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DCRC Club Meeting

December 21, 2007

Montgomery County Council building

100 Maryland Ave

Rockville, MD 7:30 PM

Meeting program

Holiday social and gift exchange.

No Model shop!



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*Did you know that any airplane brought in to the model shop will receive 3 free raffle tickets. Bring in your models each month for your free tickets, and to share ideas.*

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COVER PHOTO LOUDON COUNTY ELECTRIC FLY IN, PHOTO BY DON GRAY

## TIPS FOR CLUBS from the AMA National Newsletter

**Club Activities for the Winter Months**

What do you do with a club whose primary activities are outdoors when the cold season comes?

Aside from constructing your latest model design, there are several things that clubs can do during the cold season.

Following is a list of ideas your club can utilize during the winter months.

**Fundraisers:** The holidays are filled with chances to volunteer and help others who have a need. One of the most popular events is fundraising. Volunteers work together to collect money or items that can be given to those less fortunate. Try holding a fundraiser, such as Toys For Tots, within your club membership.

Toys For Tots is a program run by the United States Marine Corps Reserve that donates toys to children whose parents cannot afford to buy them gifts for Christmas. The mission of the program "is to collect new, unwrapped toys during October, November, and December each year, and distribute those toys as Christmas gifts to needy children in the community in which the campaign is conducted."

Your club can hold a collection for toys and take them to any Toys For Tots donation site. To learn more about this charity or to find places to take your collected toys, visit [www.toysfortots.org](http://www.toysfortots.org).

**Mall Shows:** Holding a mall show is a great way to show your community what aeromodeling is all about. It's an easy way to introduce the many facets of model aircraft to outsiders as well as gain new members.

You can set up your club's show with a variety of models and much more. A simulator can be set up to allow visitors to take a spin at the

transmitter control. Even bringing in projects that are not yet complete allows viewers to see the inside and what it really takes to build a model.

The Academy of Model Aeronautics can provide your club with resources needed to organize a mall show in your area. AMA Headquarters staff will ship free handout materials to chartered clubs and award a commemorative pin to workers. Clubs need to notify AMA Headquarters 30 days prior to their planned show to allow time for shipping.

**Want to keep club attendance high?** It's much easier in colder weather to say, "I can miss this one meeting. Besides, I would have to shovel the driveway just to get there." Solve this problem with a few incentives for attendance.

Hold a fun-fly in the snow. A Frozen Finger Fun-Fly will have members' teeth chattering with excitement! It's a fun solution to increase club attendance. If held at the beginning of January, it's a great way to kick off a new year of aeromodeling.

Too cold to go outside? Hold a building contest—indoors—at your club meeting. Give all members a time limit to complete a quick model design and select a winner at the end based on model completeness and craftsmanship.

Demonstrations of new products and ideas leave people thinking, "I bet I could do that." Inspire your membership to start fresh projects and learn new concepts by holding a demonstration night at your club meeting. Everyone is interested in learning new ideas to improve their models and piloting ability.

If all else fails, give away something free. Hold a raffle at your meeting. Simply use the disclaimer "must be present to win." Members will be tunneling out to their vehicles in no time. →

## November Club Meeting Minutes

BY DOUG HARPER

The meeting was called to order at 7:36PM by President Andy Kane. Andy asked for introduction of guests or new members. Guest Gad Schweizer was introduced by his son Nir. Gad is visiting America from Israel.

**Old Business:** Charlie Calvert and Harry Grattan volunteered to liquidate used airplane equipment for Jack Anglin, long time DCRC member. Jack donated the proceeds from this sale to the flight instruction program. There is a Super Sportster for sale that Charlie plans to sell by silent bids with the proceeds going to the Flight Program. Andy suggested that Charlie bring this plane to the next meeting for sale. Charlie also mentioned that Harry has been under the weather. Anyone who would like to contact him should talk to Charlie.

Dave Drazian presented a plane that was found by the hunters in the woods called an Armadillo which is complete with engine and radio. It will be included in tonight's auction at the behest of the owner.

