have a good time, so why was this occasion Glorious?

I believe there are several reasons. First, electric powered airplanes are still evolving at a rapid pace, and the scope of choice is great. None of us have seen all the alternatives even though a growing number of Propstoppers explore this aspect of our hobby.

At the Electric Fun Fly we had an even greater variety to watch and evaluate, with about half of the models being brought by guests from outside our club and indeed outside our area.

This is the second element, new ideas. Its rather like a catalyst where one flight from a model, unlike any other you have seen, starts the imagination off on one of our familiar journeysif you can do that, then.....

What did we see? Well to begin with Adam Kraut kept a pair of my Dragonfly park-flyers exercised in the calm morning conditions, exhausting numerous battery packs and giving early duty to two full-time chargers.

Karl Benson with his huge, 150-inch span Thermic glider soon joined him. The Thermic has an Aveox 1406 motor running on twelve cells with an 18.75:1 gearbox turning a 30 x 42 hand carved folding prop. Sort of a four-times-scale rubber powered free flight. This model can cruise in still air for fifty-five minutes and Carl proceeded to demonstrate this performance. Half of the attendees arrived during this one long flight!



Karl Benson and Thermic 150 at Dallett Field

There were a wide variety of powered gliders, which flew all day flirting with the occasional thermal and chasing the hawks.

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Calendar of Events

Club Meeting

Tuesday 3rd October 2000
Marple Newtown Library 7:30 p.m.

Cloud Kings RC Swap Shop

Saturday 14th October, 2000
Assumption BVM School
Info Dick Plyler 610-869-0822

Club Meeting

Thursday 9th November 2000
Marple Newtown Library 7:30 p.m.

Regular Club Flying at Dallett Field Every Saturday and Sunday weather permitting

Daily	10 am til Dusk
Saturday	10 am til Dusk
Sunday	Dawn till Noon Electric and Gliders only!
Sunday	12 p.m. till Dusk

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The President's Message

Mike Black

Dear Fellow Propstoppers

This has been a great weather month for flying; I hope it holds steady right through the fall.

Bud McClellan has asked to be relieved of Membership Chairman's duties. He will be turning over the reins of this position to Ray Wopatek. Ray has graciously volunteered to take on this responsibility for the club. On behalf of the entire membership, thank you Bud for a job well done. The membership job is becoming a little tougher with the length of the waiting list to get into the club. I believe we have over a dozen waiting at this point.

Jess Davis has asked to be relieved of the Coffee Club duties. Jess has served us well in this position for several years. Thanks, Jess. One or two volunteers are needed. It is a matter of picking up supplies and a couple dozen donuts for each of the 9 winter meetings. You also have to arrive a few minutes early to set up and start the coffee, so it's ready during our break. Please give Jess or myself a call if you are able to volunteer. This service position can net the club close to \$200 per year. It is things like this that help us keep down dues costs.

Ray Wopatek informs me that the hats will probably be in for the October meeting. They will probably be \$6 apiece. Please bring your cash. It will be first come, first served as usual.

Shirt Order. Need a club shirt. Here is your chance. We will be placing an order after the October meeting. We are ordering the exact same gray, cotton, golf shirt with embroidered logo on the left breast. If you can make the meeting, please bring your order and check. If not, please drop your order form along with your check in the mail to me. Please make your checks out to Propstoppers MAC. I need a minimum order of 12.

Special thanks to the Sproul Drug Store for donating the medical supplies for the Dallett Field First Aid Kit. It is kept in the lock box at the field. Please make sure you close the lid on the Tupperware container tightly if you have to use it.

See you at the field.

Mike ✍️

Volunteer Needed Club Meeting Coffee and Refreshment Chairman.

Help the Club in this popular and traditional
service and fund raising activity.

September 5th, 2000 Meeting Minutes

Russell Neithammer

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 PM at Marple Library by President **Mike Black**.

Membership Chairman **Bud McClellan** read the roll call - there were 27 members and 3 guests present.

