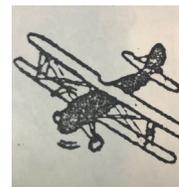




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Prez Sez — Jim Hodges

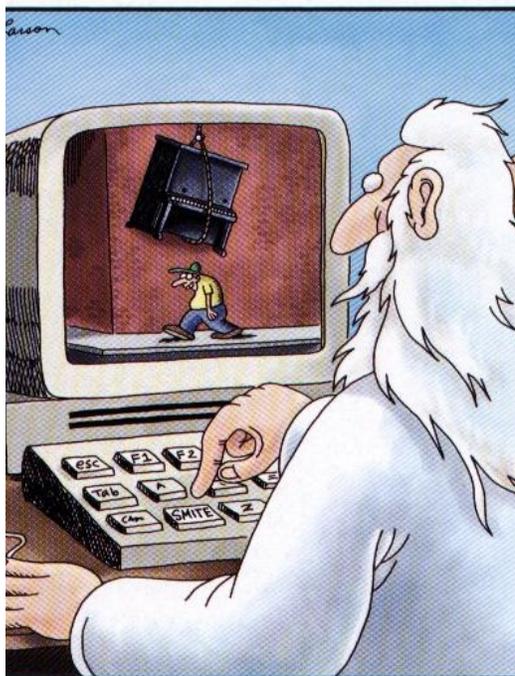
To all,

Most of you have probably seen the pictures of the tractor from Spiegel Field. If not, they are in this NL. Everyone wants to know what happened, the answer is simple, 2020. Everyone's best guess is an electrical short or a fuel leak and best blamed on mice. Works for me. Fortunately we picked up the third tractor that is at Baugher Field just for the occasion if we lost either of the other two tractors. As of this Thursday, Thanksgiving, Spiegel is closed until next year so there is no rush to get a tractor moved to Spiegel.

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W.A.M. member Steve Hare looks on behind his 1/4 scale Curtiss JN-4 Jenny with an RCGF 55cc engine on Saturday, November 7th at Baugher Field in Westminster, MD. Interesting fact — This beautiful plane was acquired by Steve during the Tri-County Sky Barons Fun-Fly this fall in Mifflintown, PA .



God at His computer

cartoonist Gary Larson

On a Wing and a Prayer — Andy Myers

How many of you remember your first solo flight of an RC airplane? I remember mine well. I was in college when I purchased my first plane, a Carl Goldberg Tiger 2 (20 size) ARF with a 400 speed brushed electric motor and a 7 cell NiCd battery. I also purchased a Futaba 4 channel radio, Rx, and Futaba servos (\$300 at the time). This was NOT the ideal trainer airplane. I was also naïve to think I could get this thing successfully off the ground and safely back again by myself. It took me around 10 hours to build and about 30 seconds to crash and break the nose clean off. Hopefully, your experience was slightly better than mine. It actually turned me off from the hobby for a decade. When I came back, foam planes were all the rage and I again decided I was going to 'teach' myself how to fly. This time I purchased a Hobbyzone Super Cub. *Continued on Page 3.*



Prez Sez - Jim Hodges

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The weather has been reasonable for weekend flying so if the trend continues, try to find a few hours to come to Baugher Field on Saturdays and Sundays. This coming Thanksgiving weekend will be a three day flying weekend, so give it a shot.

This will be my last Presidents Message as Andy Myers is assuming the position of club President. I know Andy will do a great job and everyone will support his efforts. I also want to thank all the support I have had from the people that have worked as officers over the nine years I was the club President.

I am, as I hope all of you are, looking forward to a better 2021.

See you at the January meeting.

Thanks to all for your support over the years,
Jim

Business Meeting— 11/3/2020

12 members were in attendance

Old Business

- The Flea Market Ad has been submitted in the AMA publication.

New Business

- Andy Myers was elected President, Jim Hodges was elected Vice President. All other existing executive positions have not changed for 2021.
- Honorary Member Milt Peacock was in attendance. It was great to see Milt in the peanut gallery. Milt is currently the oldest member in the club at 96 this year and as many of you know a Former Club President. Thanks for coming out Milt!

