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AMA and EPA visit

OCM's Wiskow Field

A large crowd and beautiful weather

by Mike Fevola

On Sunday, October 14, 2007, Ocean County Modelers hosted a visit by AMA President, Dave Brown; AMA District II Vice President Dave Mathewson, and Joe Beshar, Site Assistance Coordinator, Eastern Region District I to VII. They, along with representatives of the EPA



(l. to r. back row) Dan Ditursi, OCM Chief Instructor; Dave Mathewson, Joe Beshar. (front) Dave Brown.

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and a video taping crew were here to record Radio Control activities on a closed landfill. The purpose of their visit was to document how a relatively modest investment in funds and a large investment in manpower could convert a landfill into a flying field.

The weather was warm and sunny, a beautiful flying day. A number of different radio controlled aircraft were flown to demonstrate the viability of the site. John Wagner flew his twin engine B-25, OCM's chief pilot Danny Ditursi flew his STIK and Harry Jenkin flew a twin engine racer.

Members of other RC clubs in the area were present to support the effort with static displays of many models, as well as flying demonstrations.



Some airplanes belonging to members of the Pine Barren Modelers.

Dave Brown checked out the field by flying an electric airplane and demonstrating to the EPA folks how easy it was.

The video crew arrived early and in speaking to Jack Wilson, asked if any member would crash an airplane to demonstrate that it doesn't hurt the environment. Jack explained that we didn't purposely crash airplanes that were worth hundreds or thousands

of dollars. Unfortunately, during the first flight of the day, while being videotaped, Jack inadvertently crashed his aircraft. The video taken proved that no damage was incurred at the point of the crash except to the unfortunate airplane.

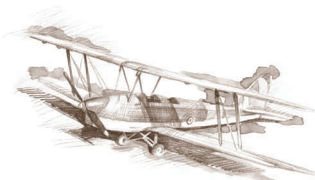
Refreshments were available in the morning and lunch was provided to all attendees.



Dave Mathewson talks to some of the OCM members.



Joe Lamantia and Steve DeSanto prepare their planes for flight, while Ed Majoros (right) looks on.



Minutes of OCM Meeting on October 24, 2007

Bob Miceli opened the meeting at 7:30pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 33 members present. The minutes of September 26th meeting were read and accepted. The treasurer's report was read and accepted.

OLD BUSINESS: The recent Flea Market made some money for the club. Events for next year include some flying contests, fun fly with club picnic, pattern contest and flea market. As always, volunteers are needed. The recent visit by the AMA representatives and EPA officials went very well and the club will be recognized in a DVD featuring RC flying on closed dump sites. The club should be receiving a copy of the DVD in the near future.

The proposed change of by-laws concerning the ability of the club to conduct business was discussed and a majority of members present decided to introduce the following new wording "NO BUSINESS MEETING SHALL BE CONDUCTED UNLESS A MINIMUM OF NINETEEN (19) MEMBERS ARE PRESENT DURING THE CLUB'S MONTHLY MEETING."

The above wording will replace the following wording in Article I.4C: "NO BUSINESS MEETING SHALL BE CONDUCTED UNLESS A QUORUM, WHICH IS 20% OF THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE CLUB IS PRESENT." This change will be voted on during the next monthly meeting, pending a turnout to meet the present 20% quorum.

NEW BUSINESS: Stephen DeSanto has a proposal to raise and change the present Club's dues. An article in this newsletter has the details.

Nominations for the up coming elections were held. The following results are tabulated:

PRESIDENT: Sal Piu

VICE PRESIDENT: Stephen DeSanto

TREASURER: Richard Heinrichs

RECORDING SECRETARY: no nomination

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: no nomination

SAFETY OFFICIER: Sal Cannizzo and Dean Kraus

Jack Wilson entertained the membership with his tale of a 'lost' and 'found' RC plane.

No Model of the Month.

50/50 Big Winner: Tom Gibson

Meeting adjourned at 9:15pm.

Submitted by Carl Parducci, Recording Secretary.

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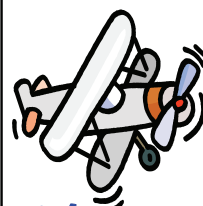
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Mark your calendar!

The monthly December meeting will be our Holiday meeting. It will be on Tuesday, December 12th at the Lakehurst Diner on Route 70 in Lakehurst. Come on out and get together with your flying buddies. Annual dues for the year 2008 will be collected at this meeting.