**New Business:** Andy presented a plan he has for programs in the coming year. Andy is attempting to spread the meeting programs to more club members. In this vein, Ira Glickman will host tonight's program. Fred Nielsen will conduct the January program.

Don Sussman announced the recent passing of Ernie Schwartz. His viewing will be at the Cheltenham Veterans Cemetery, 11AM, Wednesday, Nov 21, in Cheltenham, MD.

Andy asked if anyone has used the new taxi parking areas. Several commented that they work

great.

### Treasurer's

**Report:** Dave McQueeney reported that there were several checks written over \$100. Dave also made a copy of the budget available for any member to see at the break.

**County Liaison:** Jim McDaniel had no report.

**Field Maintenance:** Alan Hoffman had no report.

**Flight Instruction:** Mike Peizer is working on both a student and instructor manual that he hopes to have ready by next spring. Three students have certified and he will present plaques at the next meeting. Andy asked that the flight in-



struction schedule be published in the newsletter when available.

**Events:** Walt Gallagher will be running the Christmas Social next month. Pizza and soda will be provided for all. We will also have a gift exchange again this year for any who want to participate.

**Summer Camp:** Terry Lamb, who presented himself as the spokesman for the "Old Guys" in the club, discussed a plan the Old Guys have developed to commemorate Al Anderson (who passed away last year) to benefit the Summer Camp. The Old Guys donated money that was doubled by Kirk Whiteman of



Hobby City and used to purchase two Alpha 60s with radios and a case of fuel. Horizon Hobbies, Great Planes and Byron were very generous in their support of this project. Ed Leibolt accepted this generous donation on behalf of the Summer Camp, which will be held again next year.

**Model Shop:** Dave Harris presented a Fokker DVIII built from a Glen Torrence kit. This plane has an 84" wingspan and is powered by a G-26. He used Arizona Model Crafters covering which is a coverite iron-on with the lozenges already printed on the material.



This covering makes for a very scale-like appearance. Dave planned to take this plane to Rhinebeck but he has had considerable radio interference. At this point, Dave is going to install a 2.4GHz spread spectrum to solve the problem. He hopes to get a solo before the weather turns cold. He added a pound of lead in the nose but hopes to remove some or all of this. This model is absolutely beautiful as is usual with planes

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## AL ANDERSON FLYING CAMP

BY RON BOZZONITTI  
AND TERRY LAMB  
PHOTOS BY  
ANDY KANE



During the presentation of the Al Montska award, Charlie Calvert relates that one of the traits of Al Montska was his giving nature. If he had something that you needed he would offer you what he had. Likewise with the other Al, known as "Big Al" Anderson. If you needed something that he had it was yours.



Al was a strong supporter of the flying camp that Ed Leibolt started and contributed both models and time to this program. It was in this spirit of giving that "The Old

Guys" group organized an effort to further help out the flying camp which today carries Al Anderson's name. The group, which is also known as the Monday, Wednesday and Friday fliers, pitched in and donated a new Alpha 60 model, which includes the engine and ra-



dio. Additionally, all the accessories needed to make up an outfit ready to fly were included. This would be the field box, starter and fuel pump. The "Old Guys" went further and



encouraged Kirk Whiteman, the owner of Hobby City in Burtonsville, to match what the "The Old Guys" had done. To his credit Kirk went further and not only matched the donations of the old timers but added a case of fuel. So, now the flying camp will have two new and complete outfits for the 2008 season. It is always encouraging to see this kind of generosity which is typical of the spirit of DCRC

We must also thank Horizon Hobbies, Great Planes and Duralite Flight Systems for their donation of equipment to the Al Anderson Flying Camp.

Models found in woods. One is red and yellow, the other is blue and white. If one of these might be yours call Lee at 301-460-3698 with a description and claim.