For Sale— Awesome finds at discount prices

Christmas is just around the corner... Ho Ho Ho

Big Stick— 60 size, OS FS 91 Surpass Engine, Hitec Servos, PNP, no Rx, Sullivan Hardware. Beautiful, tested/Flown in November. Call Paul Schaffner for details. See photos below. This is a Paul Schaffner plane need I say more! \$400



1/4 Scale Piper J-3 Cub, servos and batteries included. No motor. Call John Snyder for details. See photos below. Beautiful condition. Flies as good as it looks. \$275 John has already done all the work for you!!!!



Important Announcements - Flea Market Info

- Flea Market Registration has begun, sign up now! Cost is \$20 per table
- Registration form attached at the end of the newsletter - Return to Steven Rothschild
- The Event is scheduled for Feb 13, 2021 - Mark your calendars!!!



Kamikaze Contestant - Andy Myers

A few last minute mishaps....



Jim Hodges' Ugly Stick did not come back in one piece this month as Jim lost power and corkscrewed the plane into the end of the runway near the pond at Baugher Field — Post Mortem photos were not acquired. Let's just say it was a total loss.

Steve Hare unfortunately lost two planes on the weekend of 11/21 including his Mr. Mulligan and his Sig LT 40. The Mr Mulligan was lost in the cornfield and the Sig had a servo failure that resulted in a trip to the cow pasture. Oh well!



Tom Carroll is at it again. This time with his PT-19. Tom lost control over Rt 31 and 'landed' the plane on the edge of the road. Overall this could have been much worse.

This Month in W.A.M. History - Andy Myers

From the November 1993 issue of the Talespinner:

- Club President was Jim Garrett, Bob Allen was Vice President.
- The club was awarded the site of Spiegel Field from the county. Development began in 1994.
- The Nov meeting was held at the VFW and 26 members were in attendance.
- The Cranberry "Mall" Show included 10 tables of displays. We invited many officials of the Westminster Community to attend. This was a huge outward social event for the club to gain public interest.
- There was much contention regarding our John Owings airfield, so much that we abandoned it, and the "new" Spiegel Field encountered obstinate neighbors who battled against us having a field at all. We owe a debt of gratitude to the members who made Spiegel Field possible and gained the county's support in development.

On a Wing and a Prayer - Andy Myers

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This was the original red one if you remember. I had much better success, as I was able to crash the plane multiple times and make easy repairs. This kept my discouragement down and my optimism high. The only limiting factor was that the plane was a 3 channel (no ailerons), which for a cub is not really an issue. I successfully beat that plane into submission. Even though I was comfortable getting the plane off the ground and back again, I was missing all the important aspects of flying at an actual flying field and truly learning the aspects that help to make us better pilots (Takeoffs and Landings). My landings were more like controlled crashes and forget about ground handling. It wasn't until I actually joined an AMA club that I really learned how to fly my plane. If anything I hope this article gets you thinking again about your first adventures in solo flight and remember why we come to the flying field. Happy flying! - Andy



Prez Elect Sez - *Andy Myers*

As time marches on I find I didn't get everything done that I had intended to do this year. You likely know the feeling. I did however get elected President of your Aero Modelers Organization, so for that I'm extremely grateful. I want to personally thank Jim Hodges for all the years of faithful service and leadership as President. Jim has done an excellent job and he will be a hard act to follow. The more I learn about the rich and storied history of W.A.M., the more impressed I am in just how faithful its members have been over the years. The members have contributed so much to the hobby and by extension to the advancement of aviation. Talking recently with John Snyder, he was relating his experience with his son, who he had introduced to model aviation long ago. His son no longer flies model airplanes, but instead is a helicopter pilot in the military. We never know what influence we may have on someone. I believe the aviation bug starts when we are young and we get our ambitions in a ruffle, impressed by the thrill of an airplane flying. We see what is possible through sheer engineering and the dreams of some young man/woman who wanted to make a craft go faster, farther and higher. It's that same drive that urges us to invest blood, cash, and time into the pursuit of a flying machine that we can control and make go. It's hard to put into words what we feel when flying our airplanes, but I think for all of us we feel happy, and for just a little while all the fears, cares and headaches of this world go away. Given this crappy year of 2020, we could all use a little more time building/flying our airplanes. I expect 2021 to be a much better year, and look forward to the next exciting chapter for W.A.M. Thank you all for inviting me this year and I look forward to being your President.

