

GGG reminder - and some electric events, with NC points
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Don Myers' engines - (25 Aug 2023)

Hi again everyone,

I have just heard from Jim Smith that he plans to be at the GGG part of Saturday and part of Sunday. He will only be flying Ebenezer, which he will sponsor, but he will be bringing with him about 100 of the late, very much lamented, Don Myers' collection of engines for sale. The GGG is turning into a car trunk sale but, never mind, this is a very welcome addition. The opportunity to obtain one of Don's engines is something not to be missed. As most of you know, Don was known as Mr. Diesel, so most of these will be diesel engines.

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Hi everyone,

I normally put out a reminder about the GGG well before this late date - my apologies, this has been a strange year for me. Nothing specific - just things not coming together as they normally would.

I want to remind everyone about the fact that the GGG is only just over two weeks away. I trust that everyone has made their arrangements to be there.

By request, we have decided to add two more electric events this year, so I have included a revised schedule of events. These will be 'unofficial' events because they were not on the original sanction application. Bob Hanford has assured me, however, that the results will count towards National Cup standings. So- if there are any electric fliers out there who weren't going to come because there weren't enough events, perhaps this will entice you.

I have received a few spontaneous offers to sponsor prizes, for which I heartily thank the donors. On that point, however, there is a need for more sponsors - if there are others out there who wish to sponsor the prizes, please let me know. This year having been the way it is - even if you have already told me you would sponsor it would be good if you would remind me of the fact. As I said, I'm a bit distracted this year.

Further on that matter, since losing Jerry's assistance on organizing the wine distribution, the task of doing so has become a fairly onerous one - especially in light of the passage of time and its effects on yours truly's energy level. I propose this year to simply have all of the wine on a table and the winners will be handed a bottle tag and can choose any bottle that they like and tag it. I am also giving some thought to limiting the prizes only to those who have beaten someone else in order to achieve their placing (still only 1st, 2nd, and 3rd - but there would have to be 4 fliers in order for the 3rd place to receive a prize). No decision yet, but comments would be welcome. If that works out well it may very well be that we can just look for one bottle of wine as a sponsorship in the future - making it a little more affordable.

This year there will be a special feature of the GGG. I have the opportunity to distribute a substantial amount of modeling equipment, and models, from Jim Moseley's 'stache'. I attach a document describing all of this, which I hope that everyone will read. I explain the process in the document - it isn't really a 'sale' of equipment, as such, although Jim and I both hope that the recipients of these 'goodies' will feel inspired to make a donation to the GGG to enable us to continue to operate. Most years we just about break even, but it is always a good idea to have some cushion in the coffers to tide us through any bad times that might occur.

Many of you who read this will not necessarily be coming to the GGG. If there is something that you really want please let me know and I am sure that we can come to an arrangement. If the item has some intrinsic value I would hope that you would make an offer for it. If you are not at the GGG, of course, it would either have to be shipped (at your expense and risk) or could be collected by someone who is there, if you have arranged that with them.

Even for those who will attend the GGG - I would really appreciate any offers, or expressions of interest, on the items ahead of time - hopefully that will reduce the amount of flying time that I will

lose in the management of that distribution. I do not intend there to be any sort of auction - but if there are competing offers I will obviously take the higher one. Take a look through the document - there's a lot of good 'stuff' there. One further note - I already have an offer of \$100 for the tracking system.

Thermals to all. - Roy