The minutes of the May 2000 meeting were approved as published in the September newsletter, by the membership.

Treasurer **Al Gurewicz** gave the treasurer's report with income of \$89.00, expenses of \$468.85 and a new balance of \$2094.65 reported.

Old Business

Thornbury Township Summer Day: This event (now called Autumn Day) has been re-scheduled for Saturday, November 4 (raindate, Sunday, November 5). The plans are for the event to take place as originally scheduled, i.e., event starts at 10:00 AM at Squire Cheyney (Dallet field) and runs to 2:30 PM.

As originally planned, activities will continue at Goose Creek Park (by the old Westtown Train station/Goose Creek Grill restaurant) with an ice cream social and antique car show.

Flying activities will be as follows:

Have several planes in the air as visitors arrived at 10:00

- Helicopters
- Electrics / All up last down. Etc.
- Buddy box flying
- Hand toss gliders
- Lunch
- Aerobatics
- Combat

A static display of scale models will be available throughout the day. Contact **Ed Schumacher** for details. The new contact person for Thornbury Township is Ms. Jean Berlin.

Chris Catania will again issue press releases to various local newspapers publicizing the event.

Pennsbury Land Trust Balloon Festival: The Propstoppers will do a flying demonstration on Saturday, September 16, from 2:00 to 4:00n PM. The event sponsors are preparing what looks to be a very nice runway for our use. All club members are encouraged to bring planes (and helis). **Rusty Neithammer** will obtain and mark some clothespins for frequency control.

Night Fly: This is planned for Saturday, September 16 (i.e., over the September new moon), following the Pennsbury Land Trust flying demonstration.

Electric Fun Fly: **Dave Harding** is to be commended for his fantastic job in coordinating this event. There were 18 flyers that signed in, and 6 of those were from outside the club. Many interesting planes were flown that day. Also many thanks to **Monica Shellhase** for cooking the 'dogs and 'burgers.

New Business

Congratulations to **Greg Dugan**, who recently soloed. Greg reports that the student-training guide provided by the club during his training period was very helpful.

Chris Catania has agreed to offer his services as an instructor.

Ray Wopatek will order 2 dozen hats, same style as before (orange and white), for purchase by the membership.

Mike Black will obtain details for purchase of club shirts, which will be the same style as previous (light gray polo shirt with embroidered club emblem). Details will be published in the newsletter, after which members wishing to purchase shirts can contact Mike.

The November meeting date is changed to Thursday, November 9, due to the presidential election, and the need to use the meeting room for voting activities.

Announcements:

"Rotofest" will be held October 14 and 15, at the Brandywine Helicopter Museum. Contact **Ed Gladfelter** for details.

There will be a fun fly at the Chester County RC club's Embreeville field, Sunday, September 17. Contact **Del Glennon** for details.

The club is considering purchase of seven videotapes, which cover 7 different WWII fighter planes. **Al Tamburro** may already have these tapes and will donate them to the club library if that is the case.

The club video library has been maintained for a number of years by **Jim Foster**. Jim will inventory the contents for publication in the newsletter.

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Bob Kuhn has set up a new website for the club, and will publish the URL soon. It has not been determined how this site will coordinate with the existing site.

Wildwood fun fly, sponsored by the Cap May County WASPs, will be held Sunday, September 24, from 10:00 am to 3:00 PM. Flying is on the beach in Wildwood. Contact **Al Tamburro** for details.

There is now a first aid kit located in the lock box at Squire Cheney/Dallet Field. This was donated to the club by **Sproul Pharmacy** in Springfield, according to **Ray Wopatek**, who made the arrangements.

Break

The 50-50 winner was **Dave Harding** who contributed his winnings to the club treasury.

Show and Tell

Dave Harding showed his new Hobby Lobby "Jerry" which is a largely pre-fabbed electric powered high performance glider. Construction is balsa sheeted foam wings, fiberglass fuselage, and balsa tail surfaces. Power will be an Aveox motor. This plane is similar to the Falcon that was brought to the electric fun fly by **Bill Groft**, one of the guest participants.



