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President's Corner

By: Scott Schultz

Greetings fellow members. As I write this article, the remnants of hurricane Charlie are showing up outside. Unfortunately, the Pattern Primer was a wash, but my hats off to Jon Gerber for putting the extra effort in. I will write about Luther's war bird event in the next issue.

As president, I am responsible for the fiscal 'health' of this club. My personal opinions aside, I need to know what you, the members want to see in this club. Planned for this fall is the partial removal of the 'Bermuda Triangle' from the eastern edge of the flying field. Monies have already been allocated for this project for 2004. Unfortunately, we have had to cut the door prizes so that we can use the money for the field project. After several members complaining about the elimination of the prizes and the severe drop-off in meeting attendance, I have little choice but to restore the door prizes at the general meetings.

Also, since we cannot find reliable volunteers to perform the coffee and donut provisions at the general meeting, we are forced to purchase the refreshments at the local Dunkin' Donuts at considerable expense. Along with an unexpected drop-off in membership this year, and a sizable payment to the National Park Service for our contribution to the field maintenance as per our agreement with the park, we are faced with several decisions to make for 2005.

Therefore, I am urging the membership to attend the September meeting so that we can discuss these issues in a 'civilized' matter and come to an agreement.

Remember, you must fly with a spotter at all times.

IMPORTANT DATES

- 9/14** General Meeting – **Door Prizes and Refreshments**
- 9/18** Big Apple Jet Rally (Saturday)
- 9/19** Big Apple Jet Rally (Sunday)
- 10/12** General Meeting
- 11/09** General Meeting

FIELD HAPPENINGS – BY SCOTT SCHULTZ

Within the next few weeks you will notice a few new things down at the flying field. First off, we will no longer have porta-potties to use. In agreement with the National Park Service, they are installing two 'vaulted toilets'. For those of you who don't know what a vaulted toilet is, I will explain. Imagine a toilet with no working parts. Just a huge hole in the middle. This toilet sits atop a septic tank installed below. The bathroom is secured by a door which is completely handicapped accessible. Once installed, PARCS will be responsible for maintaining the facilities. The installation is scheduled for the end of August.

The Army Corps of Engineers has scheduled a marshland revitalization project for the adjacent Jamaica Bay this fall. Now, you're probably asking, "What does this have to do with us?" Well, I'll tell you. The army is going to be using the adjacent runway from the south end of the field all the way to the water as a storage area for fresh sand. This project is supposed to last 6 months to a year, but we'll see. There will be limited access to the area, so be safe when flying your aircraft.

We are currently looking for volunteers for the annual holiday party at the Ryan Center. We are also open to any ideas as to improve upon the holiday party. Please e-mail me at sschultz@nyc.rr.com with any ideas.

Birthdays

Eddie McLaughlin - 39

Jon Gerber - 32

This is a new section I would like to try, so when you renew your membership, please give Jon Gerber your birthday so we can post it in the Antenna.

Good and Welfare

Scott and Tess Schultz are proud to announce the birth of their first daughter, Victoria Elena on June 21st.

Dmitry and Elena Kuperschmidt are proud to announce the birth of their first son Alan on July 14th.

We wish all the luck to Bill Havel on the expected birth of his new Son (Yes, he knows it's a boy). Congrats to all.

Members, please contribute an article, field, club or personal information to the newsletter editor for publishing.

A Message From The Chief:

By: Bill Watson

I want to thank all the Field Controllers for their support and help in maintaining a safe and incident free atmosphere at our Field! Last Months F/C's Meeting was quite productive, and although all the Field Controllers were not present, the meeting was held as per schedule with a majority of F/C's in attendance, including five Ex. Board Members. For those F/C's who were not present, your name has been removed from the Field Controllers Roster. Adequate notice for this meeting given at the field and the General Membership meeting six weeks prior to same. Formal notice of the F/C Meeting, either by Post Cards or E-mail, was not an option, due to the fact that a Membership Roster was not available.