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# The Johnstown R/C Club

## Digital Dope Sheet



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Johnstown R/C's Forty-Sixth Year

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## Upcoming Events.....

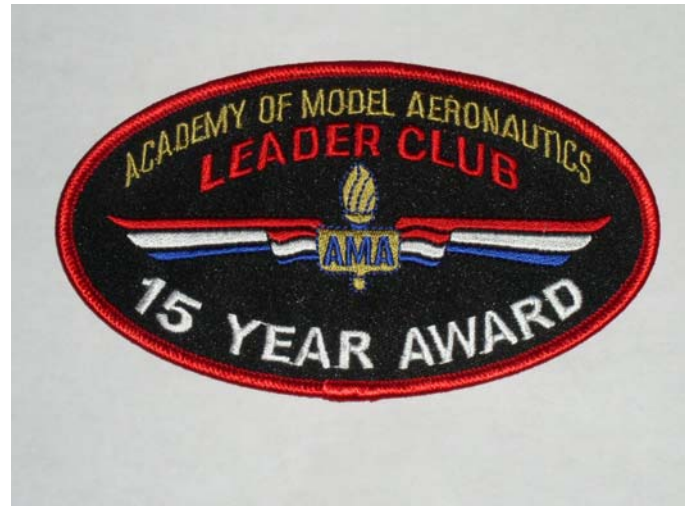
**Next Meeting**, Tuesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>.  
7:30 pm. Future meetings will be held at 8:30 pm to allow for summer evening flying.

**Annual Mall Show:** Our Mall Show will be held on May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> at the Johnstown Galleria Mall, Center Court! Setup will be on Thursday nite from (7-9pm) Please bring several planes in for display.

## Johnstown RC Club Earns 15<sup>th</sup> Year Leader Club Award!

For the 15th year in a row, our flying club has earned the coveted "Leader Club" award. President Sam Kaplitz announced the award at the March meeting, and passed out patches and pins to club members present. This award is only given out to those AMA clubs who demonstrate an ongoing and very active presence in our local communities, and who comply with all the AMA guidelines. One of the criteria for the award is to sponsor an annual public event like our upcoming Mall Show, which can reach out into the community and make it aware of the AMA and the many aspects of our Radio Control Hobby. There is a whole list of requirements for our club to meet, and our club has consistently met them for 15 years! Thanks to our elected leaders for doing the things necessary to reach this level of excellence within the AMA.

## Our Club Earns AMA Patch!



## Annual Banquet a BIG Success!

March 15<sup>th</sup> was the night for our annual club banquet, and we had a great turnout! Approximately 44 members and guests attended, and we enjoyed a wonderful meal served by the capable hands at the Windber American Legion. Our featured speaker was Mr. Frank Strittmatter, who is chief pilot and instructor for MTT Aviation Services at the Johnstown Cambria County Airport. MTT Aviation is the fixed base operator at our local airport and they service and supply all the general aviation aircraft, plus the local military helicopters stationed there. Frank gives private lessons to local folks who wish to earn their private pilots license. He gave a few remarks and then answered questions from our members. We also enjoyed looking at a selection of pictures taken at our field, and at

various club functions during the past year. President Sam Kaplitz MC'd the event and presented awards to three club members for the planes they had on display, as well as to several members for other awards as listed below:

Plane Display Awards.....

1<sup>st</sup> place.....Ken Reesey

2<sup>nd</sup> place.....Scott Holsopple

3<sup>rd</sup> place.....Caleb Butler



Caleb Butler and his 3<sup>rd</sup> place "Storch"

**Other Awards Presented.....**

Cliff Majercsik.....Most Improved Sr. Flyer Award

Cody Sliko.....Most Improved Jr. Flyer Award

Rick Oxford.....Dedicated Flyer Award

Roger Luther.....Dedicated Service Award for being the clubs webmaster



Ken Reesey and his 1<sup>st</sup> place B-25 Twin



Scott Holsopple and his 2<sup>nd</sup> place glider

Roger Luther set up his G-3.5 Flight Simulator during the visiting hour prior to the banquet, and several junior fliers took a turn at mastering RC flight!



