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THE EAGLES' NEST November 2003 ISSUE

Devils' Night "2003"

Dave Waldecker

I arrived at the field about 5:45PM and Maynard L. & his bride, Don L. & his bride were the only Eagles in sight. After exchanging pleasantries, we set about to find the fire pit and grate. Upon locating it we proceeded to build a fire. Maynard brought firewood from home plus we had some planks left from last years D/Nite, and in no time at all we had a blazing campfire going.



Mike B showed up along with a spectator couple, neighbors from down Davis road, (Dave & Melanie w/their daughters) expecting to see some night flying. They were disappointed to hear that flying was cancelled due to field concerns. However, we were treated to a dazzling display of (Aurora Borealis) Northern lights, thanks to the Solar flare phenomenon of the past few days.

Mark S. showed up late and placed a memory jogging call to Gary W. Gary finally arrived, better late than never, with hotdogs/ buns/ condiments/ chips and a couple jugs of pop.

We all enjoyed roasted hotdogs, fireside camaraderie and an overall Super pleasant evening. Hopefully next years D/Nite will be even better!!!



New Pilot



New pilot Al Harbor receives his certificate at the November meeting, from his instructor Ed London. Looking forward to seeing you out there Al!



At the Top

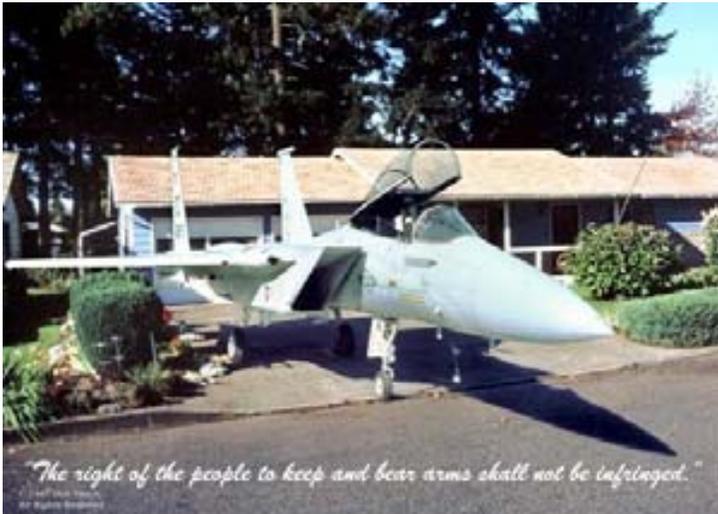
Jack DeLisle

The annual awards banquet, in this Eagles opinion, was the best dinner yet. The turnout was so big that our Annual Awards Banquet committee (Joan Joachim) might consider canvassing the Eagles and seeing how many are planning to attend our next one? I can see a hall and

a caterer in the future.

Our esteemed Eagles Nest editor and or his able assistant (Ed and Sheila Olszewski) will give you a complete report on the awards banquet elsewhere in this issue so I will turn my attentions elsewhere, the Pylon and Combat events.

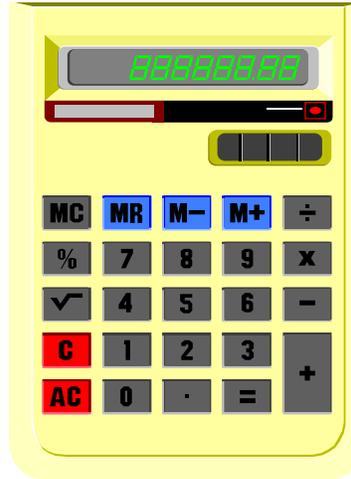
I think Gary Wilkerson, John and Bud



Joachim, Mark Steenland and Archie Kammer all keep combat planes in their driveway because they finished the years combat events in that order. The Eagles held 18 heats of combat over the season with some taking place at Crosswell and Goodells as part of their rally and fund raisers. Ten Eagles actually took part in combat this past season and included: Todd Litke, Chris Dart, Jack DeLisle

Al Fournier and Mark Steenland II.