Dave Harding with his Hobby Lobby Jerry.

Bob Crowell showed his new P47, from the Top-Flight kit. Power is a Saito 120, (after discovering that the Supertigre 90 with after market Pitt's muffler would exceed allowable noise levels). The 1/16" balsa wing sheeting was strengthened by the addition of 3/4 oz. glass cloth adhered with water based polyurethane. Covering is Monokote. With stripes added by Coverite (wings) or paint (fuse). Main and rear retracts are air operated. On board glow, gyro on rudder, lost plane alarm, etc.

The meeting was adjourned by Vice President **Dick Seiwel** at 8:30 PM.

Rusty ✈



Bob Crowell with his Top Flight P 47, Saito 120.

Propstoppers Annual Night Fly

Saturday, September 16, After Dark

It was a dark and cool evening. Doesn't Snoopy start most of his writing like this? Well it was. Eleven of us had a great time. There were only tow flyers, Marty Bakalorz and Rusty Neithammer. Marty's plane was Christmas tree like. He adorned it with a dozen LED's. It was easy to see and orientation was no problem. You could see 6 red lights on the top of the wing and 4 below. The empennage had 6 green lights, 4 could be seen on top and 2 from below. This plane was also a good dusk flyer.

Rusty's plane had fewer lights, but in a three-color arrangement. Red on one wing green on the other and yellow on the tail. It was also easy to see, but only after dark. Rusty had a second plane ready, but did not fly it because the new lighting configuration he tried could not be seen from the front. Wait till you see this one at show and tell!

This evening could have been a white out as your eminent leader read the calendar wrong. Instead of it being a new moon, it was a full moon (or slightly waning). Luckily it did not rise out of the pumpkin patch (...thought I forgot about Snoopy, huh?) until the flying was over.

The following members were entertained by the night flight styling of Rusty and Marty; Ray Wopatek, J.D. Mulliken and his father John, Ed and Mark Glatfelter, Mike DiDomenico and his two sons Michael and Nicholas, Mike Black and a number of spectators.

The spectators were drawn to the event by the sight of the planes in the night sky. There was something magical about those flying Christmas tree. Please plan to join us next year.

Mike Black ✈

Pennsbury Township Balloon Festival

Saturday, September 16

The Propstoppers were present in force, and provided an impressive flying demonstration. Air traffic was heavy; with about a dozen of our planes plus a full sized helicopter, which was giving rides.

The runway was tight and the grass was a bit high but it was do-able with big enough wheels and plenty of power. It was windy and the direction was across the runway, but there were no major incidents.

I think our efforts were greatly appreciated, and many membership applications were given out.

Thanks to all who attended, including:

- Ray Wopatek
- Mike DiDomenico
- Bud McClellan
- Chris Catania
- Jesse Davis
- Jim Foster
- Walt Bryan
- Charlie Crowell
- Mike Black
- Rusty Neithammer

Rusty Neithammer 



The Club Shirt – medium gray with club logo.

Chester County RC Fun Fly

Sunday, September 17, 2000

I attended the Chester County's Club Fun Fly from about noon till 3 P.M. What a wonderful group of fellas they are.

When I arrived I was greeted by Del Glennon at the radio impound. He also gave me a guided tour of the new facility that is being prepared for them just down the road from their current site.

Their new runway will be 400 ft. long and 100 ft. wide with no obstacles. What a gorgeous site that is going to be, when they move in next spring. Their current field is going to be turned into a spray field for a sewage facility.

I met several friends of Propstopper club members. Marty Zeller asked me to say hello to Dave Harding and Ed Glatfelter. He was flying a beautiful EXTRA 300 with powered by a foreign made opposing two-cylinder. That huge wing was light as a feather. He is an excellent builder.

I also met the President of the Cloud Kings, Mr. Dick Plyler. He asked me to say hello to Dick Seiwel for him and gave me some flyers inviting us to the Cloud Kings annual Swap Shop.