Nuf said,

Andy

Just Plane Cool - *Andy Myers*



On the weekend of November 21st Paul Schaffner shows off his 1/3 scale Hanger 9 Super Decathlon. This plane is truly awesome in the sky and Paul knows exactly how thrill the crowd. The plane sports a Desert Aircraft DA-100L engine, Xoar Prop, and Hitec Servos. Steve Hare helps Paul to get the plane started, which isn't as hard as it looks.



Dave Sherwin prepares his 27% Extra 330SC. This is one of the coolest planes flying in the club. The plane sports a DLE 55RA with a canister exhaust. Dave is an expert pilot and is famous for his snap-roll on takeoff!



Smooth Operator - Andy Myers

During the weekend of November 7th, Steve Hare and Paul Schaffner brought the Curtis 1/4 scale JN-4 Jenny (pictured below) to life. The RCGF 55cc Engine provides more than enough power to lift this 40+ pound bird into the sky and make her dance.

Side Note — Steve Hare has been a member of W.A.M. since January 2005 and works for NAPA Auto Parts



The “Jenny” on final approach



Steve purchased the plane at the Tri-County Sky Barons Fun-Fly this fall in Mifflintown, PA. Not all was rainbows and butterflies, Steve had to make a number of repairs to get this bird airworthy. The wires and struts that connect the wings and tail surfaces really bring the scale aspect to light.

The plane sports an RCGF 55cc Gas Engine, Xoar 22x8 prop, Hitec Servos, realistic cowl and manifolds, and requires Steve’s trailer to get to the flying field. Steve needed a little help from Paul to get comfortable with the flight envelope, but after a few circuits in the air he had the plane under his belt.



Steve works with Paul Schaffner to trim the plane, getting her all dialed in. While flying, the Jenny has a majesty about her that only a WW1 era plane can project.



The plane has many scale details including realistic cowl, struts, and wires. Even the dummy pilot looks right at home.



What the Hell - Andy Myers

On November 15th, W.A.M. member Pat Cullison was mowing at Spiegel Field when the mower inadvertently caught fire. The fire spread from the mower to the canopy and burned the canopy in addition to the mower. Paul Schaffner helped to remove and dispose of the mower. Most importantly, Pat was ok and not hurt during this accident.



