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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

SEPT, OCT, & NOV... Here's Sept!

We are almost through the 2009 hurricane season and so far, we have been lucky. And I will always take as much luck as I can get. But sometimes, you can increase your luckiness factor, especially when RC models are concerned. I may not have the experience or skill of some of our members but I have learned to trust my gut feeling at the field.

Recently, I was flying my ever trusty Extra 260 and my "gutometer" went off when I noticed that I had trouble slowing the plane for landing. My airspeed on final was higher than normal but I was able to still land the plane thanks to our long runway. I attributed the long roll out to the lack of headwind but I still packed up the plane for the day. At home, I decided to pull the cowl just to look things over and I discovered that I lost one of the four engine mounting bolts. One point for my gut.

Recently I had another gut alert. The Extra was flying well but I felt the controls were not as crisp as I am accustomed. After landing we performed a receiver analysis and I had a bit more fades and losses than normal. On closer inspection, I found that I lost both antenna leads on a remote antenna. Again, not a fatal condition but it could lead to a receiver hold at an inopportune moment. Two points for my ever expanding gut.

I guess where I am going with all this is that you should heed the message from your gut. If something just does not feel right, land the plane immediately and thoroughly check it out. I have heard plenty of successful modelers say that it is better to take it home in one piece so that they can fly it another day.

That is all I have for this month. See you at the field.

Altitude, Airspeed, and Luck. You need at least two.

Doug Christensen

(Please remember that Doug wrote this over three months ago! Steve)

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS WHO JOINED IN AUGUST:

Edward Polsky, James Walzer, Juan Medina, James Spencer, Richard Zembrzuski, Linus Faery, Harold Tuchinsky, Hardy Henderson, Denise Clarke, Michael Clark, Arthur Goldstein

PALM BEACH RADIO CONTROL ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING August 13, 2009



The meeting was called to order at 7:35PM
New members and guests were introduced.
The July minutes were approved as read.
The treasures report was read

OLD BUSINESS

- Doug reminded the membership about the Pylon Race August 15 volunteers needed See Jim Perdue
- Our new Heli area has been completed; the members are using the 250000 Sq ft Heli are. The permanent signs have been placed. Some trees have to be moved Landing Pads have to be placed
- Pilots will have to bring your own first aid kits until we get the problem of clubs first aid kits disappearing. We are going to put 2 first aid kits in locked locations with members having access.
- Sundancers will have a RC Swap meet in Ft Pierce 8/22/09

NEW BUSINESS

- Saturday and Sunday October 10 and 11 we will once again host the IMAC HURRICAN CLASSIC volunteers are needed
- The Southeast Big Bird Event will be held Saturday and Sunday November 7 and 8
- We will hold a fun fly event Sunday December 12. 2009 for TOYS FOR TOTS to enter you must bring a new unwrapped toy.
- The South Florida Fair will be held January 16-31 2010 volunteers are needed see Doug
- We will have an Electric fun fly Saturday and Sunday February 6 and 7 2010
- Our Swap Meet will be held Sunday February 21
- 7 New Trees have been planted to replace removed trees in Heli Field
- Turn keys off in carts when parked in container. Only club members and licensed drivers permitted to drive.
- A motion was made by Dave and seconded to give members a key to the container that they may use the cart. More on this at the September meeting
- Jet pilots must bring there own CO2 fire extinguishers.
- PBRCA Yak Raffle \$25 per ticket Limit 100 tickets. Yak displayed at Warbird drawing 11/8/09 at the Big Bird Contest.

REMBER SAFETY FIRST

We had Show and tell

RAFFLE WAS HELD COURTESY RC REVOLUTION IN WEST PALM BEACH

MEETING ADJOURNED 9:10 PM

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED WALT DREYFUS SECRETARY

OK Now to more record keeping...

The minutes of all meetings must be posted in these newsletters as per our bylaws.

So let's move on to the next month's Presidents message & meeting minutes

And now for the **OCTOBER 09** **Presidents Message:**



(Written two months ago!)

President's Message – OCTOBER 2009:

The hurricane season is almost over and with that, we will see our snowbird brethren returning to the nest. I expect the field to get a bit more crowded now that the weather has cooled. Recently, we have also seen an increase of modelers from other local fields. Please make an effort to introduce new pilots to our club rules posted in the bulletin board on the impound station. Most importantly, everyone entering the pits **MUST** prove that they are an AMA member.

I want to thank all those members and sponsors who have pitched in to make our recent events a success. We could not hold these events without all the help from the membership. If you are interested in attending future events, refer to the calendar of events on our web page (www.palmbeachrc.com, select Calendar on the menu in the left column). This calendar also includes events in other locations in Florida.

I need a champion to head up building new starting stands. The sun and rain has taken a toll on our starting stands. If you are interested in leading the project to build new stands, please let me know. We have the instructions and once the materials are on-site, it would only take a few days to cut and assemble the stands with help from a crew.

