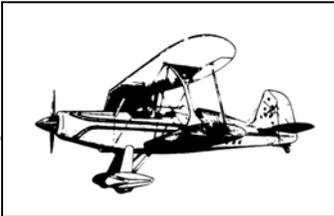


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Coming Events.....

Annual Awards Banquet: Don't forget, 6:00 pm this Saturday, March 28th, we hold our annual banquet. You should have already made your reservations by now! We hope you are coming and enjoy the dinner!

April Club Meeting: The Clubs April Meeting will be held at the Richland Twp. Municipal Building at **8:30 pm** on Tuesday, April 7th. Bring something for "Show and Tell". Hopefully we can fly first! **Note the time change** due to the start of Daylight Saving time.

Annual Mall Show: Our Mall Show will be held at the Johnstown Galleria Mall, lower level, on May 1-2-3 during the Mall open hours. Set-up will be on Thursday night, April 30th from 7-9 pm. Get a few planes ready to put on display!

Flying Season to Begin: It's Spring! Time for flying again. Get those planes charged and bring'em to the field for a checkout!

Johnstown Clubs Annual Mall Show Coming Soon!



View from the upper level at the 09 Show

The Clubs Annual Mall Show is set to tip off on Friday, May 1st. We hope you will get a few planes ready for display, the more the merrier! The last couple of years we had about 40 planes on the tables, and the hope is that this year we can exceed that number. Mark these dates on your Calendar, May 1,2,3 during the Malls open hours. Remember this year we will be located in the Sears, Bon Ton court yard area, which is right next door to Auntie Annie's pretzels, which should save certain club members quite a bit of time traveling back and forth! Get your planes ready now!

March Club Meeting



President Sam leads the March meeting

The March Club meeting was held on Tuesday, March 3rd. We had 22 members plus one guest present on a really cold evening! Secretary Paul Yuhas read the minutes from the February meeting and Ken Shilling reported on our finances. President Sam reported that we now have 42 paid club members, but not all those have renewed their AMA dues, which is necessary for flying at our field. The Banquet plans are

continuing and several additional members signed up at the meeting. We are looking forward to a wonderful meal and a fun time on March 28th. Roger reported that the club can save some money by having members choose to have the newsletter sent via email. After the signup sheet went around, we now have 16 members who elected to have it delivered via email. This will save the club a little over \$150 per year. If you want your newsletter delivered via email, send an email to the editor stating that request, and in the future you too will get it by email. Remember, all our past newsletters from the last three years are available on the website under the “newsletter” page on our official website www.johnstownrc.org.

The show and tell portion had Ken Reese showing off his new “bird” The Bird is available for about \$60 and really does fly by flapping its wings, which he demonstrated during the meeting.



Matt Tedrow showed off a new “flying wing” kit he just purchased and covered, which was his first attempt at using “Monocote”. He showed off his first “burn” mark from the process too! Matt also just purchased a new small “Extra” which takes a .15 size engine. It’s an ARF which several other club members own as well.

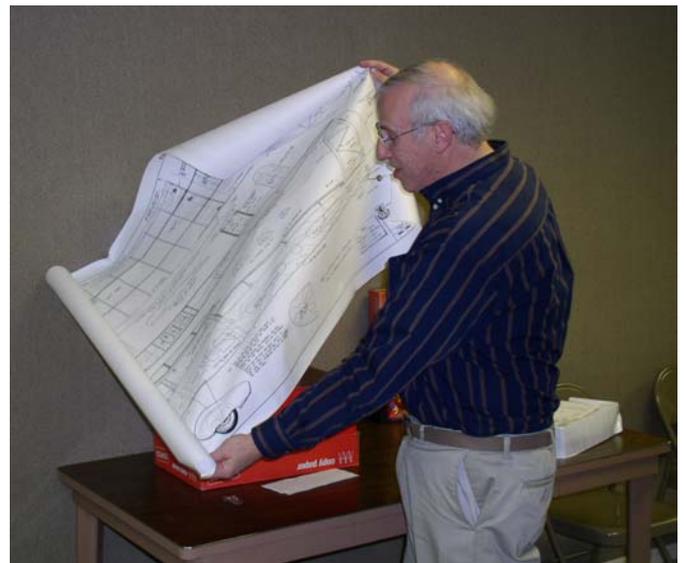
President Sam showed off his newly constructed “UpRoar” which he just finished building. It’s a 40 sized plane and is pretty much ready for spring flying.



