

PLANE TALK

Lancaster County Radio Control Club, Inc.

www.lcrcc.us

Meeting Notice

When: Thursday December 4th, at 7pm.

Where: Calvary Baptist Church

Agenda: Pizza & some indoor flying in the Gym (6pm to 8pm)

Please try to attend. This is when we make the decisions about our club.

Indoor Fun Fly and All Bull Championships

On November 22nd, 13 of our members descended on the Calvary Baptist Church gymnasium for the club indoor competition of the year ... and some fun as well.

The day started at 1:00 with some open flying of Vapors and Centurions. Mixed in was some flying of Blade mCX's and CX's. There were a few close calls, and even some midairs between Vapors and one between a mCX and a Vapor. Believe it or not, the Vapor was able to fly away once it hit the floor. There were as many as seven Vapors flying at a time.

The fun really got going when the pylon race began at 3:00. Two divisions were racing, and by the way airplanes were falling out, you would think we were watching the unlimited class at Reno. We had our share of laughs as wrong turns, crashes and one particular plane's insatiable appetite for the yarn and string of the pylons was fulfilled.

When it was all over, Phillip Adams was fastest in the Vapor division with a time of 13.25 seconds. Tyler Zepp was second at 15.44 and Peter Caddick third with a time of 15.62.

In the Centurion division, Richard White led the way

with the two fastest times at 15.15 and 15.32.

After about 20 more minutes of open flying for the small airplanes, the floor opened for helicopters. Everything from the Blade mCX to a Trex 500 was flown in mostly hovering flight. After about an hour, it was time to close up and go home.

From the smiles on everyone's faces, it appears that everyone enjoyed the event.

The only question is, "When are we doing it again?"

We are looking for a head count for the freeze fly January 1st. If you are planning on being there, email me so we can figure how much BBQ to make.

Jim

Also, we are still looking for volunteers for CPAA to fill the positions Harris and Steve are vacating. Step up and volunteer!

Time is Running Out!

You have less than a month to get a discount on your LCRCC 2009 dues.

Your Lancaster club subscription is due for renewal, also your AMA subscription and insurance are about to expire. Don't forget the club fee has decreased, at least for 2009, so take advantage of the reduced cost.

A renewal form for your club subscription is printed on page 5 of this issue. Please complete it and either mail it or give it to Bob Heine at the next meeting along with your check. Please ensure that you fully complete the form as this is how we ensure that the club records are updated.

Remember that you need to renew your AMA to continue to be able to fly in 2009. I have already received my dark purple 2009 AMA card, what about yours?

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	Craig Peck	475-2482
Newsletter Editor	Jim Wiker	768-7952
Webmaster	Steve Liebl	898-6468

Flight Instructors

Roy Bender	293-1513	Airtronics, Futaba, JR
Mike Geiger	393-9803	Futaba
Bob Heine	355-0827	Airtronics, Futaba
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
*Hrayr Avakian		Hitec, Futaba—heli/plane

* - 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.

Peter's Pitch

25% more flights with 2 Months to Go!

There is an irony in the title for this article, one that perhaps I need to explain. Whilst it is true that I have so far this year logged 25% more flights with my model aircraft than the whole of last year, I am sitting at a gate at Chicago O'Hare typing this waiting for one of the seemingly fewer and fewer full size flights. Oh well, such is the price of frequent airline travel!

Club Calendar

Unless otherwise specified all meetings will be held at the field

Thursday Dec. 4th, 7pm

Meeting at Calvary Baptist church with some indoor flying in the gym. Pizza will be available.

Thursday Jan. 1st, noon

Freeze Fly at the field! 12 noon until whenever.

Come out and fly regardless of the weather! BBQ sandwiches will be available, bring your own hot chocolate (or some to share).

Thursday Feb. 5th, 7pm

Meeting - sign up for Central Penn roles.

Thursday Mar. 6th, 7pm

Meeting in the clubhouse.

Saturday Mar. 14th

Central Penn

Back to the models, how I have achieved such a feat, especially when it sometimes feels as though I am at an airport more frequently than the model flying field?

The answer lies with small electric planes suitable for flying indoors – or in my case specifically with the E-Flight Blade MCX and Parkzone Vapor, both of which are distributed by Horizon Hobbies. These small aircraft, the MCX is a contra rotating heli and the Vapor a conventional 'tail dragger' high wing monoplane, are both powered by tiny single cell LiPo batteries.

These planes are easy to fly in confined spaces. I fly the MCX in my living room and the Vapor in a 30' square conference room. Consequently I often want to fly them. I have got to the stage with my MCX that I do not use my flight simulator because I prefer to fly the MCX. I am using it to practice nose-in flying, for the past week every flight has been nose-in and included backward circles and figure 8s. Flying these planes can be a great stress reliever. I try to fly my

MCX for a couple of flights each weekday evening in my apartment, often laying on the floor looking up at the MCX nearing the ceiling fan. I have even managed to fly up and over the fan blades (not whilst the fan is working though!). As for the Vapor I usually fly it at weekends in the conference room at work – it brings a huge smile to my face to try and land on the narrow tables in the conference room. This plane excels at high

alpha flight, it is just up to you how much you want to push the envelope, and should you get it wrong there is negligible weight and hence momentum to cause any damage. Should you not have seen these wonderful planes try searching for the on the Horizon Hobbies web site or a forum such as WattFlyer.

One of the advantages of working in the Bloomington, IL area is that it is close to Chicago and Champaign.

