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POLAR BEAR FLY IN

The Polar Bear lived up to its name this year. After weather forced a change of date, and then field conditions prompted a cancellation, a decision was made to hold the event March 13th at Lions Field in Mansfield. It was cold and windy with frozen snow surrounding the field. Only a few rugged soles actually flew; most hung around the hot coffee and donuts sharing tales of winter woes. Spring is coming followed by summer. The sun has to be out there somewhere hiding behind the clouds. The fields will dry and we will be out flying and complaining about how hot it is. I just can't wait.





Photos from our March 3rd club meeting. Clockwise from top left our Board with newly elected President Greg Watson. Al Gobin sharing his 20" Horizon twin engine, Greg Watson sharing his Mosquito CopterX 450Pro heli, and Curt Gould sharing his Tough Jet T-14 (<http://www.toughjets.com>)

SAVE THESE DATES:

Next NEDS meeting April 7th Buchanan Center in Mansfield, 7:00 pm.

Float Flies are planned for June 5th and September 18th at Mansfield.

Fun Fly Cookouts, combined with monthly NEDS meetings, are scheduled for July 10 and August 14 (Sundays) in Coventry.

HORSE BARN HILL

A group of the guys went and flew at Horse Barn Hill in Storrs, Thursday the 17th. From what I hear it was great; sunny, 60 degrees, a bit of wind but the beginning of what we hope to be a great season of flying.

DEP APPROVES APPLICATION

The DEP has issued our club a special use permit again allowing us use of Truman Meadows in Coventry.

Section 21 of the permit stipulates the allowed flying times: From January 1 through April 14, 2011, and from October 15 thru December 31, 2011, NEDS members may fly from 10 am to sunset daily. From April 15 through August 14, 2011, NEDS members may fly a maximum of 3 days per week between the hours of 10 am and sunset. The 3 days may consist of two days during the week (Monday thru Friday; day to be chosen each week by the Club based on weather conditions), and even numbered weekend days. From August 15 thru October 14, 2011, weather conditions permitting, NEDS members may fly between the hours of 10 am and sunset any weekday and even numbered weekend days.

Did you forget to send in your NEDS membership renewal? Do it now; dues are \$48 for adults. Please send payment in care of Gary Warzocha, PO Box 83, Storrs, CT 06268

Minutes of the NEDS Meeting of March 3, 2011

The meeting was held at the Buchanan Center in Mansfield at 7:00 pm with 24 members attending.

Treasurer's Report for February:

Income \$208.00 (Dues \$144.00, Raffle \$16.00, Donation \$48.00)

Expenses \$2.65 (Copies \$1.43, Postage \$1.22, Net Income \$205.35)

Total (cash and checking) \$2014.11

Treasurer Gary W. reported that the DEP has lost our permit application for Truman Meadows and that we must resubmit it! (Update: it has now been found by the DEP.)

VP Will Hughes requests that members become aware of possible restrictions to RC flight by new FAA rules that are now being drawn up. AMA urges that we watch their web site to keep informed and contact our Congressional representatives if new regulations are too strong.

The Polar Bear Fly-in, scheduled for Sunday March 6, is cancelled because of forecasted wet weather and flooded field at Mansfield Dam area. New date is set for next Sunday March 13 at Lions Field off Rt 89 in Mansfield.

Indoor flying is reported good at Tolland Dome (Star Hill Sports), but increasing use there is causing more crowding and congestion. Better flight rules are needed to avoid trouble.

Bill Glode reported on the WRAM show he attended in White Plains, NY, where he saw several balsa models made by Stephen's Aeroworks.

Demonstrations:

Will Hughes showed a small Futaba 2.4 GHz 8 channel FASST receiver from Hobby King at \$29.

Curt Gould had an electric ToughJet T14 delta wing jet made of EPP and Corroplast.

Al Gobin showed a 20" Horizon twin engine Mosquito with ailerons using a very small 6V battery.

Greg Watson had a CopterX 450Pro heli similar to the Align 450Pro.

Upcoming Events:

Float Flies: Gary said that he has applied for our Float Fly dates: June 5 and September 18 at Mansfield. He also said that float flying at West Thompson Lake with his Yankee Flyers Club is scheduled for May 22, August 28, and October 9.

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The night's raffle prizes were an ESky flight simulator donated by Joe Lindblau and a package of foam CA and activator.

Recorder: Jim Knox

NEDS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

1. Complete form, include a photocopy of your AMA membership ID card and return to Treasurer.
2. Dues are \$18 per year if you are under 18, otherwise the cost will be \$48.

NAME: _____

STREET: _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____

E-MAIL: _____

FREQUENCIES USED FOR FLYING: _____

Applicant Certification: I agree to abide by the club rules, by-laws and AMA Safety Code.

SIGNATURE: _____

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