Dennis Bigger from the S.M.A.C (Sanilac Model Airplane Club) and a Jeff ????? And Kyle ????? From the same club also flew.



After Bud and John Joachim got done totaling up the numbers for this years Pylon races they came up like this:

John, Rob and Bud Joachim finished in that order in unlimited pylon.

In the limited races the results for the year were:

John Joachim first with 11 points, Bud Joachim second with 8 points and Rob Joachim with 6 points. Dave Waldecker and yours truly finished up with 3 and 2 points.

You might think from reading the results that someone turned the fox loose in the henhouse? NOT. As a competitor I saw it happen and the results are true. Not to say that some luck wasn't involved but that luck was mostly made. If a pilot went wide and the winner didn't, is that luck?

pylon

It usually is a matter of just competing. If you run enough races you can get better and you can win. David Waldecker just got into pylon this year and his laps just kept getting better and better and he'll be a force next year. I know that Mark Steenland bought a Scat-Cat 500 racer and he is planning on campaigning more next year too.

Me? I think I'll buy a new plain bearing 40 engine and see if I can be a little more competitive in limited pylon next year. But then it may be faster than my reflexes???

And the beat goes on.

Stuff



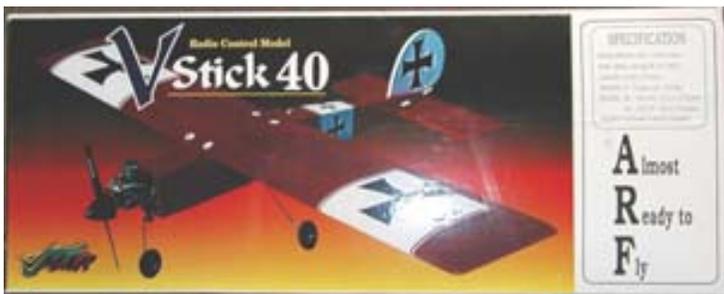
Jack DeLisle

Since the flying season is over except for those Eagles who love snowmobile suits, tranny covers, gloves and Mickey Mouse boots, I don't have a whole bunch of current events to write about so how about some Christmas ideas.

Santa came early to my place this year. I sold a couple of planes and a few things at the Northville (Midwest R/C) swap shop and Nan insisted that I use the money and not think of sharing! I checked and my arm isn't broken so I did use a good share of that money.

Two of the kits I bought were a 40 V-Stick and a 60 V-Stick ARF kits from VMAR that are sold by Richmond RC in Canada.

These are the most complete ARF's that I have come across. Even the ailerons, elevator and rudder are already hinged and they didn't even wiggle on a hard pull test.



All that is needed to get this plane in the air is an engine and a radio. Everything else is included.

The covering has the decals, artwork and trim under the Mylar so they won't lift and the covering is repairable from the inevitable hangar rash with low heat iron ons.

The cost for BOTH ARF's??? Would you believe \$160.00 plus shipping. Yes, for BOTH.

The next item is one that, if it was available 15 or so years ago would have saved me a bunch of money and, sad to say, put a few radio

manufacturers out of business.

What is that magic item?? The new Tracker II transmitter from Polk's Hobby.

After charging the 900 MAH batteries for the recommended 24 hours with the supplied "wall" charger I plugged the Seeker II receiver, switch, battery and the one supplied servo together and programmed the tranny to channel 56 because I have that in the close by Astro Hog. I "trained" the Seeker II receiver for 56 too and everything worked. I turned off everything and turned on the JR tranny for the Hog and then turned on the Tracker II and it scanned for interference and found the JR already on and announced that the frequency was busy and wouldn't turn on. Yes, this radio has a built in scanner.

I then reprogrammed the Transmitter to channel 48 because I have a HiTec Supreme receiver I want to use and "trained" the Seeker II for that channel and after programming the tranny for positive going signal pulses, both receivers ran fine on that channel 48.

