

Pine Barren Modelers R/C Club



May 2018 Newsletter

PINE BARREN MODELERS

Pine Barren Modelers RC Club is a local organization in Ocean County, NJ. Our primary goals are to fly RC planes, promote the hobby, and be involved in the local communities.

CLUB OFFICERS

President - [Rich Bombardier](#)
Vice President - [Ron Pinksaw](#)
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QUESTIONS / FEEDBACK:

We always welcome Members, Guests, Questions, and Feedback. Please feel free to Contact or Join Us at our Monthly Meeting!

Come meet with us @
Barnegat Rec. Center!

Come fly with us @ BrickWall
or Coyle Field!



Short Bursts

- ▶ **Newsletter Contents:** Message from the President, Meeting Highlights, Bill's Corner: Safety, Sponsors/Advertisers
- ▶ Next meeting is 2 May 2018, 7:30 P.M., at the Barnegat Rec Center.
- ▶ **Save the Dates:** JBMDL Air Show – May 5-6, Annual Club Picnic - September 16

Message From The President

May 2018

So, it turns out that our 2nd annual Float Fun Fly turned out to be a huge success! The weather wasn't all that great but it wasn't all that bad either. Stayed windy most of the day but that didn't seem to bother any of the flyers. It was also very nice to see so many RC boats come out and join us.

It was so nice to see all of our club members come out and pitch in and support this event. It's because of all of you that the fun fly was a success. A big thank you from myself and the other officers.

We now have another big show coming up May 5th & 6th, the McGuire Air Show. For all those that have signed up to come out and help, thank you. As soon as I get the information as to entering and setting up the booth, I will let you all know. We all had a great time doing the Air show two years ago and I'm sure we will have fun this year as well. Just hoping that it will be a bit warmer this time! We froze our butts off during the last show. We plan on having two flight simulators setup along with our static display. Everyone should bring at least one military RC item (plane, boat or vehicle) Hopefully, Ralph will have his tank by then.

Working with Hobbytown USA, they are hosting a Swap Meet for June 24th (Sunday), they will have room for approximately 20 tables to be setup outside their store. If you don't have a table to bring, they will rent one for I believe \$5.00. This should be great day to sell the old and buy the new.

We'll see you all out at the field and be safe.

Richard Bombardier

Meeting Highlights – 4 April 2018

Officers Present:

P- Richard Bombardier **VP-** Ron Pinksaw **T-** Ralph Ferrara **S-** Bill Martin **SO-** Pat Lovenstein

Attendance:

Club Members: 22, Runtime: ~80min.

New Member(s): Anthony Cardella and his son Joseph.

Field Conditions:

Coyle: No one present reported flying there, the contract renewal for the field is still pending.

Brick Wall: Tom Powers reported that things at the field are good.

Safety:

Pat Lovenstein reported that there were no safety incidents. He did remind everyone to watch out for transmitter lanyards. You should not be starting any aircraft with a lanyard swinging free around your neck. That also includes working on electric aircraft. Additionally all flyers should set up gates at the flight line and no one should be taxiing out from the bench area. As always, run proper safety checks and check your control surfaces!

Old Business:

- The 2018 Open House and Air Show at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst will be held on May 5-6th with access for setup on the 4th. PBM will be manning a 10' x 20' booth in the hanger. The signup sheet was available at the meeting for members to get on the list for clearance to the base. Anyone else needs to contact Rich Bombardier.
- Rich reminded members that a Bylaws Committee chaired by Don Douglas has been formed to do a review of the current bylaws. One goal is to try to focus on making the club more children friendly. We have to look for ways to grow our hobby. The plan is to have a full discussion in one of the fall meetings. Anyone wishing to volunteer please contact Don.
- The new Berkeley Field update started with Rich advising the group that dredge spoils had been dumped on the site right where the runway is supposed to go. Subsequently, he has met with Mayor Amato who reiterated his support for our project and committed to completion by the end of June. The mayor stated that he is eager to open this facility and plans on a ribbon cutting ceremony. Rich will also be meeting with the town's business manager next week to discuss details. In the meantime Ron Pinksaw has agreed to provide weekly monitoring of the progress at the site.

New Business:

- Rich introduced the new club raffle starting tonight. The drawing will be for a Spektrum DX8 transmitter system. Tickets are available to club members and the drawing will be held at the August meeting. See Ron Pinksaw for tickets. Note that there will not be a July meeting, as it would fall on July 4th.
- Rich thanked Don Douglas for all of the effort he put in working on the flight stands. They look great!
- Reminder Ocean County Modelers Auction is scheduled for April 28th at the Manchester Municipal Building, 1 Colonial Drive. Registration begins at 8:30 am with bidding starting at 10:00 am.

Model(s) of the Month:

- Gene Lisnay showed off his great building skills with a fine looking mid wing, small scale aircraft featuring a 37 cm wingspan and 21 cm length. These indoor/outdoor Guillow's Jetfire marvels were distributed by the club at the recent Central Middle School Carnival (Feb 23rd).
- Bill Bowne showed off a new foam aircraft technique that he has been perfecting and shared some tips.

Bill's Corner – Safety

Safety sometimes feels like the proverbial albatross around one's neck. This month, though, our topic literally deals with featherless hazards around (and near) our necks.

I'm talking about transmitter straps (lanyards), club badges, hooded sweatshirt strings, etc. Anything that dangles (From our necks, Junior!) and can get caught in a turning prop. Tuck any of those loose, dangly things into your shirt or coat before you lean over your model, so they don't get snagged in the prop and pull your face into that buzzsaw!

Another potential nasty point about transmitter lanyards is the transmitter, itself. Don't hook your transmitter up to it and then walk off to the runway, running (or armed electric) model in hand. One oopsie that twists, flips, or otherwise bounces the transmitter into your body, the safety fence, etc., and you may find the throttle is suddenly wide open.

As a side note to that, even though I'm careful with our transmitter, I also set up an arming switch on it. I have a three position switch mixed into the throttle, so that ONLY one position arms the throttle. The other two leave the throttle dead. So, I can get away with being clumsy (once!) before the model turns into a snarling, hungry beast!

If you're not sure how to set up such mixing, just ask! It's really quite simple, but will depend on which brand radio you use. Here's how our transmitter is set up:

A bit of orange fuel tubing marks the three position throttle safety switch. Pushing it two 'clicks' forward (I.e, the same direction as full throttle) turns on the throttle (as reinforced by the "ON" label).

For the curious, the blue tubing marks the bomb drop switch – forwards (down) is release.

Bill Bowne



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