

PLANE TALK

Lancaster County Radio Control Club, Inc.

www.lcrcc.us

Meeting Notice

When: Thursday June 5th at 7pm.

Where: LCRCC flying field

Agenda: Business meeting

Come and participate in your club

Peter's Pitch – June-08

Evolution

No I am not talking about the Horizon Hobby brand of i.c. engine, I am talking about change, and not pocket change either!!

As most of you know I have been working away from home for the past sixteen months in Belleville central Pennsylvania, just south of State College. It is only two hours drive from home but far enough away to make the daily commute impractical, particularly when you work long hours. Aside from the necessary changes in our family life to accommodate my working away from home I needed to make some changes in my R/C hobby habits if I was to still participate in the hobby. So I joined the State College R/C club (SCRC) made new friends, flew at a completely different field and tried some smaller electric models, and 'had a ball'!

I hate ARFs! Well I did until, instead of my basement workshop, all I had was a small kitchen table in my efficiency apartment (where did this term 'efficiency apartment' come from? I much prefer the European term 'studio apartment', although it still means a bathroom contained in the corner of a larger room that serves as bedroom, kitchen and living room). Anyway, we digress. If I wanted to fly I needed something quick and easy to build, preferably electric powered. That is how a plug 'n' play ARF Mini Ultra Stick joined my fleet and permitted me to enjoy some flying when it would have otherwise been impossible.

Since the middle of March this year my work has taken me further a field, this time to Goodfield, IL (mid-way between Peoria and Bloomington, IL). Consequently I have spent even less time at home each week. My one way journey to work is now eight hours and involves 2 car journeys and 2 plane rides. My previous two hour car journey seems quite tame by comparison. The challenge of what to fly becomes even more complex as to what I can get in my airline luggage or mail to myself. I still have the kitchen table problem, but at least the new apartment has more than one room!

Yet, in spite of all of this, I have achieved more flights, year to date, than in any of the previous five years that I have lived in Lancaster. So what does this tell us? I would suggest that to achieve these R/C flight statistics I have learnt to adapt to my new circumstances, I have learnt to change or evolve rather than get left behind.

All around us things are changing; Lancaster county, clothing fashions, our hobby, even our club. What might have been successful for several years, or a decade or more, is no longer acceptable or practical, be they; 'build and flys', monthly picnics, fixed wing only flying, you can add to this list. However, there have been many positive changes in this hobby and this club, such as; electric powered models, mini helicopters, park flyers, the 'Make a Wish' event, a new club house, a new mower.

One thing that has not changed is that this club is based upon a democracy, and we make decisions based upon the members present at the monthly meetings. When I have had occasion to meet some of you this year I continue to hear complaints about the club, yet when I ask if you go to the club meetings and voice your opinion I hear that either you don't go the meetings or you choose not to say anything during the meeting, aghhh!!!!

Please, please, go to club meetings and participate!



Support our local hobby store, they have supported us with prizes for some of our club events, for which we thank them very much. (717) 625-3661

Club T-shirts

Shirt colour is ash

S-XL \$10
 2XL \$11
 3XL \$12

Contact the executive committee to order shirts

Life Is Good



On The Goat Path

Flight Instructors

Roy Bender	293-1513	Airtronics, Futaba, JR
Mike Geiger	393-9803	Futaba
Bob Heine	355-0827	Airtronics, Futaba
Steve Liebl	898-6468	Futaba - helicopter
Peter Caddick	393-8684	Fuatba—heli/plane
John Zimmerman	355-2160	Futaba, JR.
*Jeff Troy	392-0353	Futaba, JR.
*Warren Wasiewski	399-3811	Airtronics
*David Muchmore	519-6972	Futaba
*Phillip Adams	354-8059	Futaba

* - Apprentice Instructors

Instructors are available to members for flight instruction and training. It is advisable to make arrangements with an instructor before coming to the field.

If I could attend the LCRCC meetings I would be seeking to; help with the 'Make a Wish' event (it was a great success last year and started to get the club known in the community), help to organize a single annual club picnic, run a foamy club pylon racing event and, lastly, have the winter meetings at a hall where we could fly indoors.

My participation in the running of this club continues to be to submit the occasional newsletter article.

Meanwhile, I am off to find out more about the local R/C club in Bloomington - SIRS (Sentral Illinois Radio Society) <http://www.sirs-rc.com/SIRS/>

Safe flying, Peter

Editors Note:

Last month I asked for feedback on a poll about flight simulators. To date I have received three responses. Thank you Peter Caddick, Jeff Corcoran, and Kamil Goslawski for your feedback. Now, I know a lot of you have flight simulator programs. I'll pose the question again.

- 1) Do you have a flight simulator program (not including Microsoft Flight Simulator, or Combat Flight Simulator.
- 2) What kind do you have? FMS, Real Flight, ect.
- 3) What do you think about it, pro's and con's.
- 4) Would you recommend it to someone?

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Jim

2008 Club Officers

President	Craig Peck	475-2482
Vice-President	Hrayr Avakian	
Secretary	Bill Henry	687-7981
Treasurer	Bob Heine	355-0827

2008 Club Officials

Safety Officer	Rick Rutter	859-1466
Field Marshal		
Newsletter Editor	Jim Wiker	768-7952
Webmaster	Steve Liebl	898-6468

MINUTES MAY 1, 2008

Meeting came to order without being called to order at 7:15

Minutes: No minutes were taken at the April so none were available to approve.

Treas. Report - NONE

Guests and Prospective Members: NONE

CPAA: Steve presented the club with the final check from the March Flea Market. And thanked everyone who participated for their help.

Newsletter: Jim continues to do a great job.

Web Site: Steve continues to keep it up an running.

Field Marshall report: Mike noted that we need a mowing crew. Volunteers will meet after the meeting to review the machine and set a schedule under the guidance of the President.[Interim Field Marshall]

Safety: NONE

Events: - It was mentioned the there is supposed to be picnic on Sunday. No details were discussed. It was also noted that there was supposed to be the MINI MALL show this evening.[see below] Nothing else reported.

Old Business - NONE

New Business – NONE

HA – NONE.

Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted: Bill Henry

MINI MALL results: Since there was no planned program Hrayr presented the following results:

BEST 3D – Jim Wiker -- Super Hots
MOST UNIQUE – Chuck – Heath
BEST TRAINER – Chuck - Trainer
BEST WW II - Don Dresser – Messerschmit
BEST ELECTRIC – Steve – Mini Stick
BEST ALL AROUND - Don Dresser

All planes at the field won a category. No prizes were awarded because none were planned for or purchased.