That is all I have for this month. See you at the field.

Altitude, Airspeed, and Luck. You need at least two. **Doug Christensen**

Welcome New Members who joined in the month of September:

David Duerr, Mark Hewitt, Howard Lazarus, Stephen Prew, Sonny Bernier, Minh Le,
James Giorgio, Christopher Hemmer, Steven Hemmer, Abraham Siegel, Jameal Ali, Larry Spero,
Armand Venzina Jr., Leonard Martin

Now we all know that in a regular newsletter the pictures would start here!
But in order to get this “three month compliance issue” completed we are cutting to
the records required at this page and will pick up the normal format after the third minutes are listed!

Next up... the minutes for the meeting in September 09.



PALM BEACH RADIO CONTROL ASSOCIATION

GENERAL MEETING

September 10, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 7:35PM
New members and guests were introduced.
The August minutes were approved as read.
The treasures report was read

OLD BUSINESS

- Doug talked about the Pylon Race August 15
- Our new Heli area has been completed; the members are using the 250000 Sq ft Heli are. The permanent signs have been placed. Three trees have been removed, Landing Pads have been placed
- PBRCA Yak Raffle \$25 per ticket Limit 100 tickets. Yak displayed at Warbird drawing 11/8/09 at the Big Bird Contest.
- Doug talked about Cart usage. A waiver must be signed, key deposit \$10 Get keys from Doug goes into affect October 1

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- The Southeast Big Bird Event will be held Saturday and Sunday November 7 and 8
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- The South Florida Fair will be held January 16-31 2010 volunteers are needed see Doug
- We will have an Electric fun fly Saturday and Sunday February 6 and 7 2010
- Our Swap Meet will be held Sunday February 21
- Chris asked the membership if we could have another Combat event in December. We are having Toys For Tots and the Boat Club is having a Race in December. So December is out.
- We discussed the Park Flyer AMA Membership Card the rules state with this card there is a 2 lb limit and the plane can not be capable of going more then 60 mph

REMBER SAFETY FIRST

We had Show and tell

RAFFLE WAS HELD COURTESY 3GS HOBBIES IN WEST PALM BEACH

MEETING ADJOURNED 9:15 PM

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED WALT DREYFUS SECRETARY

OK now on to: New Members as of October meeting.

Jameal Ali, Larry Spero, Armand Venzina Jr, Leonard Martin David Duerr
Mark Hewitt, Howard Lazarus, Stephen Prew, Sonny Bernier, Minh Le,
James Giorgio, Christopher Hemmer, Steven Hemmer, Abraham Siegel

WELCOME TO THE LARGEST RC CLUB IN THE AMA

AGAIN THIS IS WHERE YOU WOULD NORMALLY GET THE GOOD STUFF BUT DUE TO MY INABILITY TO PUBLISH ON TIME FOR THE LAST FOUR MONTHS I HAVE TO GET THE JOB DONE THAT IS REQUIRED BY OUR CHAPTER AND HOPE TO FINISH THIS ISSUE BEFORE THE YEAR ENDS... YES IT IS THAT CLOSE, AGAIN! OK NEXT PRESIDENTS MESSAGE FOR NOVEMBER... GO DOUG!



PRESIDENTS MESSAGE NOVEMBER 2009

ELECTIONS: Club officer elections are just around the bend and the incumbent terms for President and Vice-President are term limited and we need candidates for these offices. If you would like information on the duties of any of the offices, please contact me to discuss.

Nominations for all offices open at the December meeting. *Nominations close in January* and **elections** are during the **February general meeting.**

Many thanks to the following members who volunteered at the **IMAC** and **Big Bird** events. Names are not listed in any particular order. Apologies to those I missed as I could not read some of your handwriting.

IMAC: Jim Spencer, Buddy Hurwitz Arty Mundell, Alex Acuti, Woody Rackoff, Gary Willis, Mark Drogowitz, Jack Mechanic, Lorenzo Garcia, JoJo Rodriguez, Skip Wright, Joe Mannino, Victor Cordero, Russ Horn, John Barlak, Cliff Auerbach, Les Berrent, Jerry Rodman, Ed Christensen, Doug Cerrito and Bud Tuchinsky.

BIG BIRD: Mark Drogowitz, Alex Acuti, Ed Christensen, Mike Knight, Cliff Auerbach, Joe Brusco, Steve Westervelt, Bud Tuchinsky, Les Berrent, Kari Westervelt, Carolina Gonzalez, Alex Reville, Jasmine Labrousse, Jim Spencer, Buddy Hurwitz, Donna Lowe, Edward Lowe, Arty Mundell, Joe Mannino, Greg Triolo, Walt Dreyfus, Woody Rackoff, Victor Cordero, Alex Moreno, Joe Mannino, Jerry Rodman, Bud Tuchinsky, and Skip Wright.

