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This Months meeting will be on Wednesday March 31 st, 7:00 PM at the Derry West Side Community Center

MARCH 31st MEETING PRESENTATION

Construction Materials and Techniques Used in Precession Aircraft. Steve Lilito will be talking about various materials used during the construction of lightweight RC pattern aircraft. Steve is a top notch builder and local (District 1) FAI pattern pilot. Event though we fly sport and scale style airplanes, the materials Steve uses would allow us to save

weight and produce stiffer planes. Looking for some building ideas? This is a presentation you don't want to miss!
Hope to see you there.

What's Happening

The February club meeting was called to order at 7:14pm, Wednesday, February 24th with 21 members & guests present at the Derry West Side Community Center.

Old Business:

Treasurers report was read and accepted.

Minutes of last meeting were read and accepted.

1999 Budget was reviewed and approved. The budget was tabled at the January meeting due to lack of time.

Trailer for Sale. Our trailer is still for sale, if you know anyone who is interested contact one of the officers.

At last months meeting one thing that was brought up by Scott Fuller was that we have recently voted on several issues without realizing they were constitutional changes and passed them without checking to see if they passed the required 2/3 vote, but rather a simple majority. After checking the records I determined that one passed by 2/3, but one did not. At this months meeting I will take a vote from members present to decide if we want to just keep things the way they are and go forward, or remove the one that missed the 2/3 count. I will not disclose which did not pass as this should not be the issue. Do we want to revisit things that happened with the last team of officers, or would we rather just go forward from today. I have arguments either way, so I'll leave it up to the membership at this meeting.

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New Business:

Old Members Problem with club dues Renewals, It has come to the attention of the club officers that the Derry Post Office has returned a number of club renewal applications to their senders. The envelopes were stamped with "not deliverable as addressed unable to forward". They have given us no explanation for the reason and no, our club has not moved! So please pass the word that we will be accepting renewals at this months club meeting (March). If you can't make

the meeting please contact one of the club officers prior to 3/30 to make other arrangements. Thanks
Remember: if you don't renew on time you will be charged the initiation fee as a new member.

Constitution and rules changes proposed last month were all voted down

Spring work party - is scheduled for Saturday April 10 th. weather permitting, the rain date is April 17 th.

Its time to think about training season! As I mentioned in January, I will be heading up the training program this year. John Clark did a great job last year and I'm sure we'll still see him on Tuesday and Thursday nights, but this year he wants a little more time to concentrate on other areas. As with tradition, training season will start the first training night after we change the clocks. I will be holding an instructors meeting for all current and past instructors that wish to attend. A date will be announced soon. We will cover a variety of topics from basics of how to teach someone to going over and possibly modifying a training "manual" I have been working on. I've been putting this together by request for some type of guideline as to what to teach when so a student can have a variety of instructors yet still work on the same things. I will post the date and time on Delphi when I'm sure. Any instructor who does not check this area let me know and I'll drop an e-mail or call you when I have an exact date.

Ed Burie

One other thing I want to put together at this meeting is a **new proposal for re-certification.** We'll spend a little time discussing this issue at the March meeting and get different view points as to what might work better, or get rid of it completely. What ever we find as a solution I don't think that anyone can argue the fact that it simply IS NOT working as is. Anyone that wants to argue that point I ask who YOU told could not fly last year because they we're no longer certified. I can name at least a dozen that at one point or another flew without being certified, or instructed on training nights not as an instructor, that have been members for YEARS, including myself! I was certified last year, but my instructor rating ran out in the middle of the year. Rich Bono should not be certified as an instructor because he was re-certified by John Lavery 17 days after John's rating ran out, both of whom are very capable instructors. With the great difficulty of finding people willing to VOLUNTEER their time, do we really want to impose these very strict rules? And not all of the people who flew "illegally" did so on purpose. These rules created so much extra paperwork it was not always possible to keep up. A member who only flies on weekends has to bump into an instructor who not only is available on the weekend, but also has the required paperwork, which ran out at times. These rules just seem to have created more headaches than problems they solved. By the way...what problems did they solve?

Regardless of how good the intentions of the rules were, if they are so strict that they become ignored by all they just become annoying and do more harm than good. I don't know what the solution is, but I think we need to lighten up a little and remember we're here to have fun.

Ed Burie

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Commentary

I would like to say that I'm a little disappointed with the way a certain situation was handled by the present administration. I realize that the Safety Officer is an appointed position but boy it would have been nice if the previous Safety Officer was asked if he wanted the position before it was given to

someone else.

Let me take this opportunity to say thank you to Rich Bono for all his hard work and dedication. Thanks Rich for working at all those fly-ins and doing all those safety inspections. Thanks for all your input and ideas for the safety of all our members. Thanks also for always being there when we needed volunteers. It's too bad our present administration couldn't take the time to do this. Just a simple thank you is all it takes.

John Lavery

Spring work party

Spring and the flying season are right around the corner and that means that we need to start thinking about getting our field in shape . The spring work party is scheduled for Saturday April 10th at 9:00 AM with a rain date of the 17th. It will consist of a crew working on the shelter and another crew to roll the field and clear away any fallen branches or other items that may have found their way onto the field. There are also plans to clear the small trees and other brush along the fence at the end of the runway and to fix the problem at the end of the road.

I need as many volunteers as possible to help with the work party. Especially the shelter. A few individuals worked very hard to frame the shelter and now we need your help to finish the job.

As in the past The club will provide Pizza and Soda to all of the volunteers. If you would like to volunteer, please see me at the meeting or feel free to call me at home. We have one of the best fields in the area from what I have observed and I would like to thank everyone that has helped keep our field in great shape.



