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Letter from the President

Members:

As I am writing this letter it is the last full day of daylight savings time and on November 1st you may have gained another hour of sleep but will loose that precious hour of daylight to fly in the afternoon for the next couple of months. But this will be a good time to work on those new planes for the next flying season and we also have to figure out how big a Turkey we will need for Thanksgiving Day.

Hopefully after Election Day we will not have as many FAA NOTAMS. The red circle or no Fly zone seems to be getting bigger with each new NOTAM. Thanks to everybody for complying as it is a small price to have to deal with for what a flying field we have at FBF!

The Holiday Party will be held at Prima Pasta in Howard Beach, NY on Saturday December 12th @ 6pm. Thank you Benny for taking care of the arrangements. The cost will be \$20 for members and their guests. See Benny, Envall or Vinny for payment.

Please try and come to your November meeting as voting will be taking place on the submitted By Law changes. The proposed changes are posted on page 2 of this newsletter. Also on this page you can find your new 2010 Executive Board members.

Thank you again for having me as your President, and I will do my best to make PARCS even better for all of us.

On a sad note, Eddie Reints, another long time member passed away. You will be missed by all. Our condolences go out to his family.

Hope to see you at the November meeting and at the field and as always watch those props and hands.

Mike Casey

BE AWARE OF FAA FLIGHT ADVISORIES

Several times during the last few months the AMA has informed our club that due to V.I.P. movements the FAA will **NOT** allow **any model aviation** during the listed date and or time. Therefore, we recommend before going to the field to consult the club's website (www.flyparcs.com) or check your e-mail for a message send by the Corresponding Secretary Sam Masyr concerning the time and date of an upcoming field closure.

Club Meeting

The next general meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 10 at 7:00PM in the Bowling Center at Ft. Hamilton Army Station in Bay Ridge Brooklyn.

At this meeting the following motions will be voted on:

1. Section 4.2 Donations
4.2.3 Remove the provisions for early payment discounts. This will not apply to seniors and juniors, their schedules will remain unchanged.
2. Section 4.5 New Member Fees
4.5.1 Remove provision for a \$20 discount for new members joining prior to October 31.
3. All new members must attend a meeting to join our club.
4. New members are admitted to the club based on a one year probation period during which you are required to offer your services for at least two club functions (picnic, end of year party, field clean up, etc).

Additional information of meeting place: The main entrance of the Army Station is at the corner of Ft. Hamilton Parkway and 101st Street. After going through the main entrance, make a left at the 2nd stop sign onto Wainwright Drive. Then make the 1st left into the parking lot (Address of Bowling Center: 124 Wainwright Drive). You will NOT be allowed onto the base unless you are a CURRENT PARCS member. Base security has a copy of the current roster. Please have your driver's license available for security. They might also ask for your membership card and/or your car registration and insurance.

Executive Board Members for 2010

As per the October 2009 meeting the following nominations were unopposed and elected:

President:	Mike Casey	Assistant Field Safety officer:	Joe Scimeca
Vice President:	Vinny Caratozzolo	Appointed Assist Safety Officer:	Freddie Lazo
Treasurer:	Enval Morgan	Sgt. at Arms:	Villi Ferreira & Joe Modica
Corresponding Secretary:	Sam Masyr	Field Maintenance Chief:	Robert Alexander
Recording Secretary:	Kevin Harvey	Web Master:	Scott Schultz
Field Safety Officer:	Carmen Ciccone	News Letter Editor:	Antonius Franken

Thank You Note

On behalf of my family and me, I would like to thank the members of PARCS for the dedication in honor of Ken Moltzon. I spent many days at the field with Ken and this was one day that I will remember always. Thanks again.

Angela Moltzon

Holiday Party

PARCS ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY will be on Saturday, December 12 at 6 P.M.

Location: Prima Pasta - 161-50B Cross Bay Blvd, Howard Beach, NY.

\$ 20 per person includes Food and Drink (Beer, Wine and Soda)

Must be paid by December 1st. See Vinnie, Envall or Benny for more information.

WHITMAN FLYERS R/C SWAP MEET

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 15, 2009 from 9:00am-2:00pm

Camelot Hall 585 Broadhollow Road (Route 110) Melville, NY 11747

For more information and updates go to www.whitmanflyers.com

Safety Corner

Hi Guys,

This is my first shot at writing a piece for the Antenna, so here it goes! The first thing I want to make perfectly clear is that this column is in no way meant to offend, point out, pick out, condemn, or otherwise be partial to any one type of flyer or aircraft.

