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The Johnstown R/C Club Digital Dope Sheet



December 2008 Newsletter

Johnstown R/C Club's Forty-Sixth Year

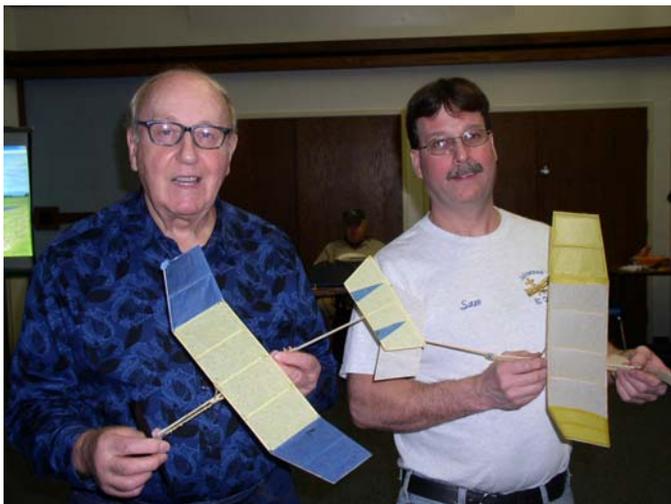
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December Club Meeting

Our December Club Meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 2nd, 7:30 pm at the Richland Township Municipal Building. This will be an important meeting since we will be electing officers for the coming year, “our 47th” as an AMA chapter club! Please plan on attending this critical meeting!

Annual January In-Door Fly-In

Our annual indoor get together at the LDS church on Walters Avenue in Geistown, is coming soon! It will be our clubs first activity for 2009, and it is scheduled for Tuesday evening, January the 6th, at 6:30 pm. This event always proves to be very popular so plan to bring a guest to introduce them to the RC hobby. We will have a short club meeting, a wonderful catered supper by some of the wives of our club, and then we roll back the tables and chairs and fly anything that can fly “indoors”! Everyone always has a good time, so please plan to be there.



Above, Secretary Paul Yuhas, and President Sam Kaplitz, wind up their planes for a flight at last years successful In-Door Fly-In. This event has been held for the past 7 years or so, and seems to become more popular each year we have it. The food the ladies bring is fantastic so, bring along anything that can fly indoors, bring a friend, and enjoy the evening.

Multi-blade Propellers

originally from Hooked-on-rc-airplanes.com

Three-bladed model airplane propellers are less efficient than two-bladed propellers. In fact, the more blades that are added, the less efficient the propeller becomes. The only advantage of a multiblade propeller is a smaller diameter.

Multiblade propellers are used with full-scale airplanes when ground clearance is an issue. World War II fighter planes are a good example. For this reason, many pilots use multiblade propellers on their scale model airplanes to make it look more like the full-scale airplane.

Twin-engine airplanes often use multiblade propellers because the smaller diameter is needed for the propeller to clear the fuselage. This is true of full-scale airplanes and often the case with twin-engine model airplanes as well.

Evolution Engines offers a three-blade propeller to be used with a trainer. The inefficiency of the propeller “tames” the engine a bit for the beginner by allowing the airplane to fly slower while maintaining the thrust needed for easy takeoffs and climbs. The extra blade also helps to slow the airplane down when landing. After the beginner becomes comfortable flying the airplane, he or she can tap into the rest of the engine’s power by changing to a more efficient two-bladed propeller.



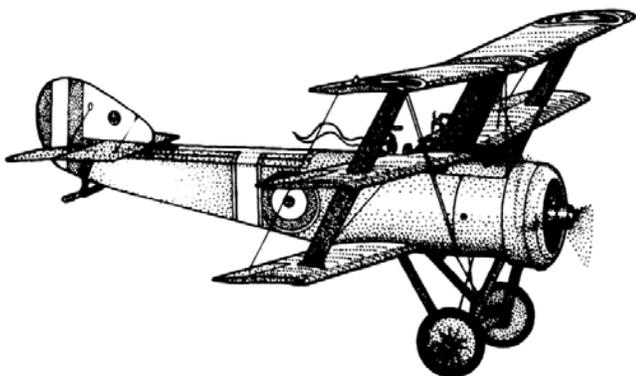
One last view of the fall foliage at the field!

