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PROP WASH

As the snowbirds were coming back from Florida in the spring, they were all wondering where to go for some decent weather. We have truly arrived and are dealing with the "terrible too's" – too much rain, too windy, too cold, too hot and too humid. I, for one, at age 74, have never seen so much wind with hot humid weather. We have often been relegated to evening flying for all of these reasons.

The club has had two very nice outings with the weather cooperating. The Veterans outing and the Civil Air Patrol evening events went really well. The Veterans group was rather small, but all did enjoy the show. The Civil Air Patrol event was over 35 strong and parents and all of the Civil Air Patrol cadets had stick time and enjoyed the opportunity. Thanks to all of our club members who helped in these activities.

We can say we are saving money this summer by not mowing as much. Thanks to Walt and Marie Dunsmore, we now have a replacement mower for our first mower that has been re-tired. The Craftsman 48" cut was a welcomed addition. We offered to pay Walt the \$10 haul away fee but he refused, so we saved another ten dollars.

From Sept. 18 through Oct. 1, voting for next year's officers will take place. A Board Meeting will take place on Sept. 13 at 6 p.m. at Stricker's Hall prior to the club meeting at 8 p.m. Make your feelings and wishes known to your present officers and Board of Directors prior to the Board Meeting on Sept. 13 at 6 p.m.

If you have a person or persons you think deserves an award this year, please contact a Board Member with your nomination. Please check the Constitution criteria for club awards, such as Service Award, Sportsmanship Award, Most Improved Flyer, Youth Award, Senior Endeavor Award or Technical Achievement Award.

Please mark your calendars for the Club Picnic on Sunday, Sept. 18, starting at 10 a.m. Hamburgers, hot dogs and drinks are 25 cents each. Desserts and salads are free and are

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supplied by club families. Invite your families and friends to join us.

RCMB's Annual Banquet and Installation of Officers will be held on Saturday, October 29, at Peerce's Landing on Dulaney Valley Road. Details will follow in an article by Walt Dunsmore later in this newsletter.

Please read the article "The Old Days" which has been included in this newsletter. It was written by Bob Walker, who is the secretary and newsletter editor from Swan Harbor's RC Club. I have included it here with his permission.

Attention – Cold Sodas

Please close and latch the soda ice chest lid after each visit. We can't keep wasting ice! We can get at least two to three more days with the ice if the chest is kept latched. Thanks.

Jack Stites, President



The Old Days by Bob Walker

Raise your hand if you remember Radio Control Modeler Magazine? It has been gone for a few years, but in the 60's, 70's, 80's and 90's it was the premier R/C Magazine. The print quality of the magazine was superb and they had great looking women....I mean airplanes on most covers, but not all.

One of my all time favorite issues was January 1967. It was only 50 cents for the issue. One of my favorite model designers was on the cover....Ken Willard with two versions of a plane called the Shearwater. This was an R/C seaplane that was very easy to build from the plans. I think my brother Richard built one if I remember. Ken Willard was into designing many of the smaller planes of the times and many became kits. His planes were usually for .049-.15 engines. Those were very popular sizes in the 60's. The Shearwater article showed one version using an escapement and the second with Airtrol galloping ghost. Raise your hand if you remember those radios. These were affordable to the average person and kid like me. Actually \$100 was sort of expensive for the time but the proportional radios that were just coming in and were \$300- \$500.

Most of the radios back then were made in the USA. Actually, a lot of stuff was made in the USA then, but that is another story. Available brands were Micro Avion-

ics which was digital as were Proportional Control Systems, Bonner, Galatron, F&M, EK, Orbit, and Kraft. The Heathkit systems were available to build as was the Digitrio kit from World Engines. I mentioned galloping ghost earlier (an actuator that wagged back and forth) and these units were sold by Controaire, Citizenship, Rand, etc. All these names are long gone, but in 1967 were all great product names. There is a coupon missing from this issue. I cut it out and sent in \$11.95 to a company called Otarion for a receiver I could use with my escapement. One used a little tuning wand to tune a coil to a 27 mHz transmitter. Mine was a Futaba with one button.....rudder. One beep for right. Two quick presses for left. That is what some of us had. Sort of like being poor but not knowing it. The planes flew and we did get them back.