That is all I have for this month. See you at the field.

Altitude, Airspeed, and Luck. You need at least two. **Doug Christensen**



PALM BEACH RADIO CONTROL ASSOCIATION

GENERAL MEETING

OCTOBER 8, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 7:30PM
New members and guests were introduced.
The August minutes were approved as read.
The treasures report was read

OLD BUSINESS

- Doug talked about the IMAC HURRICAN CLASSIC this weekend. No open flying Saturday or Sunday October 10 and 11 we will once again host the volunteers
- PBRCA Yak Raffle \$25 per ticket Limit 100 tickets. Yak displayed at IMAC event drawing 11/8/09 at the Big Bird Contest.
- Doug talked about Cart usage. A waiver must be signed, key deposit \$10 Get keys from Doug goes into affect October 1
- Members are urged to have there own first aid kits. There is a first aid kit in each Golf cart
- The road in front of the press box is for loading and unloading. No parking.
- Nomination of officers open in December Close in January The existing President and Vice President can not run again
- Remember no flying alone this include the Heli Area.

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- The South Florida Fair will be held January 16-31 2010 volunteers are needed see Doug
- We will have an Electric fun fly Saturday and Sunday February 6 and 7, 2010.
- Our Swap Meet will be held Sunday February 21
- The Rhinebeck event might be held the last weekend in March this will be discussed at the Bd. Meeting
- The Canopy's will be replaced before the Big Bird Event

REMBER SAFETY FIRST

We had Show and tell

RAFFLE WAS HELD COURTESY G & C HOBBIES IN LANTANA

MEETING ADJOURNED 8:35 PM

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED, WALT DREYFUS, SECRETARY

OK SO...Now that the required is complete...

On with some of the newsletter that you are used to seeing and some changes are coming for the future. Let's go to Alex and the ready room that he wrote months ago and have been ready to copy and paste!

From the Ready Room:

"Hang the Expense"

Many of you will remember back to the 2006 Warbirds Over the Glades event which was held at our old field. For many in our club it was the first time they saw Doug Smith fly his legendary B-17, "*Shoo Shoo Baby*". For those that have never seen it, the four engine bomber has a 12 foot wingspan and is powered by four G-23 gas engines. The plane first flew in June of 1999 and for those of us that were there to see the maiden flights it was apparent that this plane had the "magic dust" all over it. After making three flights on her first day of flying the plane was being disassembled when out of the northern sky comes a full scale P-51, *low and fast*, right over us. Now when have you seen that happen? It was as if "little brother" was making sure she was okay. From the time she first flew to the time of her last flight in September of 2007 at the Warbirds Over the Rockies event she logged more than 400 flights at events all over the state. On the way back from Denver, about 3 hours from home a tired group of travelers pulled off the highway, the trailer hit a huge pot hole which damaged the B-17. While the damage was not serious Doug decided that the plane was pretty tired and needed an overhaul. After many hours of discussion (some would say arguing) it was finally decided to bring her back as a silver "Hang the Expense IV", the next to the last of the legendary Frank Valesh's mounts.

Frank flew his first mission on November 5, 1943 and finished his tour of duty with 31 missions on July 19, 1944 with a mission to Schweinfurt. In that time span he totaled four B-17's, killed a one bull and deflowered an undetermined number of virgins.

One of his most notable escapades resulted in the demise of a bull and B-17. It seems in wee hours of the morning of November 26th, the same day a mission was scheduled, he and two friends talked two Red Cross nurses into taking a moonlight joy ride (It can be safely presumed that large quantities of alcoholic beverages were consumed by all involved). The only problem was they forgot to take the control locks off the tail surfaces. So they go charging down the runway with no rudder and elevator control! The plane veered off the runway and went crashing into an adjacent farm field, killing a bull and totaling the airplane. No one was hurt and all three of them flew the mission that same day. On the 27th they were placed under arrest in quarters with the threat of a court martial. Cooler heads prevailed and they were fined \$100.00. On December 1st, he was promoted to 1st Lt. (go figure).

While Frank seemed to go through an inordinate amount of airplanes, it should be noted that in most cases (except for the Red Cross girls episode) he got his badly damaged plane back and more importantly, his crew when maybe a less skillful and courageous pilot might have given the order to "bail out", and who knows what fate would have befallen them. (See the attached photo of the tail damage to Hang the Expense IV)

Sometime this spring we should see "*Shoo Shoo Baby*" in her new identity of "*Hang the Expense IV*". When you see her remember she is a tribute to the special men who flew the big heavies. Frank was also somewhat of a poet. The following poem which was preserved by his sister gives an insight to the mind sets of the men who stood tall in hell.