So this one transmitter will run every receiver that operates on FM (PPM) but NOT PPM on any frequency in the 72 Meg band. If you order the 75 meg then it will run the "land based" systems.



The cost for the system? \$275 plus shipping.

So there you have a couple of things to think about if your better half asks " What do you want for CHRISTMAS ????"

Annual Awards Banquet

Ed Olszewski

Although billed as the "Awards banquet" I personally am thinking that using the "awards" is just an excuse to get together and have a good meal, share conversation with friends, and just plain have a good time. And it works well.

The evening started out with a meal that just can't be beat. Salad, Turkey and stuffing, fish. And a couple different types of vegetables. I showed restraint as far as second helpings go, remembering the Apple caramel cake coming around for dessert.

After dinner, our Master of ceremonies Jack DeLisle proceeded with the business at hand. Paul Fleckenstein took home the honors of "Builder of the year", for his craftsmanship on his war birds.



Gary Wilkerson, for his hard work on the field, with a get it done attitude got the "Just Do It" award. Michael Hicks, won the "Pilot of the year" for his very impressive switch to the world of helicopters.



Al Fournier got the dubious distinction of "Crasher of the year", we will not go into the whys of that one, but can say that the piñata trophy was cool.



Bud Joachim and John Joachim received mention and award for their Hosting the kids, throughout the year, and running pylon and combat activities. Mark Steenland received an award for "Provider", "Procurer", might be a better name for that one, I personally have never met anyone who is willing to work as hard as Mark to find the club good deals- and most often free deals. Jack DeLisle received the "Service" award for all his work helping organize events, M.C. 'ing events (I have noticed his services are sought after by other clubs also), and generally being an ingredient in the glue that holds our club together.

In addition Mark Steenland received a plaque for serving as President of the Eagles for the last two terms. We all hate to see him step down.

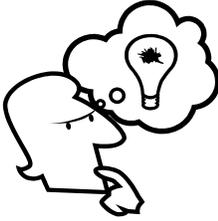
As part of the Crasher Award, Mark presented Al with the Broken Prop Clock. A very nice award that is made especially for the crasher of the year. Jack DeLisle commented that his from last year keeps perfect time. Almost, but not quite worth crashing for.



ED-ITORS CORNER

Ed Olszewski

While at the year end banquet for our local flying club, my ticket number was called for one of the many door prizes. My son's number had been called earlier and he had already picked what he wanted, so I sent him up to do my legwork. From my vantage point I could see that there was still a great number of prizes left. I instructed him to get me one of the heavy duty airplane switches I had spied earlier, I was sure I could find a good home for that.



On the way home examining my prize, I noticed the plug looked strange, it did not have the normal three flat connectors, only two, and one an alien shape that I did not immediately recognize. I realized that it must be intended for an electric plane. No matter, I could take it to the local hobby shop, and exchange it for one I could use, I was sure. Bright and early the next day we packed up and headed to the local hobby shop, switch in hand.

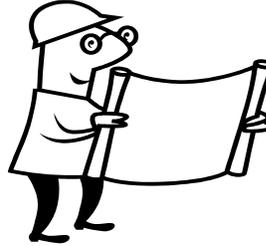
As I walked through the door, it struck me, I had a revelation, an epiphany you might say. It was one of those rare moments in time you realize that you may have been making a mistake, when all the while the real answer was right within your grasp. My wife took one look at the expression on my face, and the color ran from hers. She could tell from the distant look in my eyes, there was a storm brewing.



She tried with the valor of a sailor bailing water to save a sinking ship. "The switch you want is right down this isle", but her efforts fell on deaf ears, it was too late I was already on a mission. It was now clear to her that to change my mind now would require nothing short of divine intervention.



What my wife did not realize was that I did not get the wrong switch, I got a sign! I could see this switch for what it really was, an unfinished airplane. I must build the rest of the electric airplane to go with the switch - pure genius! I would only need a couple of things. A motor, a micro receiver, some micro servos, the stuff to build a plane, and a battery - better get two. This was going to be simpler than I thought!



