



# PILOTS BRIEFING

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December Meeting at Pristine Pines offered more than club business. The generosity of Mr. Philip Carilli allowed the M.A.R.S. club to continue with the tradition of holding our December meeting with a buffet spread. Although I thought the turnout was on the light side, those in attendance had a wonderful evening of food and fraternizing. Check out the photos on page four. Hopefully our gracious host will allow us to continue with this holiday tradition.

How do you say thank you to someone who has given so very much of their time and energy to insure that the operational aspects of the M.A.R.S. club were taken care of? I believe that I can safely speak for every member of the club when I say that Rob McNaughton will be missed as the club secretary. I only hope that I will be able to continue to do as fine a job of taking care of the clubs affairs as Mac did. So to you, Rob McNaughton, I say, **THANK YOU** for a job truly well done!

M.A.R.S. Club Banquet  
Ralph Pennetti presented information for a possible site for the clubs banquet this coming year. It seems that Robert Morris University out on Beers School Road has banquet capabilities, and rumored to be very good both in price and food. More information forth coming as we discuss this in greater detail at the January meeting.

### NEW YEARS DAY FUN FLY

For all of those dauntless flyers who dare brave the elements; come on up to the field on New Years Day for some good old fashioned fun! Rich Glassbrenner will be providing hot dogs and sauerkraut for your palates pleasure; and who knows, we just might get some flying in also.

### Newsletter Availability

For those club members who do not have computers or any other means to access the internet for e-mail, I will be making arrangements to get a copy of the letter out to you. I ask for your patience as I compile the information of those that wish to have a copy sent to their homes.

### REMINDER

Januaries meeting will be at Kings.



**THINGS TO REMEMBER:** When CMU is test flying; all club aircraft are to be grounded, and radios turned off.

We are guests of Mr. Wittey while at the field. Please be respectful of the property and the **NO FLY ZONES**. Help keep the field neat and clean! The use of the two garbage cans is greatly appreciated.

MODEL AIRCRAFT RECREATION SOCIETY  
MEETING AGENDA  
DECEMBER 11, 2007

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Meeting Called to order by President Tom Heusey.

Mail Call: None.

Treasurers Report: Rich Glassbrenner. (See Below).

A.M.A. Update: Jim Gillie. Concerns about the National Registry.

Field Report: John Froehlich, Todd Dudek. Todd reports that the flight line was offset back five feet from the setting of November 14, 2007.

Webmaster Report: Ralph Lovette. Ralph is setting up a new access for the site and bulletin board. It will consist of the members first name initial, their last name, and their A.M.A. number, i.e. J. Doe. 123456.

Newsletter Update: John Froehlich. Concern over non-internet members not getting the newsletter. These members need to have the letter mailed to them.

Field Safety Issues: Howard Nesbit. Howard respectfully resigns as safety officer. New safety officer to be announced at January meeting. Pilot safety box proto type in finishing stages.

Topics to Discuss: 1.) 2008 Club Officers. The officers for the year 2008 are: President; Tom Heusey, Vice-President; Jimmy Bumbaugh, Secretary; John Froehlich, and Treasurer; Rich Glassbrenner.

2.) New Years Day Fun Fly. The festivities will start around 10 A.M. Hotdogs and Sauerkraut will be served.

3.) Swap Meet, January 20, 2008. Committee and volunteers to be finalized at the January meeting. It was suggested that one big door prize be raffled off so as to help minimize costs.

Upcoming Events: (See Page Three).

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business: Lee Weifenbach asked for the clubs consideration of making Mr. Philip Carilli, Owner of Pristine Pines, an Honorary Member of the M.A.R.S. club.

New Business to Discuss: Ralph Pennetti was kind enough to share details of his group trip to the WWII Monument in our nations capital. Ralph also gave the club information on a possible banquet facility at Robert Morris University out on Beers School Road.

New Ideas and Suggestions for the Club: None.

New Products or Planes: None.

**TREASURERS REPORT**

**Beginning Balance: \$1,748.03**

**Expenses: \$255.75 ( \$225.75 for gravel on the road. ), ( \$30.00 for recoil clutch and pulley for generator. ).**

**Deposits: \$140.00**

**Ending Balance: \$1,632.28**

## M.A.R.S.

## Model Aircraft Recreation Society

## Annual Winter Swap Meet!

Come Out and Shake Off the Winter **BLUES**

Sunday, January 20, 2008

PLANES - CARS - BOATS - RADIOS - ENGINES - HELICOPTERS

FLIGHTLINE EQUIPMENT

HOT FOOD - FREE PARKING - GREAT PRIZES

General Admission Doors Open at 8:00 A.M until 1:00 P.M.

Vendor Door Opens at 7:00 A.M.

\$3.00 Admission at the Door- Kids under 10 are FREE

From I-79, take the route 228 exit east to a right hand turn onto Mars-Valencia Road, the Mars VFW Post 7505 will be on the left.

Tables are \$14.00 each in advance - (45) 8' tables are available

Contact Chuck Dufford for reservations or info at: ( 724- 287-0101 ) evenings until 9:30 P.M. or ( 724 - 822 - 1312 ) day time.

Call early to make your reservation - Make checks payable to "M.A.R.S."