*Back at the base, props in low pitch,
LAND, see S-2, that son of a bitch.
A quick bite to eat, then up to the bar.*

*But fifteen boys can't say, 'Here we are'. Just have
A quick drink; don't look blue.
Just curse everyone for the dough he owes you.*

*Your hand shakes a little as you throw her down neat.
You know the law of averages wasn't made to be beat. You're next
and you know it; the thought comes to you: 'I'll quit, I can't take it
after what I've been through.'*

*And you feel a little guilty as if the boys could read your mind,
So you grin and have another drink-you're drinking with your kind.*

Continued

Born on April 15, 1920 he passed away on May 21, 1984, thirteen months after being married. In a history of the 100th Bomb Group of the 8th Air Force, the following passage can be found:

“Frank Valesh, known to most of the 100th’s veterans as “Big Frank” is a larger than life figure in the history of the 100th. Universally admired by the 100th, he was according to Captain Bill Carleton, 351st Engineering Officer and a friend of Valesh, “A man who lived every second of life to the fullest extent.” Often called the 100th’s most exhilarating pilot, his death in 1984 is deeply mourned by the 100th veterans, recalling him brings warm memories. “Big Frank” would have wanted it so.
(Note: Did it occur to anybody else but me that he survived 31 missions over Germany but died after thirteen months of marriage!)



BIG BIRD EVENT

As you know, our Big Bird event is upon us. This will be the first opportunity for us to put up a warbird gaggle as our “*Ghostrider*” squadron demonstration team. Remember **any** IMAA legal fighter or bomber from any nation is welcome. So get your birds ready and join the fun!

Until next time, fly safe and have fun.

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Let’s check in with Dave and his build project...

Dave’s part 5 of this build was unable to be opened due to file encryption problems, so Dave if you read this and can get the file opened, send it to me and I will get it in the next issue. I have the pictures, just do not have the doc. So 6...

Scratch Building C-131

Part 6 – Covering the fuselage

Everything is working out fine. In the last installment I covered the wing and all the control surfaces. Now comes the fun part. The first thing that I did was install the windshield. As shown in the last article, I built a frame for the windshield. Now I glued the plastic to the inside of the frame assemblies. After they have dried, I glued the 2 halves of the panels to the cockpit. I then blended the frame to the outside of the cockpit area. You can see the process in the attached picture. It got sanded and repainted white. The ultracote strips that you see hanging will be set in place and cut to end at the windshield.

Covering the nose of the fuselage is another project. Because of the compound curves and blunt nose, I had to use another technique. I cut tapered strips of ultracote about 8 inches long. They ran from ¼” to 1 ½”. Using these strips and starting from the nose, I applied the strips overlapping at the point of the nose. When I started to apply them, I found that by setting the temperature to where the material would start to shrink (about 295 degrees) I could put the strips on with no wrinkles and it made easy to keep the strips from separating. I ran a line down the fuselage from the front to the back to show the separation of the colors. Normally the lighter color would be applied first, but since the bottom had to be done first, I put the grey on first. When the white top is completed, I will run a black stripe down over the seam where the



colors meet.

11th month. I would figure that I am still looking at another month or two to completion.

By the next article I should be finishing the trim, decals and electronics.

Until then, happy landings, Dave Rettig

So far the project is in it's

Cliff any news?



**HOW ABOUT A “CHECK IN ON SAFETY” WITH CLIFF AUERBACH OUR:
SAFETY COORDINATOR**

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As season approaches and with the influx of new fliers, I would ask that everyone be friendly and helpful in getting these flyers in the air safely and within our rules. If there are any serious violations, please inform myself or any board member.

We have a raft again in order to retrieve wet landings. Please use it as at least a 2 man operation. One in the boat and on land, holding a rope attached to the boat.

We have a well maintained and well run airfield. Let's all endeavor to keep it that way.

Best Regards,
Cliff Auerbach

Now this is the spot that all the new stuff going on goes and all those great Arty pics.

We'll guess that is not to happen to this issue because right now we have reached our mail postage limit.

8 pages works with the stamp 10 pages is too heavy.

But since the last three months have had many events and many pics you must go to the web and please view all that Arty to share. He works very hard and many days of shooting must be viewed.

So I will add a couple of pics and then close this issue. The December issue will be in print before New Years arrives and will be sure to include some of the shots of the last events and as well upcoming dates to remember.

Past President Ray also sent me many great updates on his progress of “settling in” at his new homestead in Alabama and I will include them in our Christmas and New Year issue.

So enough from me, here are some pics and please stand by for the next issue out in 48 hours or less. **STEVE**

PS RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP SEE WALT & GET YOUR NEW CLUB LOGO DECAL



Again many more great photos and records for the events of these last three months are waiting for you on the web. Now on to the next issue to be finished in 48 hours or else...

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No final word just back to work on the new years issue right now! *Steve*