



**December 2009**

**NEWSLETTER**

**DCRC Club Meeting**  
**Friday 12/18/09 7:30 PM**  
**Montgomery County**  
**Council building**  
**100 Maryland Ave**  
**Rockville, MD**  
**Meeting program:**  
**Holiday Social**  
**Notice: if the County**  
**Gov't is closed due to**  
**inclement weather the**  
**meeting will is**  
**cancelled.**

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Holiday Social Gift exchange, and food.  
Friday 12/18 at 7:30pm



Maynard Hill provided a wonderful talk and presentation on his past record Attempts.

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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.*

CLUB MEETING MINUTES

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**Cover:**

**Maynard Hill at the DCRC November club meeting, Phot by Thomas Pfarr**

## November Club Meeting Minutes

BY DOUG HARPER



The meeting was called to order at 7:33PM by 2009 President Andy Kane. Andy thanked everyone for their support during his four years as President and then introduced our 2010 President, Dave McQueeney. Dave received a warm round of applause and talked about how he was talked into taking the job. Dave proceeded to give accolades to Andy for all the work he does for the club. He summed it up by saying that anything Andy does is done better because of him. Andy also received a warm round of applause from the audience.

Dave asked the members present to let him know what they would like to see to improve DCRC. Dave also pointed out that DCRC, with its rich history in the hobby, is arguably one of the most accomplished clubs in AMA. With that in mind, he would like to see us do whatever we can to keep that tradition going and even improve the DCRC experience.

Dave then asked for the introduction of guests or new members. None were present.

Dave recognized the work done by Mike Dooly who has resigned from the Board. Mike's term will be fulfilled by Walt Gallagher who will also serve as vice-president. Nir Schweizer has been elevated to handle all Field Operations rather than just Sound and Safety. Eric Monnig will assist Nir in this activity. Walt will also act as interface to AMA in the coming year.

Dave also mentioned that Doug Harper will continue as Recording Secretary and Tom Pfarr will continue as our webmaster and club photographer.

Dave mentioned that some of the Board Members have nice knit shirts that can be purchased from Sew Busy if anyone would like one. Also, there is a deer hunt underway at the field so caution should be used.

**Treasurer:** Scott reported eight expenses in excess of \$100. Dave mentioned that, as part of our AMA Gold Club renewal, we donated money to Fisher House to help the families of wounded veterans. Scott had a full report available for anyone who cared to see it.

**County Liaison:** Jim McDaniel reported that we are fortunate to have an indoor flying site at the Soccerplex, noon to 4PM, every Wednesday all winter thru March. We started last week and had a nice turnout. This past Wednesday we had even more participants who brought some very unusual models that also flew well. This activity is open to any DCRC member and all members are welcome, even just to watch if not fly.

**Field Maintenance:** Jim then brought Allan Hoffman up from the audience and proceeded

to talk about the recent resealing work done on the runway. Allan oversaw that activity and was able to get several bids for the work. In the midst of this activity, Jim talked to the Parks and Planning people who offered to help us with this work. The work has been done and Park and Planning ended up paying the majority of the cost. DCRC is very grateful to them for this help and Jim expressed our thanks to Montgomery County on behalf of the Club.

Jim also mentioned that someone broke our gate lock which he has already replaced. The combination is the same.

**Membership/Newsletter:** Andy reported that we are on track with renewals.

**Vice President:** Walt did a thorough audit of the DCRC books and found everything to be in order.

Walt was asked by the Board to review the AMA 2010 Sound and Safety rules and noted a couple of items. First, one should not touch an aircraft in flight. Next, he reviewed the rules for indoor flight and noted that things were pretty much the same as before. Finally, he reviewed the First Person View (FPV) operations which apply to a pilot using a buddy box.

**Events:** Dave reminded everyone that the next meeting is the annual holiday party. Refreshments will be served as usual. Also, anyone wanting to exchange gifts should bring a small gift.