Here Phillip Yuhas is intent on landing a jet on the G 3.5 Simulator. The younger crowd at the banquet had a ball taking off and crashing the various planes available using the laptop mounted simulator tied to a projector.



## Veteran's Corner.....

Our featured veteran club member for this month is Caleb Butler. Caleb has been a member of the Johnstown RC Club for its entire history, stretching back 46 years to the day our club was founded. Folklore says that back then, the club meetings were often held around a picnic table in Caleb's basement, and that the dues collected went for donuts and coffee for those very meetings! Anytime there is doubt about the correct name, or some obscure detail, about a WWII era plane, Caleb is the guy to talk to. He is also a WWII veteran, and served with the Army Airforce at Orly Airfield located just outside of Paris France. He also is an expert on all things "French" and "German" due to his time spent in the service, as well as the subsequent visits he and his wife Pauline took to Europe. Caleb is a lifelong builder and flyer of all types of RC, glider, and free flight model aircraft. In addition to spending lots of time at our field, and building planes, you can often catch him in the Richland Cemetery! Yup, he flies his planes there too! We take our hats off to Caleb Butler, a longtime and great Johnstown RC Club member. Thanks Caleb!



## Mall Show Coming Soon.....

Get your planes ready, and finish building that new one in the box! It's only a few weeks until the BIG SHOW at the Richland Galleria Mall, Center Court. Last year we had over 40 different planes on display and most everyone who visited the Mall during the show was impressed. This year, we hope to top that and make an even bigger splash at the Mall. Our dates are Friday thru Sunday, May 2,3 & 4<sup>th</sup>. We must "man the booth" during mall open hours. We will "set up" the Thursday evening before the event, May 1<sup>st</sup>, from 7-9pm. If you can lend a hand during this important weekend, please do so. We are also counting on you to sell a couple packets of tickets for our annual fund raising raffle. First prize again will be a new 40 size model RC airplane trainer complete with radio, or \$200 Cash! This fundraiser helps us pay for the mowing bill at the field, so it's important. Please plan on attending and selling, or buying a bunch of our tickets!



Here is a shot of the plane display at last years mall show. This type of display attracts lots of "lookers" and may even bag a new club member. It's lots of fun talking with passers by too!

## Dues, Dues, Dues.....

By now, most of you have paid your annual AMA and club dues, but a few of you have forgotten! Remember, we count on our members for the dues income to help maintain our field, make important improvements, and to pay for the mowing and insurance that is required of us. If you have neglected either of these important steps, now is the time to “make it right”! Also, if you plan to fly at our field, or any field for that matter, you must have an AMA license, and local club affiliation. We do check with the AMA to make sure all club members are registered and dues are paid for 2008, and if that is not the case, then you will not be permitted to fly at our field. Send your check made payable to “Johnstown RC Club” to our treasurer, Ken Shilling, at 109 Hoyt Street, Johnstown, PA 15904 AMA dues can be paid online by going to their website, at <http://www.modelaircraft.org> Please take care of these two items if you have not already done so. Thanks!



Here Club President Sam Kaplitz, presents Cliff Majercsik with his award for “Most Improved Sr. Flyer” Cliff just started flying during the summer of “07” and has progressed very well indeed!

## Flying at the Field to Start Soon!

The weather has started to “warm up”, the field is “drying out” and the clocks have been “turned ahead” so everything should be “in place” for spring flying! Get your gear together, brush the dust off those planes, and finish that model that has been sitting on your bench! We are READY, are you?



I don’t know about you, but I’m ready for days like this to come again and Soon! We hope to see you here too!

## Banquet Speaker a Flyer too!



Mr. Frank Strittmatter, Chief Pilot and Instructor with MTT Aviation Services at the Johnstown Airport, was our featured speaker at the recent club banquet.



## Some Photos from the Banquet



Paul Yuhas and his Pitts Bi-Plane



Fred Rhode and his new control line



A good meal enjoyed by all of us!



Caleb and Pauline Butler



Rick Oxford receiving his "Dedicated  
.....Flyer" Award.....