Glow engines were Veco's, Super Tigers (Italian made), Enya, Webra and O.S.

Popular kits of the time were made by Carl Goldberg. A Junior Falcon was \$4.95....I had one....my first plane. The Falcon 56 was \$11.95 and the Sr. Falcon was \$22.95. Midwest had the Tri-Squire, Lil Tri Squire and the Sky Squire. These were \$8-\$23. Sterling had the Minnie Mambo (I had one), Mambo Trainer, Mambo Special and Mighty Mambo. Note that each manufacturer had a theme.....

Sorry....no helicopters back then. But Du-Bro and Sig were advertising. A sheet of 26" X 36" Monokote was \$3.50. It was not Super Monokote. You peeled off the backing and positioned it over the wing and ironed down. 9 colors too.....believe me, it was not that great. That is why everyone was using silk and dope. I could write more, but that is what was happening in this hobby in 1967.

HEADS UP!

These are reminders to all of the 72 Mhz and the 2.4 Ghz trap. It is easy to get lulled into not getting the frequency pin and then forgetting to pull out the antenna on a frequency pin of 72 Mhz.

Also, let's be a little more vocal on the flight line. Please announce your intentions and pass it down the line for the end person to know what is happening. Electric flyers are too quiet to know if they are taking off or, even worse, landing.

LESSONS WELL LEARNED

Ronnie's new charging station for electrics is now running and open for business. You have to use the combination to open the tractor building door and feed out the umbilical cord with the two-way hook up to your own personal field chargers.

Keep away from the building and keep an eye out for the charging of the LiPos.

When our generator is running for our electric use, it is charging a bank of batteries to cover your needs at the field while flying electrics.

Remember, now we have a good reason not to charge LiPos in the back of our vans or cars. I personally have had two electric charging incidents in the back of my van. I had to stop and put out a fire. I have learned my lesson. The other time, if I had not gotten into my van when I did, the van would be history now. Be very careful!

RCMB ITEMS OF INTEREST

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	
Aug. 27	7 p.m.	<p>MOVIE NIGHT (Saturday)</p> <p>All is worthwhile viewing from around the world.</p> <p>Chris Good's travels including Northern Lights and Ice Hotel, Larry Nowack's Oshkosh visit, the "Magic of Flight" featuring the Blue Angels, and Jerry's and Rick's visit to AMA event this summer.</p> <p>Popcorn (we have the machine), drinks and desserts are requested to make this a different outing at the club.</p> <p>NO FLYING ALLOWED during movies.</p> <p>Bring wives, kids and friends. You will see things you have never seen and may not see again.</p> <p>Air conditioning provided free.</p>
Sept. 13	6 p.m.	BOARD MTG. – Nominations for 2012 Officers by Board and nominations for Club Awards.
	8 p.m.	CLUB MTG. at Stricker's Hall. Food before meeting.
Sept. 18	10 a.m.	<p>(Sunday) – RCMB CLUB PICNIC.</p> <p>Food and drinks for \$.25 each. Desserts, salads, etc. free as supplied by club families.</p>

Oct. 11th	8:00 PM	RCMB Club meeting	Kirk Field
Oct. 15	11 a.m.	(Saturday) CLUB MTG. at Stricker's Hall with food.	
Oct. 29	6 p.m.	(Saturday) RCMB ANNUAL BANQUET, AWARDS, And INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS FOR 2012 will be held at Peerce's Landing, formerly Peerce's Plantation, on Dulaney Valley Road.	
Nov. 8th	7:00 PM	RCMB Club meeting	Kirk Field
Dec. 13th	7:00 PM	RCMB Club meeting	Kirk Field

WEDNESDAY INDOOR FLYING WILL CONTINUE

Gussie has found a way to override the strong blowing of the air conditioning at the Jacksonville Gym for our indoor flying on Wednesdays. Therefore, our Wednesday indoor flying of small electric planes will continue indefinitely. We will continue to fly from 11:00 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.

RCMB VIDEO LIBRARY

RCMB is starting a video library at the clubhouse. If anyone has some instructional videos in DVD or VHS format, please drop them off at the clubhouse. There will be a box marked "videos". At this time, we only need instructional videos. Sometime in the future, we may want any other films pertaining to aviation.

