

Pine Barren Modelers R/C Club



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Vice President—Ron Pinksaw
Treasurer—Ralph Ferrara
Secretary—Micki Bowne
Safety Officer—Pat Lovenstein

Short Bursts

- ▶ Next meeting is 4 October 2017, 7:30 p.m., at the Barnegat Rec Center.
- ▶ September 30th is Lacey Day. Another chance for us to show off what great club we have and what great hobby R/C flying is!
- ▶ Halloween Haunted Fun Fly Saturday, 29 October, at Brickwall.
- ▶ Don't forget to sign up for the 9 December Holiday/Christmas Party!

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From the President's Desk

October 2017

This time, summer absolutely has come to an end! But, we still have plenty of flying days before the cold weather settles upon us.

Berkeley Pride day was another success for the club. We had a great showing of club members and truly appreciate the support. The officers and I do these functions for the benefit of the club and that, in the long run, they will pay off in many ways. So, let's finish up September with a bang and show up in full force for the Lacey Day function Saturday, September 30th.

Up and coming functions for October includes the annual Halloween day which will be Sunday, October 29th. Please come out with your best costumes on and enjoy a day of flying. Later in December, we start the indoor flying again in the Central Regional Middle School gym. Our first night starts on December 1st and runs thru the end of February. Get your micros ready to fly!

Nominations for club officers will start in October and all positions are available. We are still in need of a Secretary so if anyone is interested, please let us know at the October meeting.

Happy flying!

Richard Bombardier



Meeting Highlights

6 Sep 2017

Officers Present:

President – Rich Bombardier

Treasurer – Ralph Ferrara

Secretary – Micki Bowne

Safety Officer – Pat Lovenstein

Absent: Vice-President – Ron Pinksaw

18 club members (and no guests) were present

Field Reports:

Coyle: Runway is in good shape, but Rich B. reports that one of the tables is falling apart and needs to be removed.

Brick Wall: Runway was rolled 6 Sep. Rich DeGennaro volunteered to apply a coat of sealer to the tables.

Safety Report: Pat Lovenstein

Pat reported a recent incident which resulted in a damaged vehicle. Pat reminded everyone that routine safety procedures include not only checking that airplane controls work, but also that they are not reversed. This procedure should be done before the airplane is removed from the table.

Old Business:

- Ralph F. requested an increase in funds to purchase club clothing items, specifically jackets. A motion to do so passed unanimously.
- Rich B. reported that there is no new information regarding our new flying site. A discussion followed regarding the used Astro Turf that the club had considered for covering the runway. Bearing in mind the cost of transporting the turf, and that it may be in poor condition, the club decided not to pursue this runway covering.
- Tickets are still available for the Phoenix Models Genesis, to be raffled at the club picnic.
- We still need a recording secretary for 2018.
- Rich B. thanked all of the club members who helped with the August 26th Float Fly. We had 17 registered pilots, both from our club and visitors. There were many local spectators, who expressed their enjoyment in watching the airplanes and appreciated our helping with geese control. We also received positive feedback from the township.
- Upcoming events include:
 - September 9 – Berkeley Pride Day at Veterans' Park
 - September 10 – Club picnic at Veterans' Park
 - September 30 – Lacey Day at Guile Park
 - December 9 – Christmas Party at Callaway's Restaurant

New Business:

- Nominations for 2018 will begin at the October meeting.
- Float Fly is tentatively scheduled for April 21, 2018
- Current flight instructors include: Rich Bombardier, Ron Pinksaw, Pat Lovenstein, and Tommy DiGuilio. We need to continue to enforce safety procedures and the use of a buddy box for training. Also, any new club members must be flight certified by a safety instructor before given permission to fly with our club.
- As the club still wants to rent the Central Regional Middle School gym for indoor flying this winter, Rich B. will submit a request to the district.

Model(s) of the Month:

- Pat Lovenstein – Phoenix SBD Dauntless

Two things I'd like to bring up from the September meeting. One concerns our physical safety; the second the safety of the club's bank balance.

First, Safety Officer Pat Lovenstein brought up a good point at the September meeting. Before you fly, make sure your controls all work. Don't just wiggle them, make sure they move in the right direction!

My personal preference is to stand behind the model, to avoid having to think about reversing left and right (Keep things as simple as you can!). Wiggle the sticks, testing ailerons, rudder, and elevator, one at a time.

I don't care if I look a bit odd (or odder than usual, I guess!) as I try the controls. You see, I lean side to side with the ailerons, twist slightly left and right with the rudder, and bend a bit back and forth, to match the elevator. All this reinforces (in my mind), where the model will go. A little excessive, you might say, but it beats risking someone's safety with a rogue model!

I think we were all a bit disappointed in the Astro Turf, but Rich's explanation made a lot of sense. The PBM club would not only have to pay to get the stuff to our new field (renting big trucks isn't cheap!), but, if it were too badly torn up when it was rolled and forklifted onto the trucks, we'd also have to pay to dispose of it. That could really injure our bank balance!

Seems like nothing happens for weeks, then everything happens at once! Micki and I weren't able to make the club picnic, nor Lacey Day, because we were off to the NEAT fair. So, no pictures of our fellow PBM'ers (although we did see The Bubba's ;-) at NEAT). Honestly, NEAT wasn't all that spectacular, anyway (Besides, my Micro-Radian's catastrophic encounter with a photography octo-copter didn't get filmed).

On the building front, I've finally gotten started on a new design, a ~50" span Piper Cherokee (stand-very-far-off-scale). This is almost all foam, designed around some concepts from Keith Sparks (the fellow who built that nifty Grumman Albatross a few Model Aviation issues ago). The only balsa is sheeting on the wing, plus some framework on the tail feathers. Assuming all works well, I'll be carving a LOT of pink (Home Depot) foam, then covering with fiberglass and Polycrylic/Epoxy, then painting.

Lots of new techniques in this heavily experimental model! I haven't fiberglassed a model since the late 1990's, nor have I built with this much foam in a fuselage. Heck, I haven't cut a foam core wing in 7-8 years, so that'll take some re-learning. That's why I drew up such a simple design. No sense fighting aerodynamics, plus new building and finishing techniques in a single model!

Right: Fuse sides, top, and bottom are slabs of 1" pink foam, whilst tail feathers are 1/4" foam (to be surrounded and braced with 1/4" balsa). Not a lot of parts, but there WILL be a LOT of sanding!





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