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**2011 Club Officers**

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**FEBRUARY 2011**

**UNOFFICIAL JANUARY MEETING MINUTES**

**Members In Attendance:** Joe Berry, John Gardiner, Mike Hunter, Chet Thayer, Ron Becker, Steve Johnson, Frank Donnelly, Larry Nolan, Tim Mihalski, Elliot Smith, Carl Witt

**Minutes:**

**Show & Tell:**

- **Chet Thayer** brought in his project for the winter. In the past Chet has built a new plane during the winter. But, since he currently has two flying planes he decided to resurrect an old favorite, his SuperSporters. Over the past two years, Chet crashed two SuperSporters: one crashed on its maiden flight due he believes to an unsecured push rod on the elevator, the other crashed he believes due to a brown-out on his 2.4 receiver. The one crash resulted in a totally demolished wing, the other a severely damaged fuselage. The result, he plans to mate the wing on the one model to the fuselage of the other. Chet brought in his work so far and quite frankly the wing and fuselage appeared to be damage free. Chet pointed out the areas where epoxy and bracing plywood were needed to strengthen the broken spots. The most involved part of the fix was lining up the wing bolt holes from the one model to the other. Look for the "Phoenix SuperSporter" to be flying sometime this spring.

**Call to Order:**

- President Chet Thayer called the meeting to order at 7:42 P.M.

**Reading of the Minutes:**

- There was no reading of the minutes due to the fact that the December meeting was shortened for a fun fly at the FOB hanger.

**COMMITTEE Reports:**

- **Treasury Report:** John Gardiner reported that we have \$xx.xx in the bank as of today. There are two outstanding bills of \$90.00 to AMA for club membership and \$25 to State of Delaware for club corporate charter. Final financial results are in for 2010 with revenues coming in at \$xx.xx and expenses at \$xx.xx leaving a surplus of \$9.69 for the year. This compares to a surplus of \$70.14 for 2009, deficit of (\$328.26) for 2008, and a surplus of \$303.83 for 2007. The club has operated at a breakeven for the past four years. The 2011 budget was presented for approval. Revenues are budgeted at \$xx.xx and expenses at \$xx... for a surplus of \$6.00. Currently there are six members from 2010 who have not paid their 2011 dues. The club needs to encourage these

**MINUTES CONTINUED...**

members to pay or acquire new members to compensate for the lost of this revenue. There is no excess fat in the expenses so we will have to closely monitor the spending for 2011. Club members present approved the 2011 budget.

John Gardiner asked the club to acknowledge Elliott Smith for his years of faithful service as club Treasurer for 23 ½ years out of the past 25 years. The books turned over to me were in very good shape. Prior to that, Elliott served as Secretary for 2 years and Vice-President for 1 year. Club members present gave Elliott a round of applause for his faithful and dedicated service. Thank you Elliott.

- **Safety Report:** There was no safety report.
- **Field Report:** There was no field report.

**OLD Business**

- **Member Recruitment:** Joe Berry asked if we planned to continue our efforts to increase recruitment for the club. After the Treasury report it was noted that we have many things that we want to do but the dues from our current membership cannot support them all. John Gardiner reported that we currently have 41 members. We had 36 this time last year. Most of the increase seems to be helicopter pilots associated with Blue Diamond RC. Also of concern is as the membership ages we have more and more senior members whose membership fees are \$25 less than non-senior members. This is starting to cut into our revenue.

It was also reported that some members of Delaware RC might like to fly at the FOBA Hanger. However it was pointed out that you have to be a member of First State RC to have flying rights at the FOBA Hanger. There was discussion about this as well and what impact this might have on our club size.

Ron Becker said now that he has some time he will see about putting together a brochure regarding the club and the benefits of being a member.

**New Business**

- **Calendar of Events for 2011:** The calendar of events for 2011 were presented and approved as follows:  
*Editor's Note: See complete 2011 Schedule elsewhere in this issue*
- **Need for a Shade Canopy:** Frank Donnelly reported that the shade canopy that he has brought to the recent fun-flies is broken and no longer available. He proposed that the club purchase one for future fun flies and events and store it in the

MINUTES CONTINUED...

shed. After some discussion the proposal was shelved. Ron Becker will see what materials (poles and tarps) we have from the pavilion we took down this fall to see if a portable pavilion could be constructed.