After obtaining a set of plans from a local builder, I was ready to get to work. Construction of the fuselage was only a 3/16 square strip of basswood, with a couple of bamboo skewers glued on to it. The airfoil and the control surfaces are made from the same foam used to manufacture meat trays. The overall construction is similar to the combat planes that are flown at the club, only substantially smaller and lighter.

With a newfound zeal, I took over the dining room table. My wife once again lamented about losing her table for months on end, or something like that. I unrolled the plans and used my newly purchased bag of goodies to hold one side down, and the switch to hold the other. It was explained to me that this plane would only take a couple of hours to build, perhaps I could be done before dinnertime. My wife believes that I have an ability to stretch any project well beyond any notion of reason. We enjoyed a delightful dinner on our laps watching the TV that evening.

We gave the little electric plane it's maiden flight in the backyard. It flew remarkably well, after a few tweaks and tunes with the C.G. and getting the throws right. At 6 ounces, it does not like wind much, but is a lot of fun to fly. I plan to try this indoors at the dome.

The switch? Well....as it turns out, one does not use a switch on a Pico size airplane- too much weight. So I exchanged it for a couple of glo-plugs.



Classifieds

Sig Clipped Wing Cub,

Hazel Sig blue & white colors, Wing: 86" (clipped), Engine: **Twin OS (Gemini) 120 4 Stroke**, Futaba Servos (5), Cub Wheels, Custom Shattleroe landing gear, Split Cowl, Fuel Filler, Wheel Pants \$ 600.00
 Ron Powers 586-725-791



Global Cessna, Wing: 62", Wood cowl, Wood wheelpants (3), OS 91 - 4 stroke, Futaba servos(4), Sky Blue & White colors \$350.00

Ron Powers (586) -725-7915



Kyusho Super Stearman

ARF, Magnum 52 - 4 Stroke, Wing: 51", Futaba servos(5) \$ 300.00

Ron Powers (586) 725-7915



Scat Cat pylon racer (white)

newly built with Futaba Conquest 4 channel FM radio, NO engine, engine mount is drilled out for an OS plain bearing(OS LA40)engine, single servo for the ailerons, rudder servo. The White plane has not been balanced as it is waiting for an engine. \$120.00

Roxio, burning software for win 98 \$ 20.00
 Jack DeLisle



Pfalz E1 Mono Plane, Balsa construction, 48" WS, Electric Powered, servos, motor, gearbox, battery, electric speed control. \$75.00

Sig Rascal Electric, 48" WS Airframe Only, fair condition. \$25.00
 Robert Hoffman 364-4963

Classified ads are free

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Cohauler kit .40 size \$20.00

Florio Flyer kit .40 size \$20.00

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New in box with webra 32 engine \$100.00

Keller Lark OS 108 2 stroke, 537servos 1100 mah Battery pack, switch harness \$400.00

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Todd Litke 966-4546

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 Used 1 season, approx 10 flights \$250.00

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OS 46 FX Two Stroke
 Used, 4 seasons \$ 75.00

Ron Powers (586) 725-7915

Scat Cat pylon racer (red)

complete with Hi-Tec Aristocrat 7 Channel FM radio, servo on each aileron and with NO rudder and a good running OS 40 plain bearing engine. This plane was flown in the last two pylon racing seasons.

Jack DeLisle \$140.00



Classifieds, cont.

Tower 40 night flyer complete systems, ready to fly \$150.00
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SR Telemaster twin, Airtronics 4 ch system, tower 40s motors, ready to fly \$150.00
Stinger 10 w/os 25 motor, servos, receiver, battery, everything but the radio \$100.00
Zilin 40 w/ASP 91, servos, receiver, battery, everything but radio \$250.00
C.G. Extra 300 w/ Webra 120, receiver, battery, servos, everything but radio \$250.00
W.L. special \$ 50.00
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2- smoke systems each \$25.00
Sundancer electric boat \$80.00
Gary Wilkerson 810-388-1066