Model lost in woods. Blue F-4U with a 75 Super Tiger and retract gear. Call Lee at 301-460-3698

Thanks,  
Lee

**For Sale:** K&B .65 Sportster engine with remote needle valve. New in box. See the K&B website (modelengine.com) for detailed specifications. Factory Price \$99.99. Your price \$60.

Call Bob Hoff at 301-216-5285

## Schedule of Events

Also on the web  
[www.dc-rc.org](http://www.dc-rc.org)  
 Then click Events

- 21 Club Meeting Holiday Social and Gift exchange
- 25 Xmas Day
- 1 Happy New Year
- 5 Managed Deer Hunt

# December 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21 Club Meeting	22
23	24	25 Xmas Day	26	27	28	29
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## Calendar of Events

### December 2007

- 1 Managed Deer Hunt, Field closed to the public but open for flying.

### January 2008

- 5 Managed Deer Hunt, Field closed to the public but open for flying.
- 18 DCRC Club Meeting, Program by Fred Nielsen. Scale covering techniques
- 19-20 SE IMAC Season Opener FL Port St Lucie, FL (AA) SE IMAC Season Opener for 411, 412, 413, 414, 415(JSO). Site: Club Field. Peter Jackson CD,
- 18-19 Warbirds Over Paradise FL - Cape Coral, FL (C) War birds Over Paradise. Site: Sea Hawk Park. John Niezelski CD,
- 21 Martin Luther King Day

### February 2008

- 2 Groundhog Day
- 5 Mardi Gras/Fat Tuesday
- 6 19th Annual R/C Flea Market, Westminster Aero Modelers Jim Hodges 410-596-3052
- 9-10 Northwest Model Hobby Expo WA Monroe, WA (D) Northwest Model Hobby Expo. Site: Evergreen Fair Grounds. John Fogle song CD,
- 12 Lincoln's Birthday
- 14 Valentine's Day
- 15 DCRC Club Meeting, Program by Marvin Napier, Trials and Tribulations of building a turbine powered Jet.
- 18 President's Day
- 21-24 19th Annual Winter Festival of Giants - Deland, FL (C) 19th

Annual Winter Festival of Giants. Site: Deland Airport. Thomas Beckman CD

- 22 Washington's Birthday
- 22-24 Wings Over Venice Venice, FL (C-Restricted to IMAA) Wings Over Venice. Site: Memorial Field. Jack Butler CD
- 23-24 AMPS Aerobatics Challenge Miami, FL (AA) AMPS Aerobatics Challenge for 411, 412, 413, 414, 415 (J)(S)(O). Site: Silver Field. Anthony Fandino CD



## LCAA ELECTRIC FUN FLY

BY DON GRAY

The Loudoun County Aeromodelers Association (LCAA), held their annual electric fun fly on Saturday July 28<sup>th</sup>. The event was held at their home field in Banshee Reeks Park, south east of Leesburg, Virginia. This was the 8<sup>th</sup> year for this event and every year it becomes more popular. This year there were 65 registered pilots, fifteen more than last year. There were over 100 aircraft of various types and sizes. No formal impound was used this year. There were a few interference incidents that did not appear to be impound-related. I'm still flying my

entitles you to one raffle ticket, a great day of low-key, low-noise flying, a very filling lunch with all the trimmings, and a great raffle with lots of good items to pick from. This

the near future, possibly one or two adding some form of competition



year there were about raffle 45 items, including brushless motors, speed controls, batteries, epoxy, CA, kits, ARF's, hats, shirts. The big prize many wanted to win was a Spektrum DX7 radio system. Some of the vendors who donated raffle prizes include Castle Creations, FMA and Hobby Hanger, to name a few.

events eventually.

One of the nice features of electric power is that the motors start just as easy in the winter as in the



smaller models with single conversion receivers and was getting hit on a couple of my frequencies. I suspect the increase in use of commercial RF, even in this relatively remote area, is a factor we are going to have to live with and is another reason to switch to spread spectrum equipment. Although I didn't take an actual count, I would guess about 10-15% of the pilots were using spread spectrum radios.