- **Boys and Girls Club of Delaware:** Frank Donnelly reported that he has contacted the Boys and Girls Club of Delaware on Darley Road regarding the possibility that we might be able to fly indoor in their gym. Frank reported that he and Mike Sobieski will be meeting with club directors Thursday, January 27<sup>th</sup> to explore the possibilities of us using the facility on weekends for flying indoors.
- **Pilot Positions and Pit Protection:** Joe Berry brought in some pictures of the pit protection technique used at Delaware RC (Lum's Pond). We discussed some possibility of doing something similar at our site. The primary difference between what we do now (let the grass and weeds grow) and what they do is their protection is more manicured and much deeper. Ours is only about a foot deep; theirs appears to be two to three feet in depth. We will discuss this further prior to the grass cutting season to see what we might do. John Gardiner proposed that we more formally mark out the boundaries of the pit protection with stakes so the grass cutters know exactly what not to cut.
- **Fuel Order:** Tim Mihalski asked if there was going to be a fuel order this year. Chet Thayer said he would get prices from G-Force Hobbies and report back in February. We will decide then if a club fuel order is a good idea.
- **Breakfast and Fly-In:** There will be a breakfast at Arne's this Saturday at 8:30 am followed by a Fly-in at the FOBA Hanger. Look for an e-mail from Tim Mihalski confirming the event.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:43 pm.



*Respectfully Submitted,*  
Mike Hunter  
Secretary  
First State R/C Club



**Club Fuel Order**



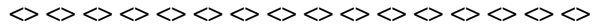
We were going to start the process for a Club fuel order at February's Club meeting... If you are interested, please let you intentions known to a Club Officer, or better yet, attend the meeting...



February 3<sup>rd</sup> Larry Nowland  
February 11<sup>th</sup> Mike Poore  
February 16<sup>th</sup> Tim Mihalski



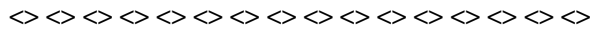
The events listed, as well as others, can be found at your AMA's Contest Calendar Site on the WWW: go to URL: <http://www.modelaircraft.org/events/calendar.aspx> or the IMAA site at <http://www.fly-ima.org/ima/events/index.html>  
Others listed are from club newsletters or flyers



**31ST ANNUAL RC FLEA MARKET**

3/12/2011 -- Lebanon, PA (E) 31ST ANNUAL RC FLEA MARKET. Site: Lebanon Expo Site. Frank Titus CD PH: 717-612-8579 Email: [jaqmat@comcast.net](mailto:jaqmat@comcast.net). Over 600 table spaces, in 41000 sq ft indoors, are available. Spaces are \$13 and \$20 each and admission is \$7 per person.

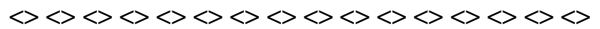
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**TRI COUNTY WINGSNAPPERS SWAP MEET**

3/26/2011 -- Hamburg, PA (E) TRI COUNTY WINGSNAPPERS SWAP MEET. Site: Hamburg Field House. Michael Renzi CD PH: 484-663-0788 Email: [mrenz66@yahoo.com](mailto:mrenz66@yahoo.com). Visit: [www.tcws.org](http://www.tcws.org). Vendor set up 6AM, doors open to public 8AM. Admission \$5, table rentals wall \$12, aisle \$7. Food available.

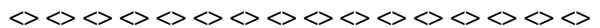
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**ANNUAL FLEA MARKET**

4/15/2011 -- Doylestown, PA (E) ANNUAL FLEA MARKET. Site: Bucks County West High School. Enrico Paolino CD PH: 215-701-9091 Email: [rico@paolinonet.net](mailto:rico@paolinonet.net). Set up begins at 6:15PM, sales open at 6:45PM. Table rental \$10, approx 35 tables available. Pre-paid reservations accepted. Light refreshments. Call after 6PM.

Sponsor: BUCKS COUNTY RADIO CONTROL CLUB



**JANUARY'S MYSTERY AIRCRAFT**



**North American L-17 Navion**

## JANUARY'S MYSTERY AIRCRAFT

U.S. Air Force Fact Sheet

### NORTH AMERICAN L-17A NAVION

American military services used the L-17 from the late 1940s through the early 1960s for liaison, reconnaissance, light cargo carrying and forward air control (FAC) missions. Six even became target drones. Designed for civilian aviation and first flown in 1946, it was introduced commercially as the NA-154 Navion. The U.S. Army Air Forces ordered 83 military versions under the designation L-17A.

Ryan Aeronautical Co., having bought the design and manufacturing rights from North American, built 164 improved L-17B Navions for the U.S. Air Force. Navion production ended in 1949. Later, 35 L-17As were converted to L-17Cs with improved brakes and greater fuel capacity. During the Korean War, some USAF L-17Cs were pressed into service for a short time as FAC aircraft.

All L-17s were redesignated U-18s in 1962. The L-17A on display was flown to the museum on April 7, 1986. It is marked as a Ryan-built L-17B used by the Air Force ROTC program at Bradley University, Peoria, Ill., in the spring of 1959.

#### TECHNICAL NOTES:

Engine: Continental O-470-7 of 185 hp

Maximum speed: 163 mph

Range: 700 miles

Ceiling: 11,000 ft.

Span: 33 ft. 5 in.

Length: 27 ft. 4 in.

Height: 8 ft. 7 in.