Trainer 40 w/ futaba 6ch radio system and OS max 35-40, **Hog bipe** w/ mag 80 4 stroke new, **Us airforce 40** w/ Irvin 40, **sig clip wing club** kit in box, **slow poke** 95% built (stick), **OS 25 LA** new, cb motor mount for 91, 4-5 roles monokote, **new slot machine**, 21 cent. Iron, **flight box**, complete with starter and extra props (10-6—12-6), **hobbico 60 trainer** w/ skyport R.T.F., Asking \$800.00 obo for everything
Dan -cell 586-634-2800 Port Huron Area

Club Attire

Club Caps are available for purchase from the club at \$13.00 each. Each is custom embroidered for our club, and have either a black or maroon brim. For information give Mark Steenland a call.



Club Embroidery is available for coats and other attire from Heather Jones, Contact Carl Jones for more information.

MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 4, 2003

There were 26 in attendance. The financial report was read motion to accept made by Jack seconded by Maynard Motion passed. Motion to accept the minutes as distributed made by Maynard F. seconded by Dave W. motion passed. Field committee needs to set up a meeting to discuss a new field. Nominations for club officers were discussed and the nominees for the year 2004 are--

President--- Ken Smith or Mike Grant
Vice President---Gary Wilkerson
Treasurer—Bob Troy or Dave Waldecker
Secretary—Al Harbour

Voting is on December 2, 2003 please be sure to come and vote. Motion to close the nominations made by Jack seconded by Ed L. motion passed. Discussion on posting emergency numbers and address at the field Mark S will get this posted. Vera LaMarsh sent a nice letter along with a donation to the club Jack read the letter for everyone to hear. Thank You Vera. New pilot Al Harbour was presented with his pilot certificate. Anyone interested in flying the blimp for the beacons games Carl Jones has a contact number. Mike Roberge is trying to start an electric indoor fly at the dome in Port Huron if anyone is interested please contact him at 367-7080. 50/50 was won by Ed O. Motion to close made by Bud seconded by Al motion passed.

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Sheila Olszewski

The newsletter is eight pages this month. There is not as much happening this time of year. Do you have story to share with the club, or let us know about your winter building project. Write the editor.



November 2003 ISSUE

UPCOMING EVENTS

December:

2-club meeting at library 7:00
3-Big Boy breakfast 9:00
17-Big Boy breakfast 9:00

January:

1-Big Boy breakfast 9:00, New Years fun fly 12:00
6-Meeting 7:00 Library
7-Big Boy breakfast 9:00
18-Prop buster (Goodells) swap meet 9:00 am
21-Big Boy breakfast 9:00
25-RCCD Swap (8 mile) 9:00

Reminder:

The election of officers for the River District R/C Eagles will be held at the December meeting at the Marysville Library. Candidates are:

President: Ken Smith, Mike Grant
Vice Pres: Gary Wilkerson
Treasurer: Dave Waldecker, Bob Troy
Secretary: Al Harbor

Indoor Flying

R/C pilots from several local clubs are teaming up this winter to have electric-radio-controlled airplane fly-ins at the Birchwood Sports Dome, 2845 Keewahdin Road. The first fly-in, which will include racing and a limbo competition, time will be from 8 to 11 p.m. Nov. 28. Fly-ins will be every other Friday throughout the winter. It costs \$15 to fly and will be cheaper for youth flyers, but a price has not been decided. For details, call: (810) 367-7080 or visit www.sccprobusters.com. Tentative Flying Schedule Time 8:00 to 11:00 Nov 28, Dec 5, Dec 19, Jan 2, Jan 16, Jan 30, Feb 13, Feb 27, Mar 12, Mar 26, Apr 9, Apr 23. Flying dates and times are subject to change depending on interest.

Propbuster Swap

The Propbusters swap is coming up January 18, 2004, at the Goodells Community Center Building. Tables are free, if you have something to sell, and are given on a (reserved) first come first serve basis. Call Todd Litke @ 810-966-4546