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Letter from the President

Members:

The weather has finally broken. About time to get the dust of our models and take a few laps. I don't know about you, but every time I went to the field on a nice day the winds were howling like crazy. As I write this, the Memorial Day weekend is coming to a fast close but I hope you all were able to make it out to the field as the weather is perfect for flying.

"Thank You" to everybody who made it out to the field clean-up giving the field its yearly sprucing up. Remember if you find yourself at the field and you have a little down time please don't hesitate if you are able to grab the lawn mower or a weed whacker. It would be greatly appreciated.

On May 2nd I had a meeting with Gateway and I will share this information at the next general meeting. Members, please try to attend the next general meeting as we also need volunteers to run our annual club BBQ and Field Dedication. These meetings are essential for the well-functioning of our club. I know that for some it may be hard to make it to the General Meeting, but coming to the meeting may be a relatively small inconvenience to pay for what we have.

Two weeks ago Carmen along with Joe and Freddy had a Field Controllers meeting and it seems that everybody is on the same page as far as safety and keeping a safe flying environment. Members, lets keep our field as safe as possible and fly by our safety rules. If not sure what to do please ask our safety officers or field controllers and they will guide you in the proper direction.

I was informed via e-mail that Paul Campisi, a long time PARCS member, passed away this winter. Our condolences go out to his family. Harry Botkowsky's wife informed me that Harry is in Coney Island Hospital and we wish him a speedy recovery and for all of us who are grounded we hope you will get better soon.

The annual Big Apple Jet Rally is being held this month. Try to make it out if you can. The dates for this year's event are printed in the Antenna and posted on our web site www.flyparcs.com under "Events".

You may have heard that the Red Bull Air races will be at Liberty State Park, NJ on June 19-20. Unfortunately, we were not able to reach the minimum amount of people to secure a bus to the event. Also the Thunderbirds are coming to Coney Island on August 28 and 29th finally bringing back Air Shows to CI.

Enjoy flying and watch those hands and props as always.

Mike Casey

Club Meeting

The next general meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 8 at 7:00PM in the Bowling Center at Ft. Hamilton Army Station in Bay Ridge Brooklyn.

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.

Events Calendar



Big Apple Jet Rally
June 26-27

Giant Scale Rally
July 17-18, 2010
2.4GHz ONLY

War Bird Rally
August 7, 2010

AMA District II Fly-In
September 25, 2010

For additional information on upcoming events and final dates please check our website www.flyparcs.com or call the field phone (718-951-8327).

Beer and Watching Planes

Last year my wife and I visited the Joe Nall event in South Carolina and our campsite was right at the lake. I was impressed by a guy flying a small, extremely slow electric plane with foam floats. Every night, when the wind was calm and after the sunset, he flew that plane with lights on it. While drinking a beer (after a hot South Carolina day) we enjoyed watching it. After another beer I decided to make one myself and have it ready for next year's Joe Nall.



The bad weather this last winter gave some time to put it together. I ordered a GWS Slow-Stick and floats. To make it work with floats I had to modify it quit a bit. I used a brushless engine with a slow-flyer prop and put lights on it. All powered by a 1500 mAh Li-po battery. So, ready for Joe Nall?



Slow Stick by night

Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances we were not able to make it to this year's Joe Nall. Instead, we spent a few days up-state New York. We stayed in a cottage at a beautiful small lake. After a few test flights with regular landing gear I put the floats on. Incredible! That plane flew as nice and slow as the one we saw at Joe Nall. After sunset I flew it around the small lake.



At Joe Nall, with all these RC freaks, nobody is surprised by seeing any flying object at any time of the day. But I got the impression that for some vacationers at the lake we were at, seeing a slow flying object with lights on it, was like seeing a ghost or.... maybe having too much beer! →

(Contributed by Ton Franken)

Our Picture Gallery

May 2, 2010 Field Clean-Up Day. Many members showed up to help out. All support was very much appreciated. After a morning of hard work and having slice of pizza we did what all like to do most and that's flying our planes, but on a clean good looking field.



Giant Scale



July 17-18, 2010
Floyd Bennett Field
Brooklyn, NY

Fly-In

P.A.R.C.S. Pennsylvania Avenue Radio Control Society

Open flying on our 1300'x300' concrete runway

Registration at the field. 2.4GHz frequency only

AMA sanctioned event

\$5.00 landing fee includes flying on both days and BBQ

Contest Director: Scott Schultz (718) 327-7152 E-mail: scott@flyparcs.com

For additional information visit PARCS Website: www.flyparcs.com

What is considered Giant Scale? (IMAA rules)

- Monoplanes: Minimum of 80 inches wingspan
- Multi-Wing Aircraft: Minimum of 60 inches wingspan
- Ducted Fan and Turbine Aircraft: Minimum of 140 inches as the combined length and width, measured from wing tip to wing tip at the widest point perpendicular to the fuselage and added to the fuselage, excluding any protrusions
- Quarter Scale (1/4) replicas or larger which do not fit the afore mentioned size requirements

Directions to Field

From the Belt Parkway take Exit 11S onto Flatbush Avenue South. The entrance of Floyd Bennett Field is on your left, just before the Marine Parkway Bridge. After entering the park, take the first left turn. Follow the signs directing you to the RC Field