*Welcome to our
New Members*

Joseph Acquisto
Joseph C. Cappadona
Donald Daly
Bob Petersen
Edward Sayers
Hugh Waller
Christopher Wasnesky

In Memoriam

Clark Sutton, 69, died suddenly on October 5, 2007 at his home in Toms River. Clark was an avid member of Ocean County Modelers and could often be seen at Wiskow Field flying his home-built model airplanes.

He and his wife, Mary just recently celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary.

A memorial service is being planned for a later date.

Proposed change to the OCM dues

submitted by President Bob Miceli and Vice President Stephen DeSanto

An increase in dues was presented to the club by President Bob Miceli and VP Steve DeSanto at the regular meeting of OCM on October 24, 2007. This proposal will be discussed at the next regular meeting that will be held on November 28 2007.

This is a notification of a proposed dues change for the year 2008 and subsequent years, keeping in line with the OCM Bylaws revised September 28, 2005, Article IV.3A: Dues And Admission Fees.

Projected estimated expenses for the 2008 year and beyond.

The purchase of a new/used grass cutting commercial-type tractor to replace the aging home-owner-type presently under constant repair. The planned improvement of the flying area such as a runway and/or watering capabilities. These items will never be realized without adequate funding. The OCM can not even apply for grants from the AMA due to the lack of funds to back a proposal to improve our current flying site.

The proposed change is offered to the membership in one of the following two ways.

1. Change the current dues to read: Drop the current admission fee of \$25.00 and make all new members pay a first year fee of \$100.00, subtracting \$25.00 for each quarter of the year. All current members' fees would be changed from \$50.00 to \$55.00 with an automatic \$1.00 a year increase, without vote. This \$1.00 increase can be dropped by a membership vote at a December meeting.
2. Change the current dues to read: Drop the current admission fee of \$25.00 and make all new members pay a first year fee of \$100.00, subtracting \$25.00 for each quarter of the year.
 - (a) Junior members, under the age of 18, that are with a paid adult to pay \$5.00 a year.
 - (b) Active flyers, 18 years to 65 years, \$58.00 a year, plus \$1.00 a year increase.
 - (c) Senior members, 65 and older before the first of the new year, \$52.00 a year, plus \$1.00 a year increase.
 - (d) Associate members, meaning non-flying members, \$40.00 a year, fixed. These are either members that can no longer fly due to health reasons, or by choice, or just want to support the club but have no interest in flying. These members would NOT be required to have a current AMA but would be encouraged to support such membership. These members would not be permitted to fly.

These changes will be open for discussion at the November meeting and voted on at the meeting.

OCM Annual Flea Market

**Great weather
and great bargains**

by Eric Heitmann

On October 13th, the club hosted its annual flea market. The whole day turned out to be a success. It was a perfect, warm, and sunny fall day and the club made over \$150.00 from vendors, shoppers, and food donations.

After the flea market, many people stayed to take advantage of the good weather to fly their planes.

For next year we will be planning several events including a fun fly, flea market, and a family day picnic. All event dates (and field work days) will be planned during the winter meetings and club members will be chosen to assist with various functions (purchasing food, cooking, advertising, entertainment, etc . . .)

The entertainment 'committee' has learned a lot this year and all these lessons will be reflected in next year's plans.



Timothy Mulholland has a great assortment of goodies.



Looks like some good bargains at Al Larsen's table.

A paper ballot for the election of OCM 2008 officers is included in this newsletter. Therefore every member is receiving a hard copy through the regular mail this month. All members are encouraged to cast their ballot. You may bring it to the December 12th meeting or mail it to: Joseph DiBella, 172 Torrey Pines Drive, Toms River, NJ 08757.

Ya gotta love it!

A perfect flying day, temps 60's, clear skies, minimal wind

by Jack Wilson

Saturday started as a glorious day at Wiskow. The weather was fantastic, and our field was inhabited by numerous new and inexperienced pilots, each and every one with their own airplane. (We will get to the significance of this a bit later.)

Jack Wilson had already flown and experienced more bull crap. The plane malfunctioned and had to be flown 'dead stick' out in the boondocks. All was well, however, this time it was simply a bad wire on a connector. Honest, it was the plane this time.

We all know Dean Kraus and many of us want to personally commend Dean for going above and beyond the call of duty. There is no denying Dean is an incredible contributor to the assisting and training of new guys. No one can dispute his undying dedication to helping anyone that needs help. Thanks, Dean!!