**Training:** No report.

**Sound and Safety:** No report.

**New Business/Old Business:** None

**Raffle:** Nir Schweizer has a BNF Ember2 for tonight's raffle. The winning ticket was held by Chi Lin.

**Model Shop:** David Harris presented two British models. The first is a Neuport 17 with a 40, 4-stroke engine and a 42" wingspan. It is covered with Coverlite which requires an adhesive to get it to stick. It is strong but very light. Dave made many mods to the kit and is looking forward to flying this model. He can put it in his truck without taking the wings on. It has a beautiful polished aluminum cowl. Dave also brought a small, rubber band Guillows model with a 14" wingspan. He feels it came out heavy. Both models were built to take to Rhinebeck up in New York.

Rob Bozzonetti presented his own design with 68" wingspan powered by a .75 2-stroke engine. It features winglets and a "pod and

## THINGS INDOOR

BY WALT GALLAUGHER



There was another good turnout at the December 2<sup>nd</sup> indoor fly-in at the Soccerplex in Germantown. In case you didn't know, DCRC members can enjoy indoor flying every Wednesday from noon until 4pm through March at the indoor soccer pavilion. If you haven't tried it yet, indoor flying is a lot of fun and to make sure no one gets bored, Jim McDaniel has agreed to gather some ideas for indoor competition. I suggested that



we have an indoor Vapor pylon race. Other ideas include aerobatic competition with planes like the E-Flite 4-Site Ultra Micro,



touch and go competition with the new ParkZone Ultra Micro J3 Cub, most unusual flying machine competition, helicopter precision flying competition, and anything else we can think of.



As you can see by some of the photos shown, there is also a lot of interest in scratch building indoor models also. One of the members



built a nice triplane, Jay Stargel had a nice



fixed wing plane and another member build something that looks like it was assembled from left over computer parts (did it fly?).

Vendors are busy bringing new models to market. Take a look the hobby shop websites



and you will see a host of new planes of every type. Most of these models are inexpensive and surprisingly repairable. So put one of these planes on your Christmas list and come join us on the 30<sup>th</sup> to try it out!

boom" design. He painted the fuse with epoxy paint and covered the wing with Ora-cover. He named it the Lancia.

Mark Goldsman presented a very large Gee-Bee built from a Comp ARF kit. He said the kit took a lot of building which was fine since he loves to build things. He warned to be careful using CA glue with this kit since it will leave a stain on any part it touches. He powered it with a 3W 170 using a 3-blade prop. Mark has a very impressive model and looks forward to flying it with some help from an experienced pilot. He offered to help anyone who is trying to build one since he has a list of many items he has improved.

**Program:** Tonight's program is being presented by Maynard Hill who is famous in the world of model airplanes. Maynard had hoped to present a new record where he flies a model for two days. Unfortunately, the summer has passed and this record will have to wait till next year. He thinks he has an airplane that will be able to achieve this record.

Maynard talked about various records that he has been involved in over the years. He mentioned a glider speed record that could be set by just flying a model glider. Unfortunately, most records now take a lot of hard work and time to achieve.

Maynard then presented films showing his various records, first a closed course time record for 24 hours, then an open course distance record in 1994 over 330 miles, and finally another cross country distance record set in 1974. Maynard is to be congratulated on his lifelong efforts to set many model aircraft records.

Maynard also related a very humorous story about a fellow trying to loop a model aircraft around the Goodyear blimp. Unfortunately he didn't make it and supposedly hit the side of the blimp and stuck. Maynard was skeptical about this story but later was able to verify its veracity by talking to the AMA president, Dave Brown. Apparently the blimp owner tried to get AMA to pay for the leaked hydrogen and the model flyer was charged with "assault with a deadly weapon". At the end the pilot did some jail time. A very funny, though somewhat troubling story.

Maynard received a warm round of applause for his interesting presentation.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30PM.

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Does indoor flying will make you sleepy?