Send to; Chuck Dufford -106 David Drive - Butler, PA 16001

Note: All tables are on a first come first served basis. Payment in advanced required,

no exceptions. We sell out early so plan ahead!Please check our website for directions and updates at: [www.marsclub.com](http://www.marsclub.com)**NEVILLE ISLAND WINTER DOME FLYING**

Dear Dome Regulars, Here's the tentative schedule for this winter season. I am hoping to get additional dates, but this is what I have as of today.

Note that *Nov/Dec* are all Fridays. The '08 dates are all Saturdays. Trust me that these dates were very hard to get. We need good participation to make this thing work. Poor attendance can cancel the season for all of us. I think we'll do fine! Quick review of this year's rules, which are very similar to last year's:

1. AMA license required (no exceptions). The dome is fully sanctioned as an adjunct field courtesy of Dave Chisholm's Thunder Valley R/C Club.
2. Aircraft must be 14ounces or LESS all-up-weight (including battery)" No zaggies, jets or crazy fast-flying aircraft.
3. Fixed-wing aircraft only - no helicopters allowed in any shape or form anywhere in the dome.
4. Appropriate containers must be used to charge li-po batteries on premises for safety reasons.
5. The flight line will be right down the middle of the dome. We will try to accommodate slow flyers on the right side of the dome. 3D on the left. Subject to change based on aircraft present. Changes will be announced over the PA.
6. Fee is \$20 per pilot, no matter what type of aircraft is flown; no matter what age. Pay the Dome attendant at the front desk... I have nothing to do with the \$\$.
7. Sign-up as you enter the dome and list your frequency... It only takes a minute. Make sure you're on the e-mail listing! Success for this season is dependent upon getting at least 25 pilots per session. If we get less, the fees will move to \$25. So please pass this schedule to your indoor flying buddies! I will be preparing flyers for the local hobby shops as well. If we're lucky, Luke and Sue will support us with their traveling RIG superstore. Please support Luke and Sue as their presence takes effort and sacrifice! Plus, their prices are excellent.

FRIDAY, November 9, 8:30 - 11:30pm

FRIDAY, November 30, 8:30 -11 :30pm

FRIDAY, December 7, 8:30 -11:30pm

FRIDAY, December 21, 8:30 -11:30pm

SATURDAY, Jan 26, 7:45 -10:45pm

PRISTINE PINES

YOUR M.A.R.S. 2008 OFFICERS

Seated from Left to Right: President Tom Heusey, Secretary John Froehlich, Treasurer Rich Glassbrenner, and standing, Vice President Jimmy Bumbaugh.



The December meeting at Pristine Pines was made so much nicer by Mr. Philip Carilli and his fine staff. The food and friendship shared helped kick off the holidays.



YES! The food was very good.



A Gathering of Eagles

Winner of the 50/50 drawing was Bill Hodgson



And the winner is!!?



A Gathering of Silver Eagles

Now there's some serious pilots!



M.A.R.S. Clubs Future

It was great to see the younger members in attendance also.



Really, there were plenty of chairs

They just don't get any cuter than this!



NO! These two little Angels weren't the door prize

Wish all our landings were this sweet!

What a landing site!



# R/C Pilot Dictionary

**Glide Time:** The time between the engine falling out and the airplane hitting the ground.

**Aero modeling:** The art of turning precision cut and glued balsa wood and foam into toothpicks and confetti.

**Crash:** Method of seeing inside a model airplane.

**Receiver:** Part of the radio that picks up interference.

**Tank:** Temporary storage place for chemicals before they saturate the plane.

**Elevator:** Device to prevent level flight.

**Mixture Screw:** Device to meter too little fuel to the engine at critical moments.

**Nose Wheel:** Device that prevents an airplane from landing without bouncing.

**Spinner:** Critical part of landing gear

**Luck:** Very sparse on your side, but plenty with your flying colleagues only they refer to it as SKILL.

**Tough Luck:** This is what you usually have. Your flying colleagues refer to it as lack of skill.

**Bad Luck:** Same as TOUGH.

**Good Luck:** What you need the most, but rarely have.

**Crash:** Quick method of removing radio and engine from a model to fit them in your new one.

**Crash:** Also: Synonym for "re-kitting" a model

**Center Of Gravity:** Point in which G-forces, dedicated to separating wing from fuselage, do their stuff.

**Cyanoacrylate:** Special glue, designed to instantly glue fingers to balsa structures.

**Cyanoacrylate:** Also: Special glue, instantly curing when parts are misaligned, will hardly (if at all) cure when parts are correctly aligned.

**Dead Stick:** Two of these can be found on your transmitter after failing to properly charge your batteries.

**Engine:** Device designed to make noise. Will suddenly stop making this noise when beyond glide-in distance.

**Epoxy:** The stuff that has replaced the balsa after the flying season.



**GRAVITY:**  
It's not only the law,  
but it works.

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**WE'RE ON THE WEB**  
**www.marsclub.com**

**Club Field: 750'X 75' Grass runway**

**Tables, covered impound, chairs and benches.**

**Directions to Club Flying Site: North of Zelienople, PA off Route 19. Follow Route 19 North. 1/2 mile past Sally's Cider Press is Warner Lane. Turn right on Warner Lane, follow signs back to field.**

**Spectators are welcome at any time. Flying is allowed by members only. For safety, all spectators must remain behind the tables.**

**Classifieds:**

If you want to post articles for sale, please contact the editor.



**"Take-offs are optional, Landings are mandatory"**