We all love our field, right? That said, it would seem that it would be in the best interest of all members to abide by the AMA and PARCS rules. Sadly at times, this does not appear to be the case. Also, whether we are just regular members, club officers, safety officers, instructors etc. we ALL need to follow rules as they were written. How can we expect the newer members to follow club rules if we, the “club vets” do not? Case in point; two of our members were flying on the same frequency. Flyer #1 was flying without his AMA card or Club ID visible (in direct opposition of the Chief safety officer’s request that all members MUST wear an AMA card showing while on the field without exception). As a matter of fact, the member didn’t even write his name on a piece of paper to put in his respective slot in the frequency board! The member also did not place his radio in the impound, or at the very least in a closed carrying case near him. Another newer member (who we will call Flyer #2) was on the same frequency and needed the pin, which Flyer #1 had. Flyer #2 was given the pin and proceeded to toss his foamy into the air. The plane did not make it once around the pattern before it went down in the triangle. Flyer #2 then came over to me and went on to accuse Flyer #1 of shooting him down. I explained that I did not think it was the case, as his plane looked very unstable from the time he launched it. The member then left angrily saying “I guess I’m not part of the in crowd, so no matter what I say it wouldn’t matter”. As a safety officer I couldn’t defend Flyer #1 because he was in violation of at least 4 of our own safety rules which Flyer #2 made sure he pointed out. As a result Flyer #1 left me with no way of being able to prove that he did not in fact turn his transmitter on.

The moral of the story is this, if Flyer #1 (the more seasoned club member) had followed the club rules the whole thing could have been avoided. I can’t help but wonder what would have happened if the roles were reversed and Flyer #1 would have lost his plane worth thousands of dollars because another member flying on the same frequency had left his radio on?

We are in a hobby that has many rewards. It provides us with camaraderie, feelings of accomplishments, a way to escape from the stresses of every day’s living and an excuse to fill our homes with tons of things that we just “must have” but that we’ll probably never use! However, we must never forget that our aircraft are potentially dangerous capable of causing great property damage, personal injury and yes, even fatalities. And, can you imagine, any of these things can happen because a lousy clothes pin with a little number on it was at the wrong place at the wrong time?

Guys, the only point I’m trying to make is this, if we ALL follow the rules of the club, we will have a safer field, and far less resentments and accusations amongst the membership over why some members get away with things and others do not? This is not something any one person can accomplish. It’s going to take an effort on the part of ALL members, from the President right down to the kid taking his plane up for the first time. I love the club, the hobby and doing my part in helping Carmen and Villy keep the field safe and running smoothly. I also want to thank Carmen (my boss) for giving me the opportunity to serve all of you.

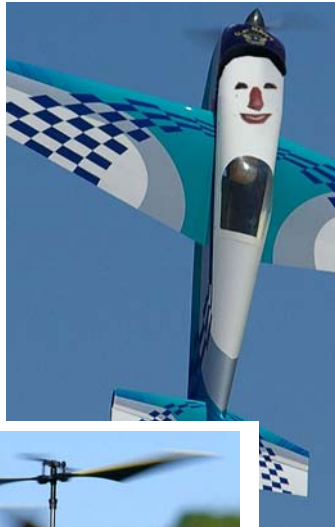
Until next time, be happy and fly safely!

Assistant Field Safety Officer

Joe Scimeca



Some time ago I read in Air & Space magazine someone's opinion about helicopters versus airplanes. Although I have a small electric RC helicopter myself (that I love to fly), I wonder if it applies to RC helicopter pilots.



Brooders vs. Extroverts

The thing is, helicopters are different from airplanes. An airplane by its nature wants to fly and, if not interfered with too strongly by unusual events or by a deliberately incompetent pilot, it will fly. A helicopter does not want to fly. It is maintained in the air by a variety of forces and controls working in opposition to each other, and if there is any disturbance in the delicate balance, the helicopter stops flying, immediately and disastrously. There is no such thing as a gliding helicopter.

This is why a helicopter pilot is so different a being from an airplane pilot, and why in general, airplane pilots are open, clear-eyed, buoyant extroverts, and helicopter pilots are brooders, introspective anticipators of trouble. They know if anything bad has not happened, it is about to.

(Air & Space Magazine)

(News Letter Editor will take full responsibility of the consequences of putting this nonsense in the *Antenna*)



Our Picture Gallery



Tito, Eddie and Harry

Mike Casey and his son Joseph



Many members always ready to give a helping hand

Villi Ferreira assisting Robert