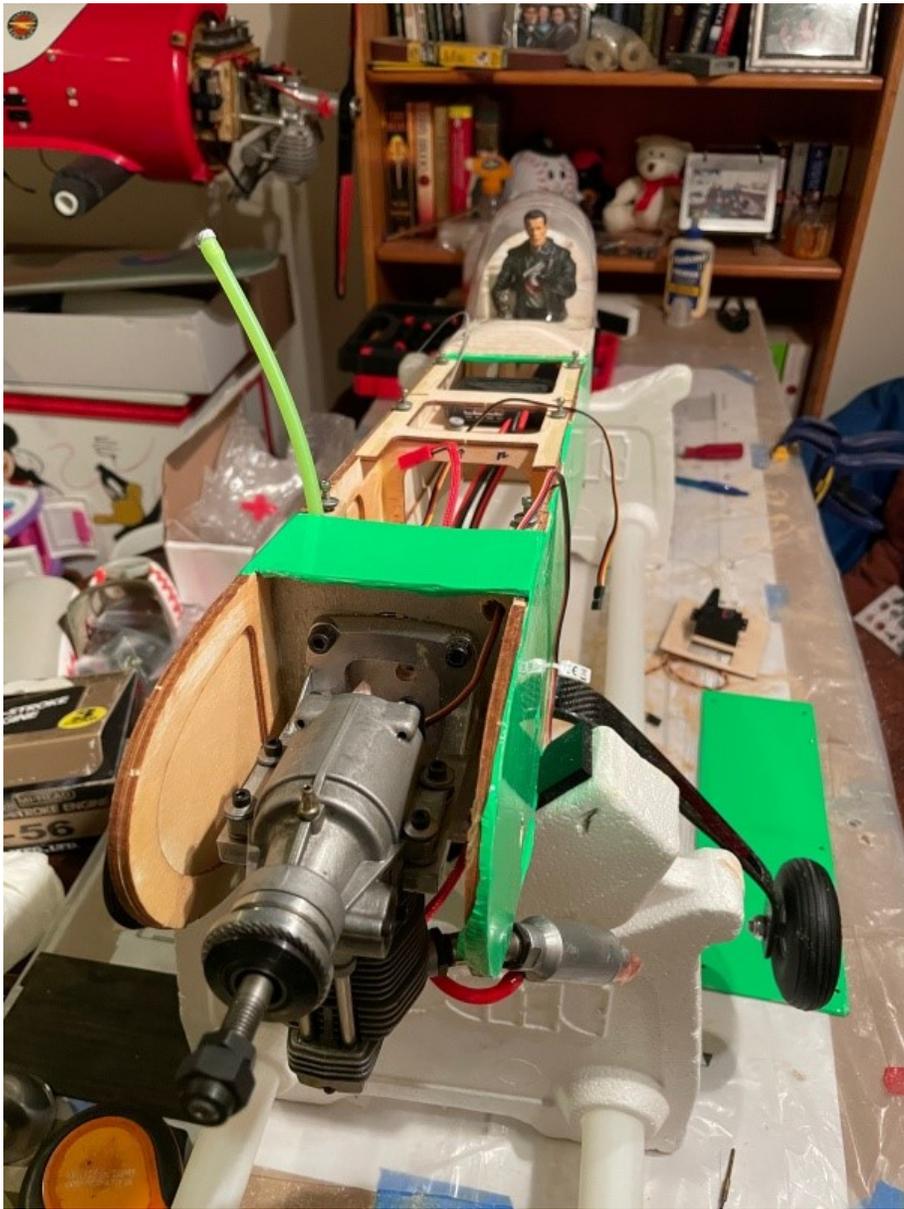
"And see this ring right here, Jimmy? ... That's another time when the old fellow miraculously survived some big forest fire."

The exact cause of the fire is still being investigated. Obviously, we will have to replace canopy. We have another mower from Baugher field that will be used to replace this mower. Moving forward, we should consider the potential for accidents such as this and have a fire extinguisher at the ready when mowing.



Builder's Corner - Andy Myers

Continuing on with my Sig Four Star 60 project, the OS FS 91 Surpass motor has been mounted inverted. I've installed a temp sensor and RPM sensor on the motor for telemetry. I also installed an onboard glow driver. I drilled holes for the adjustment screw on the low idle on the carb, which will also be through the cowl for easy access. The custom carbon fiber landing gear from Graphtech has been installed.



Modifying the plans from Sig, I 'hung' the 10 oz fuel tank from the bottom of the fuel tray. Of course I painted the entire fuel tray compartment with epoxy resin that was cut with denatured alcohol first. Then I secured with a custom made hatch and 4-40 threaded inserts, screws, and bonded washers. I mounted the Hitec 425BB throttle servo on its side with an aluminum servo mount on the top tray and used Sullivan hardware to connect to the carb throttle arm on the OS 91 Surpass. I've begun the process of covering the fuselage with Neon Green MonoKote. I like the color as it will really "pop" in the air. The Terminator will be mounted in the near future.



My little helper Warren is busy at work. He and I calibrated the covering iron to approximately 270 degrees with a digital thermometer which helps to maintain consistency when applying heat to the MonoKote Neon Green covering.



