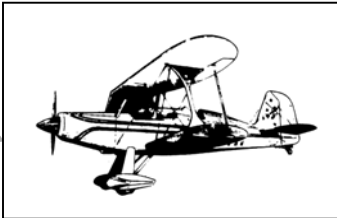


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# The Johnstown R/C Club

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### Coming Events.....

- July Family Picnic - - Sunday July 26th**
- July 18<sup>th</sup> - No Fly Day, we go to the Mulligan Hill Club this day due to the Horseshow at the Saddle Club**
- August Club Meeting - Tuesday 8/4**
- Fly-In Keystone Clippers RC Club**
- Sunday August 23<sup>rd</sup> 11am Ogg Lane Rillton, PA \* AMA Sanctioned \* \$5 fee**
- August Family Picnic - Sunday Aug 30**
- Sept. Club Meeting – Tuesday Sept 1st**

As you can see in the picture, we had a light rain about the time the hot dogs were ready, and most folks ate, talked a bit, and then headed for home. After your editor got home and unpacked about 6:30 or so, the sky seemed to clear a bit! Guess I should have waited it out! Oh well, there is always next week.



### June Family Picnic Review...

The June Family Picnic was held on Sunday June 28<sup>th</sup>. As usual for this summer's picnics, we had cool, breezy, and some rain for our weather that day! Bummer! We had a wonderful meal though, and everyone seemed to enjoy that part of the day. A few guys got to fly, but not too many.

Above Matt Tedrow and Brandon Lake take shelter under the tailgate and seem to be saying, "When's it going to stop?" Both of them flew along with a few others. Storms were brewing in the Pittsburgh area and coming our way. Kenny prepared his fantastic hot dogs, and the variety of the "extras" was outstanding! Everybody enjoyed a wonderful picnic meal.



Jim Patterson tried out his new electric “Ultimate Bi-Plane” then posed for the picture on the previous page and it flew very well.



Above, Sam’s father and his friend enjoy watching the action, and later a fantastic meal.



As you can see above, Grant Moore waits for the windsock to slow down a bit prior to the cookout.

## July Club Meeting Recap....

The July meeting had 17 club members present after some windy flying at the field prior to the meeting. We took in another new member, Zack Gualardo, from Salix, PA. Zack attends Embry Riddle University in Daytona, Florida and already has his private pilot’s license. Zack has a 40 size trainer to get acquainted with the RC hobby. Zack along with Brandon Lake, and Matt Tedrow were presented their solo RC pilot certificates at the meeting. Caleb Butler showed us a parachute from a weather balloon, which landed in rear of his

property during the “show and tell” portion of the meeting. It was decided to “pump the John” to get ready for the hot summer days. We told Ken Shilling to have the pumper on the lookout for airplane equipment during the pump! (Ask Bill Rosage for details) It was reported that Don Hoffman has applied fertilizer and a “grub and weed” spray. The field looks wonderful! Thanks Don! President Sam reported on the upcoming “Fly In” at Mulligan Hill Club on July 11<sup>th</sup>, and also that we are invited to their club on Sunday July 19<sup>th</sup> due to the Saddle Club’s Horse Show that day.



New solo flyers Brandon Lake, Zachary Gualardo, and Matt Tedrow accept their certificates.

## New Member Brandon Lake



Brandon Lake, from the Somerset area, has recently joined our club. Brandon is 30 years old and likes to fly, and teach others to fly, Helicopters. He’s pretty darn good at it too! Brandon is married

to Michelle, and they have two children, Alexander age (8) and Kallista age (3). He works for AT&T as a cell phone specialist, and also owns his own “judgement enforcement company” Brandon likes anything that flies, but seems to prefer helies the most. He’s a member of IRCHA (International Remote Control Helicopter Association). We have seen Brandon at the field a good many times in the last month or so. Next time you meet him, give him a warm welcome to the Johnstown club!

## New Member Safouh Malhis



Safouh, better known to us club members as “Sam”, joined our club a couple months ago, and is a friend and associate of Savas Mavridis. Both he and Savas have been out to the field the last few weeks flying their new planes. Safouh (Sam) has a wife named “Nour” and two children, Nadine (3) and Adam (2) and they are expecting a third child in December. Sam hails from Syria originally, but has been in the Johnstown area since 1994, working at Conemaugh Hospital. He is a doctor specializing in Pulmonary Critical Care. Sam enjoys electric automation and found the RC hobby fits right into those interests. So far he has really enjoyed the hobby and visiting with club members at the field. He has quite a few flights under his belt with his Hanger 9 “Alpha” trainer and is doing really well.



## Bulletin Board Repairs.....



For some time now, the bulletin board on the side of the field box has gotten damp, and we had trouble sliding the plexiglass cover in and out of the slot. Bill Rosage took on the job of making a new one and it was installed the week of June 15<sup>th</sup>. Thanks so much Bill, the new one is really sharp! Now, instead of a slidout, we have a hinged to open style, and this design should prove to be much better. The whole field now looks about the best it has in quite a number of years, thanks to a lot of members efforts. Thanks to everyone who has helped out over the past few months completing all the projects, tables, painting, mowing, trimming, etc.



As of July 5<sup>th</sup>, Nicole had made up a new “Johnstown RC Club” logo to place on our new bulletin board. Thanks again Nicole for a job well done.



Herb, Greg, Cody, and Zack watch the action on Sunday afternoon, July 5<sup>th</sup>.

## Another New Club Member!



At the July club meeting we took in yet another new member bringing our total membership to 57 ! Zack Gualardo is 19 years old and attends Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach Florida. He will begin his sophomore year this fall and has a big interest in flying, both RC and full scale aircraft. He is working toward his Bachelors degree majoring in Aviation Safety and Air Traffic Management. Zack already has his private pilots license plus he has earned his instrument rating.

Zack would like to fly for an airline eventually after graduation. He flies a Tower Trainer 40 size model at the present time while he learns the RC basics. He has picked up our sport very quickly and earned his solo RC certificate last week. He says he gets more of a “rush” flying RC planes than he does flying full scale aircraft! No kidding! Zack is in the Civil Air Patrol and does search and rescue work when called upon. He lives in the Salix area with his Mom and Dad and an older sister, and also enjoys camping, hunting, and photography in addition to his RC interests. Please give Zack a big “Hello” next time you see him at the field. Welcome to the club Zack!



Above is a shot of the flight line on July 14<sup>th</sup>



The Family Picnic on June 28<sup>th</sup>

# Mulligan Hill Fly-In.....

The Mulligan Hill Club invited our club members down to a Fly-In on Saturday, July 11<sup>th</sup>. Only three of our members ventured down to their field, Sam Kaplitz, Roger Luther, and Bill Majercsik. We all had a good time even though a front moved through the area around 11:30am. We all got “under the tent” for about 20 minutes or so, but it then cleared and the remainder of the day proved to be A-OK!



Mel Rumbaugh found a quick storage hanger for his planes during the rain under his motorhome!



Shorty Carney and his wife Connie enjoy a moment during the rain! Shorty is a member of the Johnstown RC club and also serves as president of the Mulligan Hill Club.



Above, Sam enjoys RC small talk during the rainstorm with some of the Mulligan Hill guys.



Sam and his “fleet” ready for flight



Al Boring with a pretty large “Extra” RC model