

An Owl cannot fly without ...

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MEETINGS

FIRST SATURDAY
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**MERRY
CHRISTMAS
&
HAPPY NEW
YEAR**

2017 WISE OWLS

JERRY FLICK
PRESIDENT

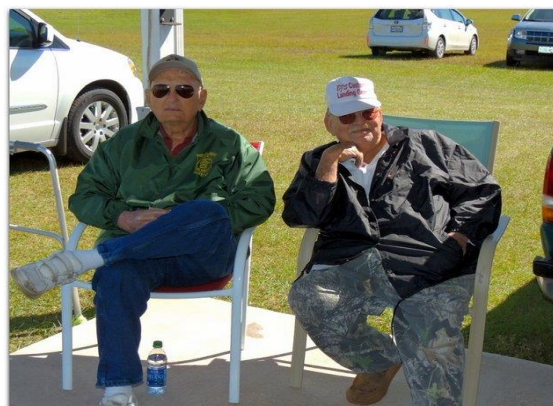
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&
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DIRECTOR

October's Fun-Fly Picnic

A beautiful yet cool day brought many of the OWLS together once again to enjoy a festive and bountiful picnic. 🍴



An RCer's Worst Nightmare & A Lesson For Us All

Jerry Flick shares his story with us.

He was working in his shop in mid-November charging his 22.2v LiPo batteries, when he heard a sound like a jet taking off. To his chagrin, there was smoke and flames shooting out of the battery. Unfortunately, the battery was on his workbench underneath his 300 Extra plane.

Jerry swept the battery, plane and charger off the workbench and onto the floor. The acrid smoke was intense, but he was able to kick everything out the door saving his shop from going up in flames. Fortunately, Jerry was not injured. Unfortunately as you can see, the plane was a total loss.

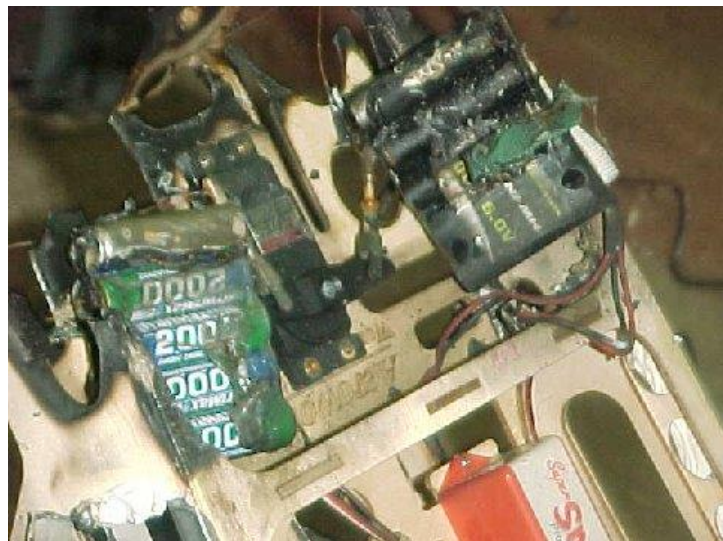
What happened?

As best as he could determine, the charger failed to turn off, continuing to overcharge the battery. He had charged several batteries prior to this incident with no problems.

Our lesson?

ALWAYS charge batteries in a fireproof container under constant observation.

I hope I got all the details right. If you want more information, talk to Jerry the next time you see him at the field. 🛩️



Bless Me Father For I Have Sinned í by the editor

I admit that I haven't been to confession for a long time. So I thought it wouldn't hurt to stop in and seek forgiveness for all the bad words uttered after my many crashes. So I went into the confessional, and lo and behold, there is a mini bar setup with the finest liquors money can buy. Impressed, when I heard the priest enter on the other side, I said, "Forgive me father for I have sinned. It's been a long time since my last confession and I have to admit I approve of the changes made to the confessional." The priest said, "God forgives you. Now get out you moron that's my side."



An Interesting Character í by the editor

I had the privilege to spend some time recently with 90 year-old WWII veteran and early flier, Bob Cromwell, pictured here with his 1948 Luscombe (Model 8, I think). Here are a couple stories he related to me.

Bob owned the Luscombe with a partner who called him up one day and said that he had just landed. Bob asked where he was and his partner said, "I'm on some sort of racetrack, and I want you to buy me out. I've had enough of this plane." Unfortunately, Bob couldn't remember what type of racetrack it was or why his partner *had* to land there.