Afterburner - Andy Myers

Comparison of a few new Spektrum receivers (All info taken from the Horizon Hobby Website; www.Horizonhobby.com):



SPMAR620
AR620 DSMX 6-Channel Sport Receiver
\$39.99 ~~\$49.99~~
★★★★☆ 41 Reviews



SPMAR6610T
AR6610T DSMX 6-Channel Telemetry Receiver
\$69.99 ~~\$84.99~~
★★★★☆ 2 Reviews
[Add to Wishlist](#) Compare

Pre-Order



SPMAR8360T
AR8360T 8-Channel SAFE & AS3X Telemetry Receiver
\$114.99 ~~\$134.99~~

Model	Cost	Channels	Telemetry	AS3X	Remote RXs
AR620	\$40.00	6			
AR6610T	\$70.00	6	X		
AR8020T	\$80.00	8	X		
AR8360T	\$115.00	8	X	X	
AR12310T	\$200.00	12	X		Three
All models are DSMX Compatible					
AS3X is gyro stability built in - some programming required					



SPMAR12310T
AR12310T DSMX 12-Channel PowerSafe Integrated Telemetry Receiver
\$199.99 ~~\$223.99~~
★★★★☆ 11 Reviews
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SPMAR8020T
AR8020T 8-Channel Telemetry Receiver
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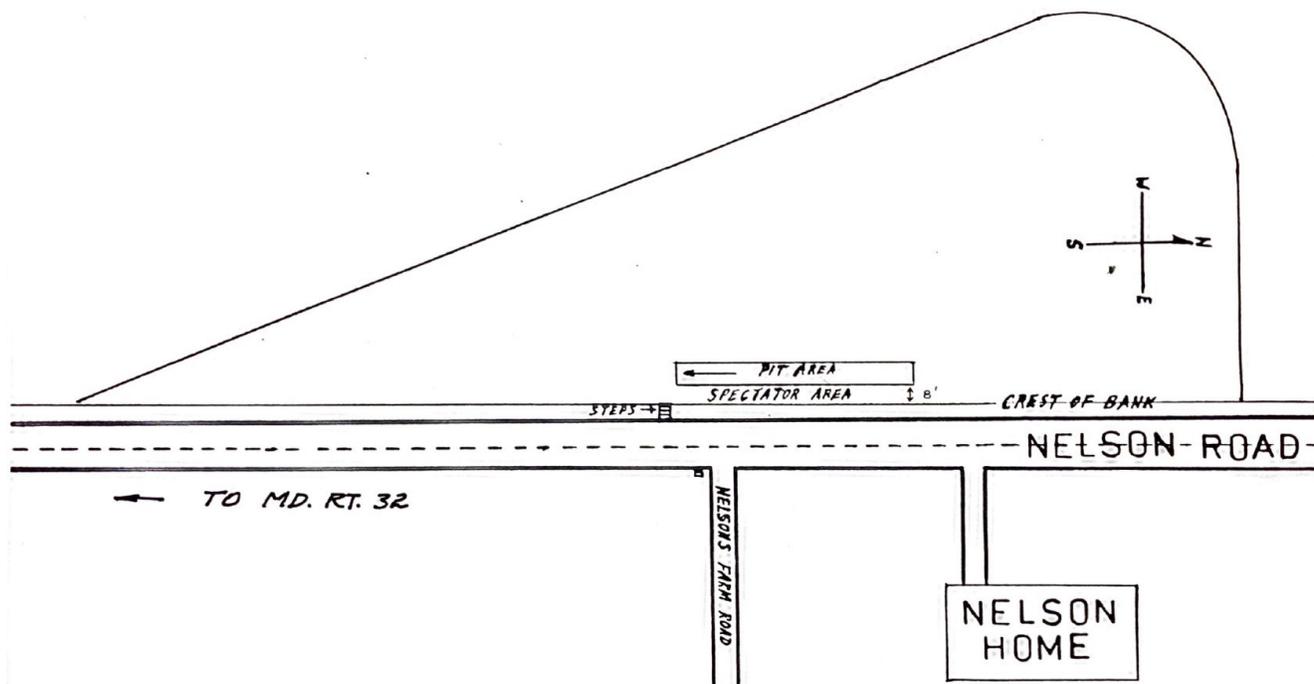