FOR SALE

VEHICLE FOR TRANSPORTATION OF PLANES TO AND FROM THE FIELD [and many other convent uses]

2002 VOLVO XC 70 AWD Excellent condition. Nearly all the bells and whistles. Leather, Power: seats, windows, sun roof, door locks. Audio system: AM/FM ,CD Silver with Tan interior. 64,000 mi.

Ultra Sport 1000 This is the big one. Covered exactly as the ad's show it. Everything included except the crystal. Engine is an O.S. 91 4 stk. All servos are adequate Hitec. Receiver also is a Hitec. All of the above for one money. \$500.00 takes it all.

Little CAP: Powered by O.S. 91 4stk. Includes everything to fly. Just add you own crystal and go. All Hitec electronics. \$500.00 or Best reasonable offer.

Bill Henry 717-468-3608

FOR SALE

Hangar 9 Corsair, 60 size ARF, new in box \$175 (normally sells for \$279)

Midwest Sweet Stik, w/OS46 engine & Futaba 6 channel radio \$150

AMD BAe Hawk, Ducted fan jet, airframe only \$200

P51 Mustang, w/ASP25 engine \$125

A4 Skyhawk, w/OS40 engine \$50

Royal .45 engine, new in box \$45

Rob Hobbins (717) 951-6455

This past weekend I visited the iHobby Show in Chicago. This is a trade show that is then open to the public at the weekend. My impressions of the show are that there are many nice electric planes coming to the market for next year. Also, there were five or more LiPo manufacturers at the show wanting to sell direct rather than via the distributors – I predict that this competition will drive prices down. All the hobby distributors were exhibiting, the biggest two being Horizon Hobbies and Great Planes. The other big trend at the show were 2.4GHz radios, all radio brands had several different transmitters on 2.4GHz, from entry level through to their respective top of the line competition models. This is a great place to try out the different radios and seek advice from the usually very knowledgeable support staff. The helicopter company to watch in the next year is Outrage – I spent an enjoyable hour talking to CJarlie Stephens the designer of the Outrage range of helis, they are beautifully made and the design is well thought out for good reliability and ease of maintenance, you can find them on the web at www.outragerc.com.

Next month I hope to find time to take a tour of Horizon Hobbies – I will keep you posted.

Safe flying, Peter



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

Meeting called to order at 7:00

Minutes were approved from last month.

New members: Nick Upton, finished his trainer. Works for Keystone Helix. Membership approved.

Treasurer Report: Lost \$24,500 because of the economy.

Central Penn: Nothing new to report.

Events: All Bull (as opposed to Red Bull) electric indoor fly. Ron Angle passed around flyers for the event, and explained how the event will be run. The membership approved a \$150 donation to Calvary Baptist church for the use of their gym and fellowship hall, as follows: All flyers will be charged \$10 to fly for the day and the club will make up any differences if less than \$150 is brought in. Free fly for micro cessna's, citabria's and vapors will be from 1 – 3 o'clock to get used to the gym area. The All Bull championship will be from 3 – 4 o'clock and heli's will be allowed to fly from 4 – 5 o'clock. Counter rotating helis will be allowed to fly on the gym stage the whole afternoon. Because of safety issues, heli's will not be allowed to do any 3D flying.

Field Marshall: Field OK except for some rocks, which Craig would like to remove (attempt). Also, two 10' PVC pipes will be installed at either end of the field with ribbons so pilots can see the Wind direction in front of them without having to turn around while flying. Membership, however approved replacing the wind sock in the spring.

Safety Officer: Wasn't at meeting, all is safe.

Newsletter: OK

Website: OK

Old Business: Lowering Dues from \$60 to \$48 per year. Harris explained why the dues were raised a Few years ago. After a lot of discussion, the vote was to lower the dues for next year, but to watch the expenses. If the expenses are greater than the income from dues, then the dues will go back to \$60. That way we won't be using money generated from Central Penn to pay for the events throughout the year.

Trugreen charged us \$159 for each treatment, total of \$318 per year (two visits). Their prices are increasing \$50 per year to \$368. Membership voted to discontinue Trugreen's service and do the field ourselves, at a spring work day.

Casey Lamm was made an honorary member, he will be moving out of the area a few Weeks.

Make A Wish thanked us for the donation. We want them to take more responsibility For media coverage in the future.

There was no takers to replace Harris and Steve on the Central Penn committee after They step down after next years flea market. Harris talked about what his and Steve's responsibility was on the committee. We are still looking for individuals to "step up" and volunteer for these positions.

Pizza at next meeting, bring your own beverages.

No 50/50 raffle, no one interested.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Wiker

LCRCC MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM - 2009

Please note that all information MUST be filled out, even if none of your information has changed. This will allow us to keep all of our information up to date.

Thank you for your cooperation.

NAME: _____ AMA#: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE #: _____ EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

RADIO FREQUENCIES USED: Primary _____ Secondary _____ Other _____
(IMPORTANT INFORMATION)



MEMBERSHIP TYPE: RETIRED \$36 before January 1st. 2009
(Please check only one) \$48 after January 1st. 2009

Checks can be made payable to: "LCRCC" and mailed to: JUNIOR \$12 before January 1st. 2009
\$18 after January 1st. 2009

Robert Heine REGULAR \$48 before January 1st. 2009
328 East Spruce Street \$60 after January 1st. 2009
New Holland, PA 17557

You can mail this completed form to Robert Heine, or bring it to a club meeting



In an effort to save club funds, our newsletter *Plane Talk* is available electronically on the internet. Those with internet access can view the newsletters online. You can also receive a printed copy of the newsletter at the club house.