It was about 11:00AM and someone mentioned, "Where is Dean?" I called and found him already on his way to the field. What a guy!

The adventure begins. According to my count, we find Dean running around assisting no less than six guys this day. He was adjusting engines, re-doing linkage, answering questions, and in general, 'doing his thing.' He was like a surgeon with a stethoscope, wearing a buddy cord around his neck and flying with about three to four 'almost pilots.' (an interesting note here—he never flew his own plane—how shrewd is this guy?)

One of the new members is 12-year-old Kenny Butler. On this day, Dean had volunteered to help him fly. His Grandpa, Ed Sayers, had bought him a great trainer at the flea market a couple of weeks prior and they were ready to rock and roll. The plane was tuned on the 'get ready' stand, Dean checked all the throws, did a range check (I think) and we hooked the buddy cord up. Dean took off and all seemed well. I trimmed the trainer in flight and it was flying like a bird. I passed the buddy box to Kenny and he had an incredible first flight. The plane was landed and re-fueled and after a short break, was up, up and away again.



Dean Kraus and Kenny Butler keeping an eye on Kenny's plane.

Then it happened. I noticed Dean walking out towards the airplane, with the transmitter extended, as high as he could raise it in an attempt to re-establish radio control. The plane was far out in the 10 o'clock position at the field. At first it seemed to be coming back toward us. Then it took a slow, level turn at about the 1 o'clock position and turned left back towards the flight line and then, ever so gently, turned over the wires to our right, and made a gorgeous,

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gentle exit out of sight over the grave pit. We all stood in silence, hoping to hear the soothing hum of that engine trying to make its re-appearance to come home, but to no avail. There was disappointment on the face of everyone. Kenny looked over the horizon for the longest time; I guess, thinking it was still coming back.

Update—On Monday morning, as I was about to leave to go to my shop, my neighbor came out and asked “did I know of anyone that lost a plane?”

I was shocked into a state of amazement. I indicated, after a bit, that I did know of an airplane that was lost and asked where it was. He told me, across the street at my neighbor’s field on Cross Street.

Now, here is where it gets weird. Let’s consider the odds on some of these factors: the plane flew away in perfect level flight, even with turns; it flew 5.3 miles until it ran out of fuel; it hurt no one; it caused no damage; it was found near a member’s home; it was returned to the owner on Monday evening and it is repairable.

There was a higher power that was watching over us that day.



A not so pretty end to a beautiful day of flying.

Keys to success for new pilots

Last in our series for successful flying

submitted by Mike Fevola

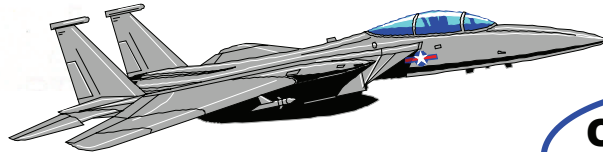
Not Enough Altitude--

New flyers are often afraid of altitude. They feel safer close to the ground. Nothing could be more wrong. Altitude is your friend. As stated previously I consider 100 feet, about double tree height where I live, as a good flying height and I usually fly much higher than this. Fifty feet, is minimum flying height for new flyers. Below that you better be lining up for landing. *(Reprinted from Hobby-Lobby RC Groups.com, aeajr’s blog.)*

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in Freehold
has closed
for business and
will not be re-opening.**

JACKSON HOBBY SHOP

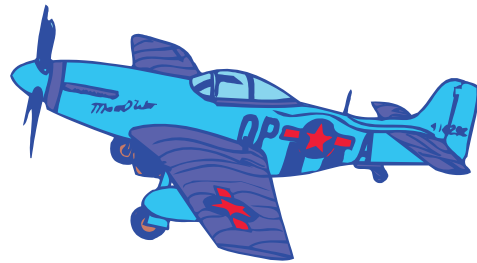
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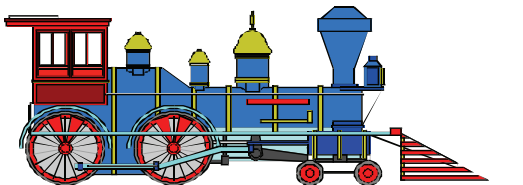
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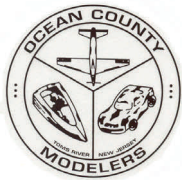
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**Next OCM meeting
Wednesday
November 28th
7:30 PM
Manchester Municipal
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