

# PLANE TALK

## Lancaster County Radio Control Club, Inc.

[www.lcrcc.us](http://www.lcrcc.us)

### Meeting Notice

When: Thursday January 1st, at noon.

Where: Club field.

Agenda: Flying, Hamburger BBQ, BYOC  
(bring your own hot chocolate)

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

### **From the Editor**

“Ask not, what your country can do for you, but ask what you can do for your country”. These words spoken by the late President John F. Kennedy almost 48 years ago. Those words have been on my mind for the past few months, especially in light of the open positions that no one seems interested to fill. Lets change them a bit; “Ask not what your club can do for you, but ask what you can do for your club”. Now, this seems to be more befitting our problem.

A few months ago, I wrote about the spirit of volunteerism and how it always seems the same people are there at the field doing whatever is necessary for the club. As to date, we are still seeking individuals to fill the two positions on Central Penn committee being vacated by Harris and Steve, and the webmaster position. These are not difficult positions, two represent our club at Central Penn and earmarks a great portion of income for our club. The third would require someone with a little computer experience and a connection greater than dial-up (that ruled me out). All of these things can be learned fairly easy. Hey, if I can figure out how to do the newsletter every month, you can do other things that benefit the club.

Benefit the club! That’s the point behind this. The revenues from Central Penn are the largest than from

any other source. If we are to continue to generate the funds from Central Penn, then we need some individuals to step up and accept one of the positions. Otherwise the club must make a decision; find someone to do the responsibilities or get out of Central Penn altogether due to lack of interest. No one’s asking you to give up all of your free time, just give some of your time to benefit others.

Craig and I talked about it being nice if some of the retired gentlemen would volunteer for the positions. There you have it guys, need something to do? These are not positions of great difficulty, Harris and Steve will work with you!

No pressure though, I look forward to seeing a bunch of you at the freeze fly January 1<sup>st</sup>. It’s hamburger BBQ at the field or sour kraut (yuck!) at home.

Safe flying,  
Jim

### **Changing sport?**

I haven’t been in this sport for a long time like some of you have. I’ve been in this for about 5 years now, but I’ve seen some major changes in the planes in the past three years. I’m always looking for small planes that you can fly indoors (like the gym at my church) and other places that I don’t need to worry about a lot of open space for fear of hitting something, or having to climb up a tree to retrieve my plane. I have found a few planes, but until late last year, most of the better planes were expensive, at the least. Planes that weighed only a few grams cost well over \$200.

Parkzone has major strides in small, inexpensive planes that can be flown indoors and out. That, plus the newer 2.4Ghz controls allow us to fly without having to worry about frequencies and sharing time with other pilots while we wait our turn to fly with the same

frequency.

Including those that flew in the All Bull championship in the gym at Calvary Baptist Church, I was amazed at the number of planes that were in the air at the same time. At one point, there were seven Vapors, a Centurion and a heli , all at the same time.(which ended in a mid-air collision between the heli and a Vapor).

What is neat, is probably a quarter of the members now own Vapors or the Centurion/Citabria. Twice this year, we've been able to fly in the gym of my church. December's meeting was unusual this year as a lot of members came out to fly and for the meeting. I can't remember having that many members out for a December meeting (last year saw about 10 members, period). Even the Academy of Model Aeronautics has opened a Park Flyer category for membership.

If the sport is indeed changing, then we need to be open to the change. Who would have thought that electric motor technology would come to the point where some are replacing their gas engines with electric. 60 years ago, using an electric motor in R/C aircraft was as impractical as a computer taking up less than a large room. Now, with technology constantly changing, motors are becoming smaller, batteries are becoming more powerful. I remember reading a story in the newspaper last year about a company developing capacitors the size and thickness of a sheet of paper, capable of powering a car for 3 to 4 hours on a single charge. Apply that to model aviation and I'll be switching from gas to electric. Can you imagine flying for hours without having to recharge your battery! Carbon fiber airframes are proving to be stronger and lighter than conventional balsa and hardwood and are

### 2009 Club Officers

President	Craig Peck	475-2482
Vice-President	Hrayr Avakian	
Secretary	Jim Wiker	768-7952
Treasurer	Bob Heine	355-0827

### 2009 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

being used especially on the Vapors.