So many choices today for receivers. I'm a Spektrum guy and have been since DSM 2.4GHz tech arrived. The days of 4 channel Rx's are almost over. Now a days you need 6 channels minimum. Spektrum also provides native telemetry in most of their transmitters, so why not with Rx's as well. You can add telemetry for engine RPM, Battery pack voltage, Temp, Altimeter, and the list goes on. The cost has also come down considerably. The models above range from your basic no frills 6-channel Rx (AR620) to the new PowerSafe 12 Channel (AR12310T) . AS3X adds gyros which auto stabilize your plane while flying without taking control (to support flying in wind mostly). I particularly like the AR12310T as it includes hard mounting points and includes three remote receivers for full range protection. Plus the dual power leads incorporate an auto switch incase one of your batteries dies, it will switch to the other automatically. I'll be putting these in most of my planes moving forward.



Blast from the Past - Andy Myers

How many of you remember Nelson Field? Well if you don't, this is especially for you.



Nelson Field was located on Nelson Road off of the intersection of Rt. 97 and Rt. 32, near Bullocks in Westminster. This was the home field of W.A.M. for many years prior to the John Owings Field and Spiegel Field. Before we had meetings at the VFW we would have them at Don Nelson's home (basement), which was located across from the flying field. Don was a member of W.A.M. and had made this possible in a time when we were required to get an annual permit to fly at local parks.

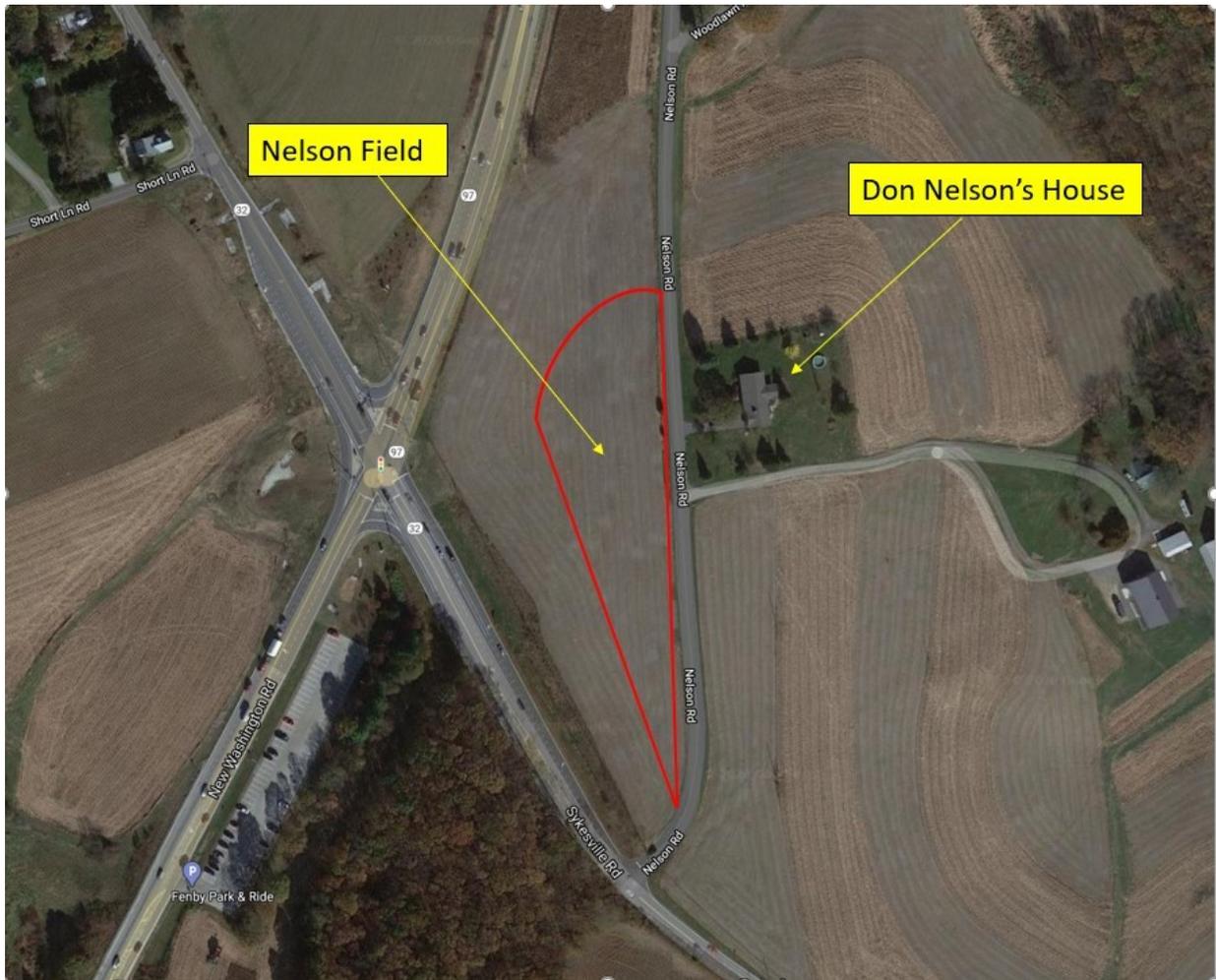
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The photo circa 1989 to the right is of Don Nelson and Lloyd "Dutch" Briggs preparing to fly the club plane, a 1/5-Scale J3 Piper Cub. This plane was flown by many of the members. Don is the gentleman holding the transmitter in the blue coat, while Lloyd holds the plane. The photo was of course taken at Nelson's Field.



