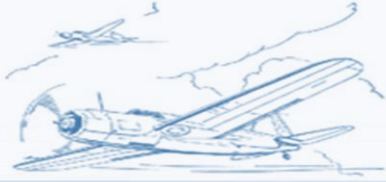


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Well I finally did it. There are actually 2 foam airplane kits on my workbench at home. These are made from a foam board real similar to what you see in the Dollar Store. The Flite Test crew has had special board make up with a water proof coating. This really helps when dealing with wet grass or just a quick rain shower. One is the Flite Test Bushwacker and the other is the Flite Test Edge 540. Picked up a motor, esc, batteries, and props from Iron Horse Hobby in Reading, PA. That is a cool little shop. Only problem is that if you didn't know it was there its tough to find. The motor, batteries, and esc are made by eflite. It will be running on Hitec metal gear servos, so I can crash a bunch of times and not ruin them. Hoping for a rainy day to be off work to get one of them built. Really want to have at least one in the air before it's too cold.



Things are moving along with getting drones flying regularly at the field. Both Ed and I ordered a Syma X5SW-V3 camera drone. This is the one we are planning on using as an introductory drone for a drone club. That will be a subdivision within the regular club. This gives us a chance to check them out and see how it performs. This will help in teaching the new pilots on what to do and watch out for. With having courses at either end of the main flying field they could be up there practicing or racing whenever. Hope to see this take off and get a bunch of kids out of their rooms and away from the game consoles. If any of you know kids that might be interest in this let me know and we can setup a time to meet at the field over a weekend to get them started. A rough draft flyer is available presently and we hope to refine it as time progresses and interest increases. Right now, the plan is to charge each kid \$50. That will include the "Take Home Drone" and teaching on how to fly it. The only thing they will need is a smartphone to receive the camera feed. I know most kids now have one anyway. If not, they can use mine while we are there.



Now that Aerorama has past and was a great success it is time to look into the financials of the club. As of right now we are doing ok but not sure how long that will last. With the current expenses that is about the next 2 ½ years. This brings up a challenge for those of us that want to see this great organization not just be around for another 50 years plus but to grow and prosper. There are 2 ideas out floating around about how to make that happen. One is to just simply raise the dues. However, it will cost the current members \$165 a year in dues. The alternative to this would be to have a lottery ticket raffle based on the daily Pennsylvania Lottery evening number. Several other organizations in the area do the same with great success. If 20 members sold 60 tickets over a 3-month time frame that would bring in approximately \$4,000 in profit. Each ticket would be good for one month. So, say we picked November, December, and February that they would be good for. Each member sells 20 tickets at \$5 each prior to those months. Each ticket has a 3-digit number that would have to match up to the Pick 3 at 7pm for a given day and the ticket holder wins the amount dictated on the calendar for that day. Prizes are normally \$25 weekdays, \$50 on weekend, and possibly more for special days. This will be the main topic at the next club meeting so come out and let us all know what you would prefer to do.

For more details on the last meeting please have a read through of the meeting minutes that are along with this newsletter.

The next regular club meeting will be held in the Tuscarora State Park Office at 7:00 pm on the 1st of October. There will be an officer's meeting toward the end of September at La Dolce Casa to plan upcoming events and topics.

Hope everyone's projects are all going well, and everyone is doing as good. See you all later.



Respectfully,

Kyle Snyder

Club Secretary