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Meeting Minutes

85 members currently

Meeting took place at Wendy's:
987 Beards Hill Rd, Aberdeen, MD 21001
Phone: (443) 327-6706

Read minutes from last meeting.

Read bank statement.

Read expense report from this year to explain this years expenses to budget for next year.

Discussed dues structure compared to other clubs.

ATTENTION:

Our dues will be 50 dollars and a 50 dollar assessment for this year 2015. The assessment will cover cost of new mower and canopy over the Helicopter area.

We will be getting a new cub cadet mower.

Christmas party will be December 21 at the Recreation Center in Havre De Grace. Address is on the front page of the site.

Steve Snyder will check on planes for Christmas raffle from Bel Air hobby shop.

Steve Snyder will get platters for party.

Gary will get accessories from Costco.

Discussed party plans for next year. Dale will book for next year to avoid scheduling conflicts.

County will fix drainage issue this winter.

Chris talked about having a swap shop or auction for the club as a source of revenue stream.

Nominated officers, voting will be done at next meeting at Christmas party.

President: Gary Gunter

Vice President: Lloyd Young

Treasurer: Steve Snyder

Safety Officer: Bob Walker

Members at Large: Dale Davis and Herman Reichart

Secretary: Chris Doolittle

Discussed installing classified section in the newsletter.

With the winter drawing near, I began to think, what in the world can we write about? There will be a little flying, for those who are brave enough to battle the snow, cold

weather, and high winds. So it was time to get creative, I went back to the previous newsletters and would like to share some flashbacks from the old days of flying at the club.

There is a picture of Gary Hershberger and his Pitts S-2



Gary Hershberger with his Pitts S-2

Herman Reichert looks satisfied with that "new" Yak 55



Herman Reichert with new Yak

There is Michael Berchini with his trainer Extra Easy



Michael Berchini and the Extra Easy



Rick Wallace and the Prestige

Since the winter months are here (looking like an early winter already), I figured everyone will be working on new projects or their current fleet. Here are some really helpful Field and Bench Tips taken from the Model Airplane News website:

(<http://www.modelairplanenews.com/blog/2013/12/09/20-field-bench-tips/>)

We all know that during the winter months we hardly ever get a chance to fly due to the cold weather, snow, or high winds. Mostly all of us are working on new projects or our current fleet of planes in our basement. The following article from Airplane Model News will show you some tips and tricks that are helpful while you are at the field or working on your models at home. For example: Ever have to mix epoxy together and struggle to find something to mix it in? Well, one of the tips is using a stack of Post-It notes. You simply put your epoxy on top of the Post-It notes and mix, then apply it where you need it on your model. Once you are done using the epoxy, you simply peel and throw away that Post-It note, and the following clean Post-It note is ready for you to mix epoxy in the future. I would recommend using the largest size Post-It notes that you can find, this way it ensures an adequate area of for you to mix the epoxy without spilling over on your counter or work bench.



Also a good reminder while we endure these winter months is to check over your models to ensure everything is working correctly and safely. We all know in this hobby if anything that can go wrong will go wrong (Murphy's law), and usually in some huge Hollywood destructive scene as we have seen throughout this year at the club!

Some areas to consider:

- The clevis that attaches to the control horns
- Screws that mount the servos to your model
- The screw that connects the servo arm to the servo
- Pull-pull wires (tight enough or need to be tightened?)
- Fuel lines and fuel filters that need to be changed (this should be done yearly as the fuel lines will harden when not in use for extended periods of time and thus become not as flexible and cause engine issues)
- Linkages that connect to your throttle servo
- Rebuilding the carburetor and changing the screen (for gas engines, the screen will eventually get debris caught and cause poor engine performance and issues)
- Applying some after run oil and capping the carburetor so no dirt or debris gets inside while it is in storage
- Check and torque down propeller bolts and spinner bolt
- Check and torque down landing gear and wheels

With time, experience and lots of trial and error, we RC modelers all learn good way to do accomplish workshop tasks and/or flying field repairs. The simplest things can often make the biggest difference.

If you have any ideas for articles or want to let the club know about your winter project, email us at sslotnick@mac.com and chris24@hotmail.com

Also,

Please email all photos to sslotnick@mac.com and chris24@hotmail.com so they can be included in the newsletters.









