

BARC Newsletter

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From your editor: Chris Bobek

Here it is December and the year is almost gone. A lot of us are looking back at a great flying season. Memories of two great air shows, warm sunny days with a lot of flying, and spending time with a great bunch of friends. It was a lot of fun participating in the Beulah parade. Everyone deserves a thank you for participating with our Wounded Warrior fund raising – especially Ed for his efforts with publicity. In fact, Ed was directly responsible for our club receiving a \$300 reward from AMA for the recognition brought to our sport.

If you are getting bored with the cold weather, the guys are flying indoors in Frankfort. Check the web site for locations and times. You can join them flying, or just stop by to watch and visit.

As for Sally and I, we are in Zypherhills, Florida. There is a great flying field about 5 minutes from us. It's a farmer's field and the guys all contribute to a gift for him at Christmas. I've been over twice so far, but I hear there are about 200 guys who fly there!

Merry Christmas and Very Happy New Year to all of you!





Mark Harrison reports he was the only one to fly indoors last night. Here he is with his planes. Both plane kits were purchased from Mountain Models as lazer cut kits. The yellow one is the SpookE and the red one is the PeregrinE.

Meet Chris Bobek

I began building planes about 30 years ago. I only tried to fly a couple of times before kids and motorcycling took up most of my time.



About 2 years ago my wife, Sally, and I moved from Rochester Hills to our “vacation” home in Thompsonville. Then I started building, and flying, and realized how much I enjoy it. I’ve found out that I don’t need to give up when I crash – rebuilding is almost as much fun! In fact, the plane to the left is the one I crashed, broken wing and tail section was in pieces. Below is a picture of it repaired. Sally and I have 6 kids and 8 grandkids, all downstate. I retired as a school bus mechanic 10 years ago.

We have ridden motorcycles our whole married life – Honda Goldwings. In fact, we spent 20 years in the Gold Wing Road Riders Association and were Michigan Directors for 5 years. Currently I have an older Gold Wing Aspencade that I’m refurbishing. We are spending the winter in Florida and looking forward to flying here with a local group we found. I’m also keeping busy building two more planes!