Blast from the Past - Andy Myers

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The above is an aerial photo of Nelson's Field today, the red outline is the actual flying field in addition to the location of Nelson's house for reference. It's unknown if Don Nelson still lives there today. The site can be seen from the intersection of Rt. 97 and Rt. 32 in Westminster. Parking was limited so they simply parked right on Nelson Road.



Milt Peacock at Nelson Field, note the others along Nelson Road.



Lloyd Briggs & Rick '85



Ray Miles 5/86

Lloyd Briggs and Ray Miles at Nelson Field. Look at that car...ahhh the 1980's. Ray Miles was big in the club back then and was President.



Who's Who - Andy Myers

See who's been at the field lately and what they've been flying. November has been great for flying, we should have a few more good weeks yet. Come on out!!!



Andy Myers and his Hanger 9 Inverza 33 , this plane utilizes a DLE 35RA gas engine, Spektrum AR12310T 12 channel Powersafe Rx, Hitec 5645 Digital MG Servos, Xoar 19x8 Laminated Prop, and oversized Dubro Tires. I love this plane and have learned so much from it. Interesting fact — The plane was purchased from Jim Christensen who purchased and built the plane new.



Tom Carroll and his E-flite M-7 Maule. This plane is a fan favorite of a many of our pilots. Utilizes a BL15 motor and 4S battery pack. This plane can do it all, and continues to impress.



Jim Christensen and his Sig 110" Rascal. This plane sports a DLE 20RA gas engine and Hitec servos. Jim was having problems steering, but that was quickly remedied by adding a custom spring setup to the tail wheel and rudder. This is a lotta plane!



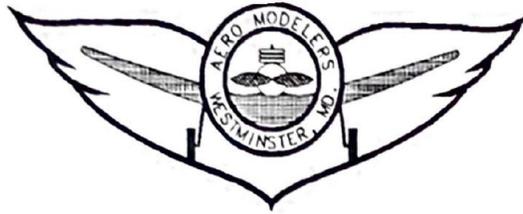
James Myers (Andy's Son) was out at Baugher field to complete his first controlled flight on his Hobbyzone Carbon Cub SS 1.3m. Jim did a great job fighting the wind and kept the plane straight and level . Way to go Jim!

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Lizzy says 'get out and fly something' !!!





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30th ANNUAL FLEA MARKET

February 13, 2021

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TABLE RESERVATION REGISTRATION

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Number of Tables Requested: _____ Cost per table: \$20.00

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Masks Required. Food Not Available. Table requests are filled on a first come, first serve basis. Stage space is available also on a first come, first serve basis. Vendor check-in 8:00 AM, General Public-9 AM

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