At the present time, we are looking for a bookcase to house these videos. The approximate size needed is 5 to 6 feet high, 4 feet wide, and 1 foot deep.

If anyone has videos but cannot drop them off, please call Walt Dunsmore, newly elected Librarian, at 443-491-3558 and he will pick them up.

Field Photos



Jerry McCallum's Sopwith Pup



Bob Sommers with a buddy box "Buddy"



Civil Air Patrol

RCMB IS GOING BACK TO PEERCE'S

RCMB is going back to Peerce's, where model aviation began in our area. Our annual banquet will be held on October 29th at the Grille at Peerce's Landing, formerly known as Peerce's Plantation. In 1939, William Peerce, owner of the property at Dulaney Valley Road, was approached by a member of the Aero-Craftsmen Gas Model Club, a group of 15 Baltimore hobbyists who built and flew gasoline-powered model aircraft, who asked if the club member could fly their models on his property. Permission was granted and the airfield took shape. It was here that competitions took place and 300 to 400 spectators were soon coming from Maryland and other nearby states to watch. A concession stand was set up and many hot dogs, hamburgers and sodas were sold, which became a real money maker for the club. In 1949, Mr. Peerce decided to develop the property and the club had to move out.

On October 29th as you enjoy your dinner, just imagine watching the men from 1939 enjoying their hobby just as we do today. Times may change, but the hobby continues on.

Prizes will be given at the banquet. To be eligible for these prizes, you must have attended the monthly meetings. Ex., if you attended one meeting, you have one chance to win. If you attended 10 meetings, you have 10 chances to win..

New this year, a lucky lady will win a prize. But, you have to be there to be eligible so sign up soon for the banquet!

Banquet Menu

**RCMB'S ANNUAL BANQUET AT
THE GRILLE AT PEERCE'S DINNER MENU**

OCTOBER 29, 2011

6:00 -7:00 – SOCIAL HOUR WITH COCKTAILS AND HORS D'OEUVRES

7:00- 8:00 – DINNER

**8:00 -9:00 – INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS, PRESENTATION OF AWARDS,
AND DOOR PRIZE DRAWINGS**

STARTER:

PEERCE'S HOUSE SALAD

ENTREES – CHOICE OF ONE FOR \$39.00:

- **JUMBO LUMP CRAB CAKE WITH OLD BAY BEARNAISE**
- **GRILLED SALMON WITH AN HERB TOMATO RELISH**
- **BLACKENED CHICKEN PENNE – THE ORIGINAL POLO GRILL RECIPE**
- **ANGUS CHOP STEAK WITH CARMELIZED ONIONS AND MUSHROOMS**

ONE ENTREE HAS AN ADDITIONAL CHARGE:

- **MONGOLIAN SHORT RIBS – AN ADDITIONAL \$4.00
(THIS IS ONE OF PEERCE'S SPECIALTIES)**

THESE ENTREES WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY A HOUSE STARCH AND A VEGETABLE

DESSERT:

ICE CREAM PIE SUNDAE

TAX AND GRATUITY IS INCLUDED IN THE PRICE.

CASH BAR FOR ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND SODAS

ICED TEA, COFFEE, WATER AVAILABLE AT NO CHARGE

****IN A FEW WEEKS, A REPLY CARD WILL BE SENT FOR YOU TO MAKE YOUR
DINNER SELECTIONS.**

COME ONE, COME ALL FOR A GREAT TIME AND A DELICIOUS DINNER!

The number of landings must equal the number of take offs !



MEETINGS:

2ND TUESDAY MAY-NOV AT
"KIRK FIELD" 8PM

2ND SATURDAY JAN-APRIL
AT "KIRK FIELD" 11AM

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EMAIL:

As those of you whom have submitted their email address to the club are aware, messages and notices have been sent to you advising about club meetings and availability of the Transmitter on our web site. The club saved about \$50 per issue during the 2007 series of the Transmitter by not having to mail it to our Internet connected members. That's a savings of @ \$300 per year for the club!

It would be great if those members that have an address, and therefore Internet access, but have not advised the club of their address would do so. Everyone that does this saves us money each time the Transmitter is published. It would also connect you to last minute changes in meeting schedules and other events. Let Gene Krosnowski know your address (Tel # on page 1) and become one of the "connected".

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