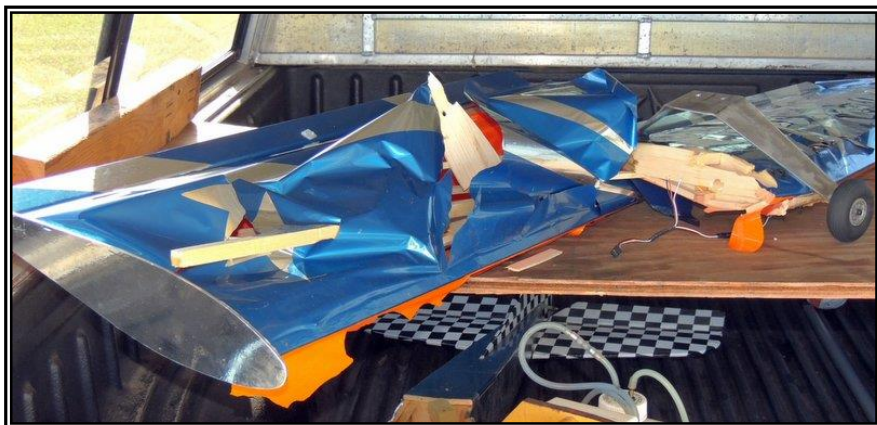
Bob flew his plane to visit a friend in Upstate NY and landed in a field close by. While taxiing, he ran into a dead furrow which tipped the plane forward breaking the prop when it hit the ground. His friend helped him install a new prop, but the field was short. So they backed the plane up to a hedgerow for more take-off room. When Bob applied power, the prop wash hit the hedge and came back, lifting the tail. Yup, the new prop broke when it hit the dirt again.

A game he liked to play was "Cut the Ribbon". He would throw a roll of toilet paper out; then dive and try to cut the tail of the roll.

On his first solo cross-country flight, he went to visit his sister; stayed the night and after taking off in the morning was consumed in fog. When finally there was a break in the fog, he looked down and much to his relief saw an airport. He landed and waited until the fog lifted.

Bob spent his war time in the Philippines and Japan during the occupation. He still drives and spends his time between FL and NY.

REST IN PIECES



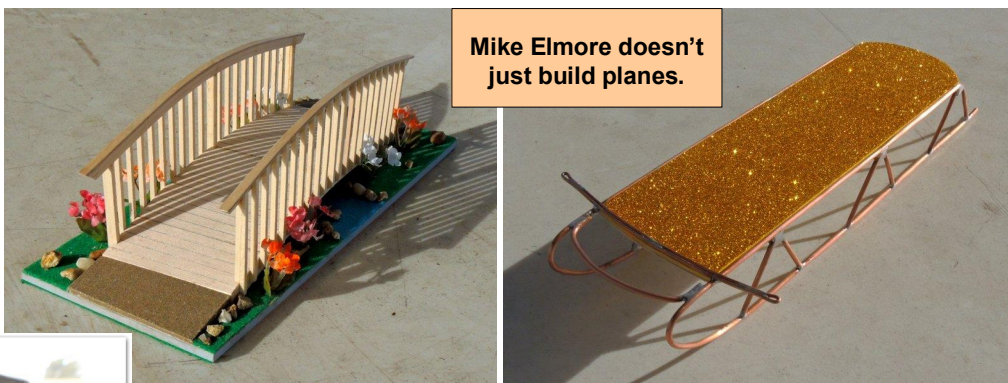
The OWLS Nest Gallery...

See all the videos at <https://vimeo.com/groups/onewinglow>

Shaun Elmore cut down old engines to use for his latest model's rotor shafts.



Mike Elmore doesn't just build planes.



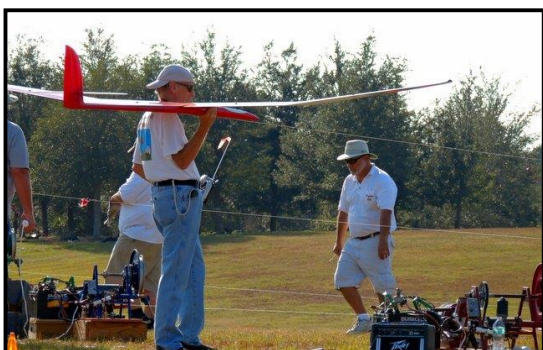
Good to see Kenny in the air.



Doc shows off his latest favorite flyer.



The Orlando Buzzards had a great event but had to contend with high winds. 32 Flyers participated - some from as far away as Denver, Chicago & Maryland.



Got Photos? Catch me at a meeting or send a copy to: keukadiver@gmail.com

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