Dave Annicelli

Wanted

Round JR servo wheels. You know the kind with multiple holes usually in a pattern of three. If you have any extra wheels please bring them to the March meeting or send Email to jmarien@pumatech.com
" *Thanks, JRM*

For Sale

1hp, 8 gallon craftsman air compressor, good for air brushing and spray painting, will also power air wrenches and other compressed air tools. Excellent condition. Asking \$100.
Don Cox 434-8632. Thanks.

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From the President

Fellow members,

Well, I must start out this month by apologizing to the membership. As president my job is to manage the club, preside at the meetings, and handle any problems that may arise. Looking at what has become of our meetings, I'm very disturbed at the direction our club is going. My first few meetings I really didn't have any experience at this, and pretty much let the meetings run themselves. I thought that being a fun hobby this would work. Apparently, from the results of the last few meetings, this is not the case. I've been told by several members they're sick of the constant bickering about constitutional changes, tired of the meetings being dominated by a few select people, and feel that on the rare occasion they can get a word in, it will be twisted around and thrown back at them. Proof of this is that last month out of 19 people present, on 4 of 5 issues we voted on, less than half the people even Cast a vote! Most members aren't interested in a confrontation at a meeting, and as a result will either not attend, or worse, go to another club.

Inexperience on my part allowed this to happen, but as of now it will stop! Below is a set of guidelines of how I will be conducting the meetings from now on. This is not a proposal, nor is it a voteable issue. These are not set in stone and if anyone has better ideas I'm open to suggestion, but for now this is my best attempt to conduct an organized meeting where everyone gets their say, and no one is intimidated to voice their opinion.

Proposals to be voted on will be read, after which discussion will be allowed.

Order for discussion

- Any member wishing to participate in said discussion shall be recognized by the president.
- A list will be made, if required, as people raise their hands. If someone is speaking, the president will silently acknowledge you and add you to the list.
- You will be given approx. 1 minute to speak. This will be kept as informal as people allow me to keep it.
- Only once everyone who wishes to voice their opinion has had a turn will someone be allowed to react to other ideas. This will cut out back and forth arguing. If you wish to argue with someone you may do so after the meeting!
- We will spend a max. of 10 min. on an issue before voting. The president may extend this limit at his discretion; for example, more than 10 people want their 1 minute, or new thoughts keep being brought up and we're not just re-visiting the same points.

This is only for proposals being voted on. After all new and old business is taken care of, proposals can be made (time allowing) to be voted upon at the next meeting. I will run this much looser as this is more like discussing something at the field since we won't be voting on it.

The second thing I see happening is the same issues are being brought up month after month after month. One wrong word used in a proposal and we've been made to wait another month to re-vote. Then, someone doesn't like another word and another month goes by. This has got to be one of the most inefficient, time consuming ways to conduct business I've ever seen. One interesting thing I've noticed after reviewing past records is that this "rule" is only imposed when it can be used as a delay tactic. In fact, there are several Dozen examples in the past that show this is NOT how we conduct business. This Will change! The original intent of publishing things in the newsletter was 1) Give members more than 5 minutes to think about a proposal before having to vote on it, and 2) Give members with an interest in an issue knowledge that a vote will be taking place so they may attend.. Our constitution does not address amending a proposal prior to voting on it, so we will no longer assume

anything, and proposals MAY BE amended prior to voting on.

This brings up one issue that I would suggest we fix. The only protection for keeping a proposal from being radically altered to mean something totally different is the person making the proposal has the right to withdraw his proposal, so I would suggest amending the Constitution to provide guide lines. My proposal would be to add to Article IX Section 3 "...on the proposal. Changes to a proposal may be made before a final vote is taken, provided there is not a severe change to the intent of the proposal. Either the person who originally made the proposal, or the presider of the meeting may decide that a severe change to the intent was made and require re-publishing. As a final pre-caution, a member may request a vote taken and 2/3 of members present can also require re-publishing. Example, if there are 30 members present, 20 of them must vote in favor of re-publishing" This should provide adequate protection against miss-use or this proposal, yet allow us to clear issues from the table rather than re-visiting them month after month. Any member who does not like this decision can, of course, make their own proposal to require re-publishing when Any change is made, but for now this is how it will be run.

I again apologize for letting things get out of hand, and believe this is, if not a solution, a step in the right direction to minimize the amount of time spent on business allowing more time for flying, but also give every member the opportunity to voice their opinion. Like I said, I'm new at this and will take any and all suggestions one on one, but will not allow our meetings to become kayos. I will do my best to keep this hobby FUN in our club. Spring is almost here and I'm looking forward to flying. See ya at the field!



Ed Burie, President

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Shout of Soul.

Hi friends and colleagues the avia-model sportsmen's. The avia-model sportsman from St. Petersburg writes to you. In our city the avia-model sports are in bad condition, in connection with that average salary of the engineer makes less than 50 dollars in a month. It is necessary to pay for housing accommodation, taxes, it is necessary to eat. On this, on avia- model sportsmen simply does not remain of money, practically at anybody. There is very large request to you :If you have old, non-working, broken, unnecessary to you, radio control system or servo-mechanics, send it to us. If you have old, non-working, broken drive, accumulators for radio-controlled electrical avia-model, send it to us. At us, it will repair, and they will work for the avia-model sportsman, still there are a lot of years. Is you will render the very large help to the brothers - avia- model sportsman in city St. Petersburg. I'm sorry for my bad English. Please, open this letter and pass other avia-model sportsmen. If possible, please answer in Russian. We shall be very grateful ours the friends.
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Is there any intrest in the club of extending a helping hand to our Russian brothers. Maybe we could make it a club project. Keith.

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From The Editor

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