



SUNNY SUNDAY OBSERVER



An American Bald Eagle observes the activity below — Photo by: Leah Guizar

The Bald Eagle shown above was seen watching over us all on a sunny Sunday afternoon at the field. I heard someone yelling something and caught a glimpse of a large flying object well above my plane. The 85” reactor seemed small compared to the Bald Eagle that was considerably higher.

I powered back and was setting up for a landing until I realized that what I saw was an Eagle and NOT a plane.... This was a beautiful sight.

The United States adopted the Bald Eagle as the National Emblem in 1782. Unfortunately, with hunting being the primary cause of death, the population declined rapidly until the Bald Eagle Act of 1940. Following that was the declaration as an endangered species around 1967. 40 years later this beautiful raptor was removed from the endangered list and once again soars the skies in central PA and across the country.

The picture of the reactor was taken just before that of the Eagle as we shared the skies. The plane was at least 500’ below and did not appear that much larger.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

NEXT MEETING — 11/1/2011

OLV INDOOR — 11/13/2011

OLV INDOOR — 12/04/2011

OLV INDOOR — 01/08/2012

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Weekend Flying (10-9-2011)



An afternoon of fun, family, picnics, and lots of flying - Photo by: Henry Margusity

Henry was the first on site that day while the valley was still “socked” in with a dense fog. He reported that the field was clear and calm the entire time. I arrived next followed by Ron and soon thereafter, the rest of the gang seen above.

It was an awesome day for flying and some awesome flying indeed took place. I was starting all over with the Reactor setup because a couple days prior, on the cold Friday we had, I had a near miss with the engine. Apparently, the combination of short bolts, turning the bolts after loctite, and the cold weather “shrinking” the aluminum spacers on the back of my engine, all led to a funny acting plane in the air. While flying alone the throttle jump up about 500 or 1000 rpm and I could do nothing to reduce power for a landing. Then, the engine started to sputter a bit at that higher rpm. Quickly deciding that something major was wrong and I needed to land NOW, I activated the optical kill switch on the engine to shut it down in the air and gently glide to a landing. When I picked the plane up I heard pieces moving around and a closer investigation with the canopy off revealed that 3 of the 4 engine bolts had disappeared and the last one was 2 or 3 threads from falling out. Yes, I almost lost the engine, LITERALLY! As Ron pointed out, Daryl was with us at the time to take over for a “engine-left-me” landing.

Folks, if you ever wondered why we have optical kill switches on these gassers, here is the case and point. Without it the plane was without doubt destined for a DOA, self destructing, lawn dart / bomb. That could have been rather interesting on video but certainly not preferred.

New bolts (longer), new Loctite, bigger washers, new larger diameter spacers, and a ground check brought the bird back to life to fly another day.

Thank You Smart-Fly.



85” Reactor back to the flight line- Photo by: Leah Guizar

Weekend Flying (10-9-2011)



AJ JAFFE preps his heli for an awesome flying routine of precision, aerobatics, and Huckin' Fun. If you've seen AJ fly you know what I mean and if you haven't seen him fly, well, you won't believe it when you see it. Whether it crazy g's, wild auto-rotations, or clipping the wings of a gnat perched atop a blade of grass on the runway, you will NOT be disappointed in what you see. Come to the field to check it all out. - *Photos by Henry Margusity*



You never know what will follow the Jaffe conference. Having a chopper for every occasion you never know if it will be the invasion of the CH-47 Chinook, the Blue Bell, the acrobat shown above, or the awesome red "FlightCare" medevac to the rescue. In any case, The flight you see will require a double-take because the flying and modeling are so "true-to-scale."

Very nice work



Weekend Flying (10-9-2011)



The Indoor Season Begins (10-16-2011)



AJ JAFFE captivates the others at our first indoor fly for the fall 2011 season. If you thought that tic-tocs and hurricanes were for outdoors or large indoor domes, well, you obviously haven't seen AJ flying at OLV.

As seen in this photo, when AJ is banging the sticks people can't help but watch the show. It really is amazing what some of the small heli's can do when in the right hands...I too couldn't decide weather to watch the heli or take pictures.

NICE FLYING AJ !!!



Shown to the right, Karl settles into a hover with some support from Ron and Todd..... The plane follows suit and drops the tail as well.

Karl has fun with his new mini heli as he learns the feel of the new ship—the N125. If it flies half as good as it looks it must be a real joy.

COOL SHIP KARL !



Indoor Flying continued



RON LUETH — *The INDOOR MASTER* shows the crowd how to navigate his 34” Synapse through the limits of the flight area.