Those of us who attended truly appreciate the efforts of the event coordinators, Ron Anderson and Brian Allen, along with the other LCAA volunteers, who are so well organized and do such an outstanding job each year in insuring

summer. And, the batteries can help keep your hands warm so you can feel the Tx sticks on those cold winter days.



that everyone has a great and enjoyable time.

Both PCRC and DCRC held their first electric fun flies this summer, bringing the total local electric events to four. I would be willing to bet that we will see other clubs in the area holding similar events in

The landing fee is still \$5 and

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that Dave builds. The crowd expressed its appreciation.

Marvin Napier presented a Comp Arf 2.1 Extra 300 that he built for a Zenoah G62 he had in stock. Marvin commented on how much of the construction is already done by the kit manufacturer. He put the canopy on with screws but will consult with Nir next time on how to glue a canopy. Marvin used



servos that are actually overpowered for this model. He ended up using a 23X12 ZM prop which passed the sound test with flying colors. Marvin feels this plane flies exceptionally well and probably weighs between 14.5 and 15 pounds. The G62 has the carb on the side which makes choking and starting very easy. Marvin encouraged the membership to consider a plane like this if they are interested in expanding their flying horizons and skills. G62s are easy to come by and very good engines. Marvin did an outstanding job on this model.

Eric Wallgren presented a 46 powered Something Extra that he is using to get back into the hobby. Plane weighs in at around 5 pounds and the kit was all laser cut which made construction very simple. He also presented a "foamy" called the Super Zoom which, while not a beautiful model, flies very well and is great as an intro to electrics.

**Raffle:** The raffle prizes for tonight are a laser guided drill press and the found-in-the-woods Arma-

dillo model. The first prize was won by President Andy Kane who glee-



fully accepted the drill press. The second prize was won by Kirk Whiteman of Hobby City. Kirk promptly donated the plane back and another ticket was drawn. This time Eric Wallgren won the model.

**Program:** Ira Glickman presented tonight's program on "safety and convenience" in the hobby. He started with how he built his own transmitter tray. He found a design on the internet and used his new scroll saw to help cut the 1/4" plywood to the proper shape. He had a friend make eyebolts out of rod material which he mounted on the plywood and used cable ties to hold the radio to the tray. He also mounted an inexpensive timer from the internet that he uses to time his flights. The strap was a bit hard to find until Ira thought about going to Ritz Camera who had exactly what he needed. Best of all, it was very inexpensive.

He mentioned that his transmitter has a switch guard which prevents accidental turn-on until the operator is ready. He considers this a very important safety feature.

In the vein of convenience, Ira was able to get batteries that he used to replace his transmitter batteries. He felt he was able to get larger batteries at a better price than just buying a replacement pack.

Next, Ira talked about his "flight box" which he made out of a

plastic carryall he found at Home Depot. It has a large drawer in the bottom for small parts and plenty of room on top for all his sundry accessories like starter, battery, paper towels, cleaner, glo driver, etc. Among the accessories Ira demonstrated a hold-down he used to hold a plane while he starts it. It is made of two t-wires he pushes into the ground with a piece of rope between them. He loops the rope over the tail which provides a secure and safe stogie.

After trying various powered fuel pumps, Ira decided to regress to a simple, manual pump. He feels this is a great solution, doesn't require any maintenance, and works reliably. He next showed a "pocket peaker" that he uses to give his plane a quick-charge. He uses the starter battery for power. Ira likes to eliminate all hanging wires and hoses wherever and whenever he can. Ira mentioned that he uses bungee cords to hold his flight box from moving in his truck while he drives.

The members showed their appreciation with an enthusiastic round of applause for Ira's program.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:46PM.

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# DCRC Holiday Social and Gift Exchange

Friday night at the regular club meeting

December 21, 2007

7:30 PM

Food, Fun and Frolicking  
Bring a wrapped gift to the  
exchange.