Sam’s new “UpRoar”



Matt Showing off his “burn mark”



Al Stein showing plans for his My-O-My

In addition, Al Stein showed off his plans for a “My-O-My” that he now has under construction. Its a slow flyer and would be a good beginner plane. Everybody is getting anxious to get out to the field and start flying, but at 6 degrees the morning of the meeting, that may be a few weeks off! It was also announced that J & C Hobbies, located on Frankstown Road in Pittsburgh, has fuel at reasonable prices. Check it out by calling them at 412-795-9344. They have 10% fuel for \$14/gallon and 15% fuel at \$15. The brand is “Wildcat”. Bob Sneft won the 50/50. Nine members recused themselves to “Pappy’s” for pizza after the meeting.

Unique use for a “Propeller”



One of a kind 1932 “Helicron”

Recently I received a neat email article from a friend which showed a very unusual auto from 1930’s! It was a 1932 Helicron, which is a one of a kind auto that obviously never caught on! It was placed in a barn and long forgotten, but was rediscovered six decades later, rebuilt, and now is showed at antique auto shows. It is believed to have been built in France. This car was able to reach speeds of 75 miles per hour when its wooden prop was spinning at full speed, and it weighed in at about 1000 pounds. It is now on display at the Lane Motor Museum near Nashville, TN. Pedestrians really had to be on the “lookout” for this baby! Heck,

I wonder why they didn’t try and put wings on it! A good way to get rid of jaywalkers.



Another view of the 1932 Helicron

Tips and Tricks.....

Reprinted from the January “AMA Insider”

Balsa Dents

When you accidentally dent a piece of balsa during construction of a model, try this old cabinet-maker’s trick. Put a few drops of white vinegar on it instead of using filler. The vinegar will pull 99% of the dent out. Works best overnight. Try it; it really works!

Servo Connectors

To hold your radio/servo connectors together, use a piece of thin string or dental floss and wrap it around the connectors, looping it through the wires so it pulls the two connectors together. Use a nonslip knot to tie the string so it does not come untied. Don’t let an unplugged connector cost you a crash.

Antenna

When collapsing your transmitter antenna make sure to grab the bottom of each section and pull down. Pushing from the top can easily bend the antenna.

—both from the Privateers, Mills, Wyoming

Construction Tip

When taking an airplane apart for repair, put all the parts into a clear freezer bag with the name printed on the outside. This will save time in looking for the parts needed, as the airplane repairs are being completed. Some freezer bags have a spot for the name to be printed on and, if you put in a piece of the airplane's MonoKote, this will speed up the ID. —both from the Woodland Aero Modelers, Downers Grove, Illinois

The Mall Show is coming soon, and we need your participation to make it a success. Bring a plane or two, put some time in at the mall and you will have a great time. The picture at the bottom of the page shows some of the gang at the 2009 Mall Show. We get to meet new potential club members, talk to the public, and show off our planes. Don't forget to get some tickets from Ken Reese and sell them, or buy a few yourself. Someone has to win the \$200, and it may as well be a club member!



The Thunderbirds doing a slow Fly-By



One Last Chance.....

Please take care of sending in your 2009 Club dues if you have not done so already!

Johnstown RC Club Membership Form for 2009

Mail check to Ken Shilling, 109 Hoyt Street
Johnstown, PA 15904

Date Paid: _____ Check No.: _____

Note:

Name: _____

1. All Flying members and guests must have a current AMA card.

No. & Street: _____

2. All radio equipment must be narrow band. (1991 Specs)

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

3. The club uses all available legal frequencies including the new 2.4 Ghz systems.

Telephone #: _____

AMA # _____

Email: _____

Date of Birth: ____/____/____

Membership Category: (check one)

_____ Open Member (over 19 years- \$40)

_____ Junior Member (under 19 years- \$5)

_____ Non-Flying Member (\$15)

Please fill out this form completely and Send form or photo copy and make checks payable to "Johnstown RC Club"