Ron “Mr. Electric” Lueth masterfully handles his scratch-built Synapse at the indoor flying arena. He did so with ease performing knife-edge, harriers, Hovers, and an awesome torque-roll.

Ron is a master builder of the hand cut foamies. He has built several different models that members of the club are now flying. Perhaps we can convince Ron to do a “How-To” series and walk us through a complete build of one of his foamies so that others that might be interested can give it a go.

Although hard to see in the photo to the right... Ron is holding a rock steady hover while Daryl tries to fly a hurricane around him with his almighty VAPOR ! If you have never seen a Vapor do loops, spins, and harriers then you’ve never seen Daryl fly his. He even pulled up into a brief hover a few times before the micro-light would break away to one side or another.

I arrived late and did no flying and only limited pictures before I had to charge my camera battery so I missed picture of some of the other fliers like Woody, Hugh, George, Daryl and at least one or two others. It sure was fun to watch though....



Indoor Flying *continued*



Al Niessner concentrates on keeping track of his ship as he enjoys the first fall indoor flying session for this season. The only problem I had at times was trying to decide who was flying what.

At one point I believe I counted 4 or 5 Ember's in the air at the same time. Wow! I would need an orange stripe on mine I believe. With everyone twisting and turning in the same space with the same plane I just know I would be trying to fly the wrong one and wonder who just crashed the Ember next to me....



Team Jaffe! AJ hovers inverted skipping the rotors off the floor as Sandy settles in from above. It was really hard to tell if Sandy was trying to watch, coming to help, or just trying to push AJ into the floor with a little rotor wash. Question for the Heli-Buffs... If you are inverted and another heli hovers over you would the rotor wash from the top heli cause "settling under power" or could you simply add more down collective to compensate?

Nice Work TEAM JAFFE!

Indoor Flying continued



Al and Sam work together to get Sam's little Piper Cub in the air.

Sam Stitzer works on his little Cub as Al approaches to offer help. This is the essence of the club, supporting and promoting the sport through fellowship and helping others.

There was no shortage of fellowship Sunday as several groups were gathered at different times to collectively make repairs or even just to share other stories about flight gear, radio equipment, new planes, aircraft setup, and more.



From the Editor



It's a Bird, it's a Plane, IT'S AN EAGLE!

What a beautiful site at the field during our weekend flying. Watching the adult eagle soar with it's huge flat wing and bright white highlights was truly a site to behold.

A great time was had by all during that October day as we all wondered if it would be the last really great weekend before mother nature brought us the wind and weather that typically marks the fall season in the happy valley. Particularly nice for me was the family and social side of the day.

In keeping with the spirit of the AMA and our club charter to promote aero-modeling, I enjoy having Caden come to the field and encourage him to talk with others, ask questions, and to figure out how things work and why. As many may know, he loves to ask questions and tell stories. It brought back the memories of the SCRC Fun Fly earlier in the season.

Now, as Fall is upon us and winter is approaching we must look for other flying opportunities. At our November meeting the club approved OLV as our second field; to be used for indoor flying, and the costs will be absorbed by the club with no additional fees at the door.

FOLKS-THIS IS THE TIME TO COME FLY!

"Free" indoor winter flying is the perfect opportunity to grab a friend and get them interested in the sport/hobby. I hope to see you all at OLV for some winter flying.

See you at the (new) Field...

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Meeting Minute Highlights

(condensed version of Daryl Allen's November report)

Treasurer:

George Gurney reported on the treasury status. The full treasurer report and subsequent voting was postponed until the next regular meeting

Old Business:

OLV has been adopted as our indoor flying field for the 2011~2012 winter season. It was voted that the expenses associated with the new field be covered from the treasury as a winter field expense. The issue of the non-profit status of the club will continue to be reviewed with the proper responses to be discussed at a later meeting. SCRC membership cards will be issued for the 2012 season so members do not need to use their AMA card on the frequency board.

New Business:

Budget discussions were tabled until the next meeting when the treasurer could be present.

The club voted to obtain a P.O. Box for the official club mailing address.

The winter banquet preparations have begun for a late January event..... Details will follow when available.

New House rules were agreed upon at an officers meeting. Meeting agenda's will be followed, agenda items should be submitted to the president 1 week prior to the regular meetings, Items presented during open floor would be added to agenda for the following month for further discussion and voting as needed, to present a new item during open floor and carry it through voting at the same meeting would require a motion and vote to waive the house rules for that vote.

There was no show and tell.

A motion to adjourn was passed at 8:10

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agreed upon at an
officers meeting.
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be followed.

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NOVEMBER 2011 - CLUB CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 SCRC Mtg	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 OLV Indoor 1PM to 3PM	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

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