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PARCS *Antenna*

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Pennsylvania Avenue Radio Control Society

Letter from the President:

Members,

We are in November already and soon to be sitting with our families over Thanksgiving Dinner. It seems like the months are flying by! Speaking of flying, our season is still going strong with very reasonable weather to fly in.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of those who helped with the October 4th *Field Clean-up Day*. For those who couldn't make it, I hope you can come down for spring clean-up if possible. We cleaned the field of most of the weeds on the runway, built two additional startup benches and put a vent on the container to help get rid of those gas fumes in the container. We were done by 1:00 pm and opened the field to enjoy yet another good flying day.

Christmas is around the corner and our Holiday Party will soon be upon us so if you haven't done so already try to participate in the festivities if possible.

Just a safety note that I think we should address. On Saturday afternoon, October 18 a guest flyer lost control over his plane when the sun blinded his view. At that time of the day the sun was at the South/West position. This indicates that the plane had crossed the safety line. On full throttle the plane crashed on the parking lot between the impound and the container. As a matter of fact myself and two other members were talking in the parking lot when I was hit by the wing and almost taken out by the Avistar Trainer. Really a near-miss. This may be a reminder to follow the procedures for guest flyers including explaining that according to the AMA Safety Code all flying takes place in front of the safety line (white/red line) and a plane should never cross or fly over the pit and spectators' area. Also, in all cases, when you lose control over your airplane the best thing to do is LOWER THAT THROTTLE to give yourself time to hopefully regain control of your airplane. But if you don't regain control at least it won't hit where ever at full power.

This past weekend I went to *Monster Planes* out in Florida and witnessed another crash where a pilot was taken off his feet and thrown to the ground by a Large Scale Turbine Jet. The point is whether you fly a trainer, large-scale prop or turbine, the safety of our fellow members, spectators, and yourself should be taken very seriously. Otherwise, our hobby can be very dangerous. Instead we like to enjoy our hobby and have a lot of fun.

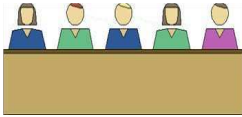
Let's not forget why we are members of PARCS. We all have one thing in common and that's FLYING!

By now you should have received in the mail the ballots listing those who are running for office. They are also listed in this issue of *Antenna*. Good luck to everybody who is running and to those who already have their position on the Board for 2009.

Watch your fingers and hands with those props and let's enjoy the weather, because those cold days of winter will be upon us shortly. Lastly for those members who are grounded for whatever reason take care of yourself we wish you all a speedy recovery.

Mike Casey

November 2008 Reminders:



Club Meeting

The club meeting will be held at the Ryan Center on November 11 @ 7:30 pm.

Please remember to send in your ballots or bring them to the general meeting. If you have not received your ballot or have questions relating to the ballot, contact Kevin Harvey at (718) 938-8541.

Election of officers for 2009 and By-Law submissions

Candidates for President:

Mike Casey
Mike Palumbo

Vice President:

Vinnie Carotozzolo
Rodney Court

Candidates for Field Safety Officer:

Carmen Ciccone
Joseph Scimeca

Assistant Field Safety Officer:

Villy Ferreira
Ralph D'Ambra

Candidates for Sergeant At Arms:

Carl Cultraro
Raymond Gallo
Mark Livingston
Allan Patterson

Proposed Bylaw Amendment Section 4.2:

Section 4.2 be removed from the Bylaws and replaced with the following:

The annual donation shall be set by vote of the membership when the proposed budget is presented at the General Membership Meeting held in January of each year.

Door Prizes: To announced.

PARCS

Holiday Party

Friday December 5, 2008 starting at 8:00 PM

Reservation Required

**Rex Manor
(Starlight Room)
1100 60th Street Brooklyn, NY**

**Valet Parking
Champagne
Toast
Open Bar
Smorgasbord
Coffee & Cake**

Our Picture Gallery

Ray Gallo, one of our long-time members. This photo was taken in September 2007 when Ray was assisting a young pilot.
Do you recognize him on the next page also?



Hats & T-Shirts

Please contact Carmen Ciccone if you haven't picked up your t-shirts and hats
carmen@flyparcs.com

WHO IS WHO?



This picture was taken in 1960 by Harry Botkowsky. If you recognize yourself or someone else write the name on the line corresponding with the number on the photograph. You can send it to me by mail or you can send the name corresponding to the number on the photograph to me by e-mail. The results will be published in one of the upcoming issues of *Antenna*.

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