



Come Fly With Us Buck Remote Control Club

December 2003 Newsletter

Calendar

Dec 02 – Meeting/Election – 7:00 p.m.

Officers Wanted

Please volunteer for 2004!

Fantastic Fun Fly!

"We had a *fantastic* turn-out! *There were* 42 cars stretching from one end of the field to the other with people coming from as far away as upper state New York. We had plenty of food, great contests, and lots of smiles. And there were helicopters and planes everywhere (22 flyers total), so that the entire field was filled with people. We collected \$337 in food and ticket sales, donations and raffles.

New this year was a full scale helicopter giving rides for most of the afternoon. Charlie Hollinger was the highlight of the noon demos and put on quite a show with his full size Bell 47 helicopter for everyone attending. Dave Skinner won the raffle prize for the ride in the Bell and had nothing but a big grin on his face when he stepped out after his flight. This year brought some new sponsors on board to help us out: Musser's Hobbies, Futaba, Giant Scale Airplanes, Quick Helicopters, Wildcat Fuels and S&W Fuels.

Airplane Competiton Winners:

1 st :	Todd Robinson	score: 2545
2 nd	John Robbins	score 2289
3 rd	Micah Herr	score 2262

Helicopter

1 st	Bob Chapman	score 2442
2 nd	Sam Hallstrom	score 2093
3 rd	Mark Scott	score 1885

All in all, 6 plaques, 15 prizes, one helicopter ride, and 2 50-50s were given out during the day. Special thanks to Jim Langley and crew for our reward from their extremely hard work. We couldn't have done it without you Jim!

"As I grow older, I pay less attention to what men say.
I just watch what they do." - Andrew Carnegie

Land use donated by Mussers Hobby Shop

From the President

Hello Fellow Members,

As all of you know, this past year has not been too active, partly because of the wet spring and summer, and at times the grass could not be mowed for the same reason.

At our September meeting, we approved the purchase of a Port-A-John (\$200.00) and the cost of having it serviced and how often (as needed - \$25 to \$35). We discussed having the rest of the driveway stoned, down to the pavilion. The stone is being donated, if we can find someone to haul the stone from Havre De Grace, Maryland. I asked for volunteers to serve as a nominating committee for our December elections. If you will run for any office, contact John Robbins 717-556-0126 or Troy Heagy 717-464-9293. Our next meeting will be **Tuesday December 2, 2003** at 7:00 p.m. at Musser's Hobby Shop. We will have our election for club officers.

Thanks seems like such a small word, however when you say it in earnest, it is huge, and I am saying now, "**THANK YOU ALL**". You helped me and you helped make this a better club!

Recycle Your Old Nicads . . .

. . . at Radio Shack! Radio Shack, there's one next door almost anywhere you go, will accept your old Nicad batteries for recycling. That's much more environmentally friendly than throwing them in the trash. Do it today!

from Plan View, Willis Webb, Editor, Christiansburg, Virginia

Radio Tech Talk

Most of us know that the receiver antenna should be routed as far away as possible from any power leads to avoid any stray pickup of interference (you do know that, right?). A corollary to that is that all leads should be fastened somehow to the framework of the model. This is often not a problem with the smaller planes as things are often pretty cramped anyway, but in the larger stuff, we find lots of open space within the cabin area. If leads are left to fly around loose, they will eventually fail due to metal fatigue. One of our club's members had this happen to a power switch once which resulted in the loss of his aircraft! The post-mortem didn't reveal any obvious cause for the loss of control until we disassembled the RX switch. While the insulation was completely intact, one of the wires inside was broken at the strain relief just as neatly as if it had been done with a knife! The moral of this story is simple: a tie-wrap or two, placed at strategic locations along the servo and power leads will go a long way toward a long life for that new plane!

from By-Lines & Fly-Lines, by Jim Maroldo, Lakehurst, New Jersey