Weight: 2,950 lbs. loaded

Source:

[http://www.nationalmuseum.af.mil/factsheets/factsheet\\_print.asp?fsID=292&page=1](http://www.nationalmuseum.af.mil/factsheets/factsheet_print.asp?fsID=292&page=1)

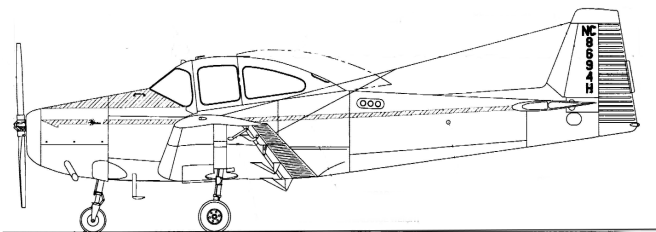
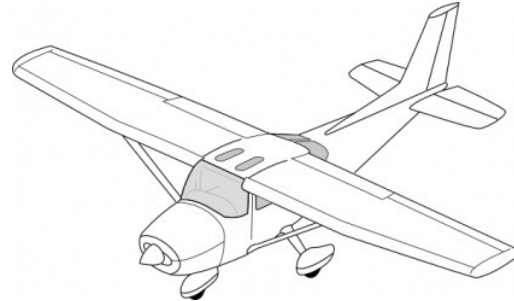
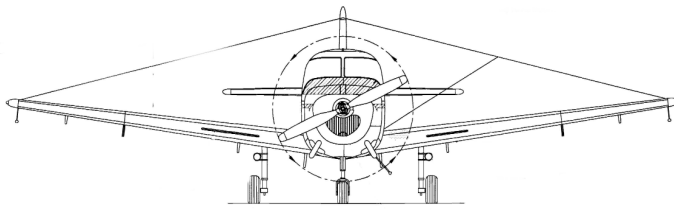


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## JANUARY'S MYSTERY AIRCRAFT



## FEBRUARY'S MYSTERY AIRCRAFT



Until next month,

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## FIRST STATE R/C CLUB 2011 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

**Monday 07:30 P.M. 01/17/11 Club Meeting @ Stahl American Legion Post  
01/31/11 Last Date for Club Membership Renewal**

**02/01/11 Club Membership Late Fee Applies**

**Monday 07:30 P.M. 02/21/11 Club Meeting @ Stahl American Legion Post**

**Monday 07:30 P.M. 03/21/11 Club Meeting @ Stahl American Legion Post**

**Saturday 09:00 A.M. 04/09/11 Club Spring Field Cleanup Day**

**Saturday 09:00 A.M. 04/16/11 Club Spring Field Cleanup Day (Raindate)**

**Monday 07:30 P.M. 04/18/11 Club Meeting @ Stahl American Legion Post**

**Monday 07:30 P.M. 05/16/11 Club Meeting @ Stahl American Legion Post**

**Saturday 10:00 A.M. 05/21/11 Fuel/Electric Fun Fly at Field.-Contact: Ron Becker**

**Saturday 10:00 A.M. 05/28/11 Fuel/Electric Fun Fly at Field. (Raindate)-Contact: Ron Becker**

**Monday 07:30 P.M. 06/20/11 Club Meeting @ Stahl American Legion Post**

**No Club Meeting in July**

**No Club Meeting in August**

**Saturday 10:00 A.M. 09/17/11 Club Picnic-Chair: Steve Johnson**

**Monday 07:30 P.M. 09/19/11 Club Meeting @ Stahl American Legion Post**

**Saturday 10:00 A.M. 09/24/11 Club Picnic (Raindate)-Chair: Steve Johnson**

**Monday 07:30 P.M. 10/17/11 Club Meeting @ Stahl American Legion Post**

**Nominations of 2012 Club Officers**

**Monday 07:30 P.M. 11/21/11 Club Meeting @ Stahl American Legion Post**

**Election of 2012 Club Officers**

**11/30/11 Club 2012 Membership Dues Deadline**

**Monday 07:30 P.M. 12/19/11 Club Meeting @ Stahl American Legion Post**

**Induction of 2012 Club Officers**

**Sunday 10:00 A.M. 01/01/12 Freeze Fly 2012**



## FEBRUARY'S MYSTERY AIRCRAFT



A mystery aircraft for you to ponder... you can read all about this mystery ship in March's issue of Contact...

### IMPORTANT REMINDERS...

#### FEBRUARY CLUB MEETING

02/01/11 Club Membership Late Fee Applies

Monday 7:30 P.M. 02/21/11 @ Stahl American Legion Post

#### MARCH CLUB MEETING

Monday 7:30 P.M. 03/21/11 @ Stahl American Legion Post

#### APRIL EVENTS

Saturday 09:00 A.M. 04/09/11 Club Spring Field Cleanup Day

Saturday 09:00 A.M. 04/16/11 Club Spring Field Cleanup Day (Raindate)

Monday 07:30 P.M. 04/18/11 Club Meeting @ Stahl American Legion Post



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