

PLANE TALK

Lancaster County Radio Control Club, Inc.

www.lcrcc.us

Meeting Notice

When: Thursday May 6th at 7pm.

Where: LCRCC flying field

Agenda: Business meeting

Come and participate in your club.

Peter's Pitch

Time Is Short

I have often wondered about this tiny phrase, the engineer in me saying that it is not possible to shorten time. Well, I think that the internal engineer is wrong! The older I get (now I am sounding like my parents and grandparents) the faster time seems to disappear! As we all know it is not time that is changing, but rather our insatiable need to 'stuff' (a technical term, not!) more activities into the same time frame.

The introduction this month leads me to a couple of points; 1/. Why I like electric models, and 2/. Why people come and go from this hobby.

I like electric models for their convenience, especially now that the power to weight ratio is comparable to 'wet' powered models. Notice I say models rather than planes - I thoroughly enjoy electric powered cars and boats. The ease of being able to operate my models almost anywhere without the hassle of the typical glow model, means that I can take advantage of a spare quarter of an hour and enjoy some modeling fun. Those lone fifteen minute blocks are fine to a point, however they do not solve the desire for camaraderie that is often experienced when a small group of like minded modelers get together to operate their models. In my opinion one of the best experiences in this hobby is when I take several small electric planes to the field on a warm evening and get to fly with several like minded people, often sharing the Tx with others. Just great low key relaxation with a group of friends at

the end of a busy day. And to all those of you that have participated in my modeling nirvana, I say thank you, and I look forward to the next time (there's that word again!).

I think that people come and go from this hobby due to changing priorities. Many things impact how we rank our priorities, some of which include how much time and money we have available. In my mind there is another factor, the fun factor. If we are having lots of fun doing a particular activity we will invariably find ways to keep doing that activity, often at the expense of other activities. So to all of you that add to my fun factor and thereby help to raise this hobby up my list of personal priorities, I say thank you and please continue.

Enough of the philosophy!

Welcome back to Jim Langley and John Robbins, who rejoined the club last month after several years away doing other things. Also, welcome to Mike Warner who is new the hobby. It was interesting to discuss with Jim and John the changes in technology, at the same time Mike was taking in the huge variety of options available to him. Please take time to befriend these new members and help them to increase your collective fun factor.

The month of June is fast approaching, 19th June is the date that we have set for the Make-A-Wish event this year. We brought the date forward from August to try and avoid the oppressive heat we experienced at last years event. Please speak to Craig if you are interested in helping or flying at this event. This is our opportunity to give something back to the community.

Please check the club website for the latest calendar of events.

Safe flying, Peter

2010 Club Officers

President	Peter Caddick	393-8684
Vice-President	Craig Peck	475-2482
Secretary	Jim Wiker	682-7175
Treasurer	Walter Berko	656-8733

2010 Club Officials

Safety Officer	Rick Rutter	859-1466
Field Marshal	Charlie Zirkel	610-273-9044
Newsletter Editor	Jim Wiker	682-7175
Webmaster	Robin Church	203-1275

Flight Instructors

Roy Bender	293-1513	Airtronics, Futaba, JR
Bob Heine	355-0827	Airtronics, Futaba
Peter Caddick	393-8684	Futaba—heli/plane
*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.

Minutes from LCRCC meeting April, 1st 2010

Meeting called to order at 7:00 at the field

New members: Jim Langley and John Robbins, both were past members that had gotten away from flying and were getting back into it.
Mike Warner new to the sport.

Minutes were accepted as posted in the newsletter

Reports

President: Newsletter Editor needed.

Thank you to the Central Penn members for all the hard work they put into the event.

Thank you to all that helped run the event, from the set up to the tear down and everything in between.

Thank you to the finance committee for their work.

Vice President: Suggested a "Learn to fly" event to introduce others to flying.

T-Shirts on hold until an order form can be made

Because of all the old keys floating around, suggested changing from a key lock to a combination lock, which the combination can be changed every year. Members voted and accepted.

There are two cases of club fuel left, membership OK'd purchasing ten cases of 15%.
Someone showed up at the field and was launching rockets.

Secretary: None

Treasurer: 59 members, plus those that joined in past week to be put on roster as members. All others will be dropped from membership.

Central Penn: Bill Henry unable to attend due to conflicting Central Penn meeting. Our share around \$5800.00, down from last year. Bill will present a report at the next meeting.

Safety Officer: Everything's going well, everyone's doing a great job. It doesn't seem to be crowded.
No conflicts.

Field Officer: Made the first cut as of today, no high stones.
There are large sinkholes, before everything gets grown over, make yourself familiar where they are. Flags will be placed at the sinkholes and yellow tape around them to mark the area.
One of the blades may need to be replaced on the mower.
Service on the mower is due soon.
Need new bungees to put the tarp back up.

Newsletter: OK

Webmaster: Craig and Robin working on a members section.

Old Business: T-Shirts, need to make up an order form.
Audit committee went over books, everything they looked at was in good order.
Recommended accepting the books.
Bob Heine was commended for his great job with the books as treasurer.

New Business: Finance committee, Warren Wasiewski, Bill Henry, and Julie Goldfarb, made the following recommendations:
80% of the Central Penn money to be distributed as follows:
33% - Vanguard
33% - Value Index
17% - Large Cap Index
16% - CGM Focus

They also suggested to revise our finances quarterly and recommended no substantial changes to the current allocation. Proposal accepted by membership. A copy of the proposal will be sent out with the minutes.

Work day April 17th. Email to be sent out as a reminder.

Indoor fly-in on the 24th at North Penn (notice sent out via email weeks ago).
LASS soaring event April 24th and 25th.

Last years attempt for us to fertilize the field resulted in one application. Field needs maintenance and it must be done at sun up with a heavy dew. Need manpower to apply fertilizer. Other option would be Chemlawn or someone else. Some will come out and spread what we have and Chemlawn to do later.

50/50 won by Mike Warner

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Wiker