There were a lot of beautiful airplanes, great flying, good food and fellowship. By the way, several CCRC members are interested in joining our club.

They treated me to lunch, swapped stories, and made me feel at home. What a grand afternoon it was.

Mike Black 

Club Shirt Order Form

NAME _____ # ordered _____ X \$16. Each = _____

Size S M L XL XXL Please circle the size(s) desired.
All shirts are adult male sizes.

Please make all checks payable to Propstoppers MAC (No cash please, unless you pay Al Gurewicz at the meeting.)

Mail to; Mike Black , 110 Poplar Walk, Ridley Park, PA 19078 or bring to the club meeting.

A Glorious Event,

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Chris Cantania with his glider.

Chris Catania brought out his new Kyosho electric ducted fan T-33 jet, a twin to Walt Bryan's, that he proceeded to launch with a high start for a series of impressive flights, not entirely without incident. I am finding that after the lessons on flying, then thermal seeking, the next lesson is to ignore the interesting patter describing other people's "incidents". I glanced at Chris's hung high-start launch for a second, only to find my Skimmer out of the thermal and vertical at about 100 feet. This time the battery-mounting ramp launched the battery free of the model for an uneventful "landing", but I digress.

The third ingredient is the attendance of people who don't attend our flying sessions regularly and there were a number of them at the electric fun fly.

Ed Goretzka brought out his SAM legal Lanzo Bomber with geared Astro Cobalt 05 and 7 800mah cells. The Society of Antique Modelers hold competitions for RC electric powered versions of antique gas free flight models, this is one of the most famous.



Ed Goretzka and Lanzo Bomber.

Dr. Charles Storm came out with his first electric airplane in fifteen years, a Dymond "Take it Easy" ARF motor glider which flew well enough to change his opinion of electric flight formed by an early experience with a Kyosho product of years gone by.

Most of our usual e-flyers brought out their stuff and flew in the ideal conditions, including Walt Bryan, Bob Kuhn, Rusty Neithammer, Mike Black Marty Baklorz and Jess Davis.

Bill Shellhase could not quite match his usual smooth 1/4 scale flying performance to my underpowered Hanger 9 Cub with the flight attempt ending in a perfect? Not to worry Bill, this *is* still the same hobby I started in 50 years ago and some things don't change, I *expect* to go home with broken airplanes.





Rusty Neithammer with his Lazy Bee.



Dave Harding with Dragonfly #1 before they were all used up.

Bob Kuhn took the digital pictures which he e-mailed me for use in this article.

We had a total of six guests fly with us this year and each brought something different and unusual.

Alex Mishkovsky brought a trunk full of goodies from his store and flew Wingo and Teddy park flyers all day when not helping others with advice and parts.



Alex Mishkovsky and his Wingo

Then we were joined by Bill Groft and Dave De Groatt from Delaware who had and flew a whole host of different airplanes including an impressive speed 400 pylon racer, a pair of Zagi's and an astonishing hotliner, which they flew several times. Over a hundred miles per hour in an electric powered glider is awesome.

Dave Garbern from the KRC club joined us and flew a park flyer and two indoor models including one of the very aerobatic IFO's. The weather cooperated and allowed us to fly everything that was brought.

There were many other Propstoppers and guests who enjoyed the day, some as just spectators and others who planned to fly but just didn't get the model finished.

So what did we see? Small airplanes, very big airplanes, heavy airplanes, very light airplanes, very slow airplanes and very fast airplanes. Some scale, many just flying machines but all of them stimulating. All in an agreeable setting with good company and refreshments and excellent weather.

Sounds like the ingredients for a Grand Event to me, and so it was for all that attended.

Let's do it again next year. **Dave** 

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For Sale

Bobcat with OS 45 ABC complete outfit with servos, Rx. and Futaba six channel Tx with dual rates. \$250

Midwest high wing (similar to Ugly Stick with Magnum 45 ABC complete outfit with servos, Rx and Futaba six channel Tx with dual rates. \$250.

Both outfits ready to go.

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