



LASS UPDRAFTS

February 2002 ISSUE

**From the Editor:
Greetings!**

Well, January's not so cold winds are behind us and I don't know about you, but the way this crazy weather has been, I'm thinking that we are in for an early spring! Now that I've said that, we'll probably get a foot or two of snow in February that will last until the end of April! Oh well, we need the moisture anyway...

After going flying on that warm weekend we had here a couple of weeks ago, I really got hooked on flying electric power. Greg Williams and I went to Cocalico's fine field (thanks again, Greg!) with our electrics for a day of flying. Greg was test flying his foam twin electric U2 made from a modified free flight toy plane (painted black in spy style, of course) and his Spitfire, and I flew my modified Aspire EP. The U2 flew like a giant park flyer, as Greg put it- smooth and steady with power to spare. Nice plane! He only flew the Spitfire once 'cause he was having a blast with the U2!! I managed a couple of flights with the Aspire, which is now sporting a 05 car motor, planetary gearbox, and a much bigger folding prop which gives it the climb power it needed from the start. Climb out to a couple hundred feet now takes very little time and on that day, I was catching some weak thermals and ridge lift from the hill behind the field. Big time fun!

Now if I can only convince the wife that I need to buy ANOTHER plane or two...🙄

Steve

News & Current Events

- GET YOUR VOTES IN!! VOTING CLOSES ON FEBRUARY 15th!

This years election is for the following offices:

President - Bob Waters

Secretary - John Eshbach or Dave Harris

Board Member - Bud Sherwood or Steve Palumbo

Email your ballots to Steve Palumbo at lassmail@lancareasoaring.org

- **LASS now has a link on the AMA website!!**

LASS is now on the AMA website listed under their links section so potential new members can find us easily. The Baltimore Area Soaring Society (BASS) has also placed a link to us on their site and the ESL has us listed now too! We have reciprocated by placing a link to both of these organizations on our site as well and I'm looking forward to more "free advertising" from other regional clubs and organizations.

- **New online forms are now available on the web site for link submission and the increasingly popular Swap Shop! No more emails needed, simply fill in the easy to use forms and click the submit button and you are done!**

LASS DUES ARE DUE!!!

Please remember to get your dues for 2002 into Carl Foltz as soon as possible. You can send your check for \$30.00, payable to LASS to:

**Carl R Foltz
142 Froelich Ave.
Mountville, PA 17554**

Include a copy of your 2002 AMA membership card for proof of membership in AMA.

Air Time

- **Sunday at the Sod – We had a beautiful, warm (for February at least) day a few Sundays ago and a pretty good turnout of flyers at the sod farm in Manheim! Seven of us showed up to fly electrics in the sunshine and a good time was had by all.**
- **Check out this new project that Greg is working on – a twin electric foam B-25!!
Looking good, Greg! Can't wait to see it fly.**



If you have some pictures of a project you are working on and you'd like to share them with everyone, please email me your photos and I'll be sure and get them in the newsletter and/or on the website!

Other Stuff

Hot Links

**Electro Aero Modeling (EAM) <http://www.eam.net/> :
Mild to wild electrics including ducted fans and scale aircraft. Don't forget to check out the Skunkworks!!**

**SureFlite <http://www.sureflite.com/>:
Foam warbirds just waiting for conversion to electric power!**

**Repairing Fuselages:
Planes fly, planes crash. Write it down. Some helpful tips on repairing broken fuselages.**

**When to Launch:
Competition advice for the novice. Keep telling yourself you are here to have fun...☺**

Upcoming Events

LASS Annual Dinner

April 21, 2002 at Kreiders banquet room in Manheim (located in the rear of the building). Festivities start at 5:00 PM with a social half hour, followed by dinner at 5:30 and entertainment at 6:30. The meal will be served family style with your choice of roast turkey, ham, or beef. Fruit cup, tossed salad w/dressing, REAL mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls and butter, plus pie and ice cream for desert! Year end awards will be presented.

Feedback

That's about it for this month. If you have any comments or suggestions, please drop me an email at palumbo@dejazzd.com.