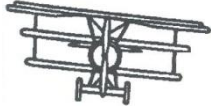


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**January 19** – Meeting at Grange Elem. School – 6:30 PM



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## Reminder

No smoking on the grounds of Grange Elementary and please don't enter the building before 6:30pm.

## December Meeting

Club members were greeted by refreshments. Thanks to the members who help set up and clean up.

The December Fun Fly was a hit with 14 participants. Thanks to **J.R.** and **Dave** for the addition to the firewood pile. There was plenty of perfectly prepared Rock Fish for all who showed up. Thanks to Middle River Hobbies and to Hobby Works for their donations to our Fun Fly.

**Bill** provided a thorough Treasures Report. In the Field Report thanks was given to Ronnie Wilker

for cleaning out the shed. **Hey Ronnie**, is that a pull out cot or a new work surface?

Members were informed that December 31 is the cut off, No 2011 AMA membership card, No Flying. This brought a discussion to floor concerning penalties for members who fly without a valid AMA Membership. **A 90 day suspension from flying at Bird Field was discussed, voted on and passed as a penalty for getting caught flying without a current AMA Membership.**

Safety in general was discussed with the members. Please remember to help out new members and even old Birder's if you see they need it. Look out for all members during cold weather months as our apparel changes with the weather. Loose/baggy clothing, hoodie strings, bulky sleeves and scarves are not as harmless as you would think around a spinning prop. Bulky headwear can restrict your peripheral vision. If there is snow on the

ground; make sure you have the proper eyewear.

The club welcomed back and voted in **Will Slunt**. The club also voted in **Rick Shakespeare**.

The Monthly raffle, won by **Tom O'Bringer** was a YAK 54.

**Kevin Cook** won The "John Holbrook" Xmas Raffle. The grand prize was \$201. The club made no profit on this. It was a 100/100 raffle.

Hobby Hanger had a donation drive to collect RC models and related equipment, as well as any replica models to donate to the wounded Veterans at Walter Reed. The original goal was to collect approximately \$5000 in donations. With the help of customers, local RC Clubs, Sunday Flyers members **Bill Cox**,

**Frank Shiroky, Randy Kleinert, J.R. Broderick and J. R. Senez**, they were able to almost triple that goal. Congratulations and thanks for the donations to our club Fun Fly.

### AMA

By now everyone should have renewed their AMA membership. If not, please renew as soon as possible. You must be an AMA member in good standing in order to fly at Bird Field.

### 2001 First Pilot

This was my first "First Pilot" event. All I can say about the weather is..... WOW! What a fantastic way to start the New Year. Early morning flying at Bird Field can be a challenge with the low sun. Try to fly the course set for the First Pilot Nitro and First Pilot Electric early on a winter morning and you learn real fast. When I first looked out and saw multiple planes lined up for take off simultaneously I thought to myself, this looks like it could be interesting. When the call was given for the competitors to take off I realized this was a

serious competition. The nitro class proved to be the hardest to judge with a Video Replay used to determine the winner.

Congrats to **Alex Popp** for Nitro First Pilot as well as **John Holbrook** for Electric first Pilot. During the competition we also awarded the First Crash 2011 to **Gary Wadsworth** and the last crash of 2010 to **Loren Baker**. The Bomb Drop and Two Minute flight competitions were combined and proved to speed things up. Thanks to **J.R.** for the multiple drop rigs and setup help for the competitors. Winners were as follows:

**1<sup>st</sup> place – John Snyder** - \$20 gift card Hobby Hangar – Chantilly, VA

**2<sup>nd</sup> place J Holbrook** - \$10 gift card Middle River Hobbies

**3rd place tie – Jamie Brinkman and Jerry Kasmer.** Both were awarded a \$10 gift card from Middle River Hobbies.

**The gift cards were donations from each of the hobby shops.**

Several members of the club made a young enthusiast (Aaron Griffin) very happy by pooling their efforts and coming up with a great ready to fly electric plane. It was the EP42 with a 2.4 Ghz Spectrum radio. (The plane is an electric version of the SIG Kadet) Aaron has been visiting the field since he was 6

years old and dreaming of a time when he could start training to solo. He was also presented with a full membership. He was hooked to a buddy box and airborne in no time.

In summary, this event was a great way to start the New Year. The true colors of our hobby enthusiasts and our club members shined through during this engagement.

**The people who made the event enjoyable:**

- **John H** made Beef Stew
- **Bill Ey** donated some cookie treats
- **Ron Wilker** donated corn bread
- **Bill Ey** put on a show with his Blue Angel flying group. It was shortened by a faulty battery. Everything turned out fine. **J.R** got the flight on video.
- **J.R** developed a bomb drop apparatus that could be attached to almost any plane. (The popular foam Corsair...not so easy).
- **John Holbrook's** neighbor friends (the farm across the

road) made some homemade fudge for the event.

- **Loren Baker** cooked cheeseburgers and served up the burgers and beef stew.

**Bill P** made the announcements at the end and noted that getting the competitors moving was like herding cats!!

\*\* Good Time Though \*\*

### Club "Early Bird" Dues.

If you pay your dues by the March meeting, you will be entered into a \$200 drawing to be used to buy R/C items. See **Bill Polhamus** at the meeting or mail a check with **Self Addressed Stamped Envelope** to Bill at 8 Ranger Ct. Balt 21234  
Dues -\$50  
61 years or over -\$40  
65 years or over -\$20 (after 5 years of membership).

### Membership Raffle

The raffle prize is \$18 at the moment. It will grow as members buy into it. For those unsure how it works: You contribute \$1 at the meeting and put your name in the book for that evening's drawing. Everyone in the club is in the raffle "hat." A name is drawn, from the "hat." If it's your name and you have your name in the book for that meeting, you win 80% of the pot. If the person drawn isn't at the meeting or didn't contribute the \$1 for that meeting, the pot is held over till the next meeting and continues to grow.

### Member News

#### **January Raffle:**



**Great Planes  
Escapade ARF  
.40 to .70 Glow/Electric  
Sport Plane  
See Gary the Cej for  
tickets.**

**\$2 each or 6 for \$5**

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#### **STORE HOURS**

**Monday - Friday 10 am - 8 pm  
Saturday 9 am - 6 pm  
Sunday 9 am - 4 pm**

### **Hobbytown USA Glen Burnie**

10% discount to members (except fuel).

### **Hobby Works**

#### **Bel Air**

Future rebates to all who register with them.

### **Tree climber**

**Roger, (443)-791-6553.  
He charges \$50.**



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