Now, the poll I sent out suggesting moving the club meeting in February, from Thursday the 5th to Saturday the 7th, and having it in the gym of my church again, has had majority support, but still needs to be voted on during the freeze-fly on January 1st. I believe we are moving in the right direction. The membership needs to dictate the direction the club needs to go. The club is not about any one person, but the majority as a whole. As the sport changes, so must we. Besides, with the cold weather, it's better to fly indoors than stand outside freezing

Keep supporting your club! Keep making suggestions of what you'd like to see done. Get involved! Don't be a passive member! It's your club!

## Club Calendar

*Unless otherwise specified all meetings will be held at the field*

### Thursday Jan. 1st, noon

Freeze Fly at the field! 12 noon until whenever.

Come out and fly regardless of the weather! Hamburger BBQ sandwiches will be available. BYOC (bring your own hot chocolate)

### Saturday Feb. 7th, noon

Meeting at fellowship hall of Calvary Baptist Church - sign up for Central Penn roles. Bring your planes for an entire afternoon of flying in the gym.

### Thursday Mar. 5th, 7pm

Meeting in the clubhouse.

### Saturday Mar. 14th, all day

Central Penn Flea market at the Lebanon County showground. [www.cpa.us](http://www.cpa.us)

### Thursday Apr. 2nd, 7pm

Meeting in the clubhouse.

## Meeting called to order at 7:14

Minutes approved as posted

New Members: Sam Rider, came to check things out. Membership approved

Treasurers Report: Lost money again due to the economy.

Central Penn: Mailings to go out between Christmas and New Years. Central Penn flea market is March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009

Events: Indoor fly was on November 22 in the gym of Calvary Baptist Church. 13 people came out to fly. Phillip Adams won the Vapor competition, Richard White won in the Centurion/Citabria competition. Everyone had a great time, there were as many as seven Vapors in the air at once. The club made a donation of \$150 to Calvary Baptist Church for the use of the gym for the afternoon. A minimum donation was set at \$150. with each flyer donating \$10 to fly for the afternoon and the club making up the difference of \$20.

Harris asked about having a night fly, saying no one seems to be interested in it anymore. After some discussion, it was decided to have it in the spring, possibly in May.

Field Marshall: The wheel fell off the gate, Jim Wiker to obtain new bolts and put it back on. Seems the vandals are at it again

Field Safety: Rick Rutter was unable to make the meeting because of his schedule.

Newsletter: OK

Website: Still looking for an individual to take over the website.

Old business: The cost for the new vinyl benches are \$292 each. These are on hold until next Spring.

We are going to get a small dumpster in the spring for a spring clean-up day. There is a lot of junk thrown behind the clubhouse that needs to be disposed of.

Ron Angle talked about his club in Williamsport having an open house on December 28<sup>th</sup>. Jim Wiker to send out a flyer to the membership.

No 50/50

No HA awards

Respectfully submitted, Jim Wiker

## 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.

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AMD BAe Hawk, Ducted fan jet, airframe only \$150

P51 Mustang, w/ASP25 engine \$100

A4 Skyhawk, w/OS40 engine \$50

Royal .45 engine, new in box \$45

Rob Hobbins (717) 951-6455

## 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.*

Planning on attending the freeze fly? If you are planning on being there, please email or call me, if you haven't already done so. In order to make sure we have enough food, I need a fairly accurate head count so I know how much to prepare. I don't want to run out of BBQ, but I don't want a lot of leftovers either.

Jim



**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**

Note:

Winkies has closed their Lititz store and have moved to the airport across from Penn Cinema. Keep that in mind when you head off to their store