

The Flying Times

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October Meeting Discussion

1. Plans were made for the Christmas party. See information later.
2. Randy showed off his carbon fiber "what is It?"
3. Upcoming election of officers was discussed.
4. Rob Lavine (Hi-Tec Hobbies) showed the new Multiplex Easy Glider Electric.

Technical Notes

More On

Electric vs Glow Electric vs Glow Power
(The on-going indoctrination)

Here's a few things that people typically say about electric planes:

"You have to charge it every time."

Well, yeah, you have to fill a fuel tank with fuel every time too, right?

"They take too long to charge."

Not really. It's probably about as long as it takes to fuel a glow plane and check to make sure everything is still tight, since the glow plane is shaking itself apart from vibration, helped along by a generous oil slime. Besides, if you have several battery packs you can charge one while you're flying the other.

"They don't fly long enough on a charge."

How does near an hour flight time sound? This is what you can get with the newer lithium-polymer batteries. How long does the typical glow plane fly? Maybe 10 minutes? Don't you want to land after all that time?

"I don't know enough about them."

That part is up to you. If you want to know about them there are many resources available, especially with the popularity explosion of electrics. But if you think ignorance is bliss, then just keep flying glow planes.

"They're not as powerful as glow planes."

What BS! Electric planes with brushless motors can hover and perform "3D" aerobatics just like glow planes.

"They're too expensive."

Do you want to spend \$10 on a good performing electric motor (ferrite Speed 400) or near \$100 for a glow engine? But, like everything, you get what you pay for. You could spend thousands on glow or electric - it's your choice. You can buy a GWS Slow Stick kit for about \$35 which includes the motor and prop, throw in a little battery pack and ESC, and have a great flying fun plane that can out-perform some glow planes. What do you think about that?

Food for Thought=====

Elsewhere in this edition, you will find a flyer on the Swap Meet the club will be hosting in February. Tell your friends and fellow modelers about it and plan on attending. This is the first swap meet the club has held in many years. If it goes well, it may become an annual thing if there is enough interest. Start collecting that stuff you'd like to turn into cash and plan on getting a table. Come to the meeting and find out more about this fun event and how you can help out.

Buy, Sell or Trade: =====

For Sale: O.S. BGX 3500/2.5c.i. glow engine, 3.7hp with in cowl/inverted muffler and cup mount. \$200.00 or best offer.

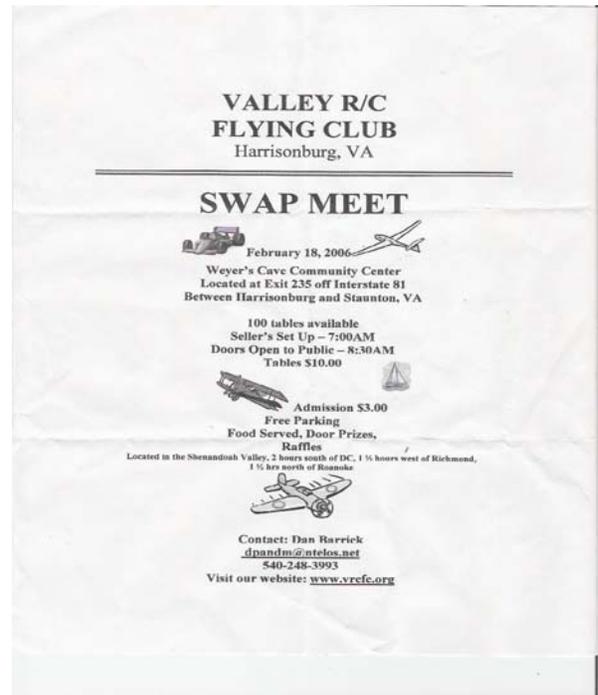
GCBM 25 gas engine, brand new, never started, cost \$212.00, first \$100.00 steals it. (see any AMA mag. for details on these converted homelites.
Contact Dan Barrick for any of the above items 540-248-3993

Christmas Party =====

Ok folks, the year end party for Valley RC Flying Club will be held Saturday, December 17, 6:30pm, at the home of Ron Capstack. If you have not made your reservations to attend, please do so now by contacting either J.R. Varela, or Ron Capstack at their email addresses, or (for those of you who do not have email,) call J.R. at 828-0104, or Ron Capstack at 828--7060. If you chose to do so, bring a gift to exchange, with a value between \$10 and \$20 dollars. This is optional. Come on out and help celebrate another year of good flying and fellowship among your fellow members. If you need directions, call or email JR Varela, Ron Capstack or Randy Ryman.

Meeting Notice =====

The December meeting of the Valley RC Flying Club will be held at the Bridgewater Church of the Brethren, Tuesday, December 6, 2005 at 7:30pm.



The RC Swap Meet will be Saturday, Feb 18th at the Weyers Cave Community Center. Doors open at 7am for vendors/set up, 8:30am for general admission/public.

Local clubs have been invited to set up a display and have representatives present. They may also have a one item raffle to help their club. We will coordinate this so each club will be raffeling off some-thing different. We will have our tables near the entrance and can raffle off as much as we desire, plus hope to have door prizes to give away all day. So far, 5 tables have been spoken for with just word of mouth advertising and info on our clubs website. Ads will appear in Model Airplane News, (AMA) beginning in the Dec issue, and will also be in the Jan. and Feb. issues. If anyone needs flyers, see Dan Barrick or Rob at Hitech Hobbies, Linville Hobbies, or go to our website. Flyers can also be emailed if needed.