October Family Picnic Was a Windy Success.....

On October 26th, the club held it's last family picnic for 2008. The day started out to be sunny but cool, but ended up much colder and very windy. There were about a dozen brave souls who showed up for the hot dog picnic, and the food selection was really good considering the turnout. Unfortunately, due to the windy conditions, nobody ventured up to fly their planes except our newest member, Alex Reasinger. Unfortunately for Alex, his plane was no match for the wind and his new small electric got the bad end of hard landing. Since then, the weather has really turned cold, with snowflakes flying as I write this recap. I'm afraid that the Sunday hotdog cookouts are over for this flying season. Wait till next year, and the club will reprise the Sunday afternoon fun! We really had some "good times" on those many Sunday afternoon cookouts!

2009 Dues Are Now Due

I know it's hard to believe, but 2008 is almost over and the new year will usher in a new beginning for our clubs finances too. By now we have all received the renewals for our AMA dues, and my 2009 AMA membership card is now already in my wallet. Please, make it easy on our club, and our treasurer, and fill out the form on the last page of this newsletter and bring it with your check to the December meeting, or you can mail it in. It sure simplifies things if everyone takes care of this promptly. You know we are lucky to have a wonderful place to fly, with good facilities, and all it takes is paid up members to meet our budget requirements. Your help on this is greatly appreciated! See you at the meeting, and bring along the checkbook!



November Flying Fun.....

The colder weather hasn't discouraged all of our club members. On both Saturday, and Sunday November 1st and 2nd there were quite a few flyers out at the field. Above, Ken Reese shows off his new "Pitts Special" that he recently bought from Nitroplanes.com. The workmanship on this ARF is amazing and the price is very reasonable too. He was test running the 4-stroke engine on Sunday, the 2nd. He hasn't decided when he's going to fly it yet, but it's a beauty! Eric Brown and a few friends were out that day too, testing a new 50 sized helie with a remote controlled TV hookup. During a hover, the operator of the camera could zoom in on our field, the tent, and anything else he was interested in. This new technology is amazing! Also flying on those days were Neil, Bob Price, Cliff, Sam, Paul, Mark, Roger, Caleb, plus a few others! We are still going to have quite a few more days when it's calm, but cool, so we still have good flying days left! Don't miss'em!

The Know-it-All Modeler

A very knowledgeable modeler with a know-it-all but arrogant attitude challenged club members that he could answer correctly any model related questions. For a small \$5 bet, he would go around and ask each member to ask him one question. If he answered it wrong, he would lose the bet. True to his words, it seemed he could answer all the posed questions, until finally other club members would no longer take up his challenge.

Always on the lookout for a new victim, one day the arrogant modeler came across a new but novice club member. "I challenge you that we take turns to

ask model-related questions,” said the modeler. “But, because you are a novice, if I can’t answer your question, I’ll pay you \$100. But, if you can’t answer my question, you only have to pay me \$5.” The novice just wanted to get on with his flying and refused the bet. However, after repetitive, and continuing annoying words from the arrogant modeler, the novice just wanted him off his back so he accepted the bet. The novice asked his question first: “What airplane has three wings, a triple tail, and one aileron, but when fitted with only an O.S. 28 engine it can go up to 250 km/h?”

After a long thought, the arrogant modeler concluded that for the first time, he really didn’t know the answer to that one, and then very reluctantly paid the novice the \$100. “So what’s the airplane called?” asked the arrogant modeler. “I don’t have a clue,” said the novice. He then handed over his \$5 and pocketed the remaining \$95 for himself. Then he got on with his flying and the know-it-all was shut up once and for all.

Winter Prep at the Field

Tuesday, November 4th, was such a nice day, so Fred Rohde, Bill Rosage, and Roger Luther took the tent canopy down to prepare our field for the coming winds and snow. The last family picnic is complete, and probably not many folks will want to sit under the canopy during the next few months. Bill has agreed to again store the canopy until next spring. This completes two years of service for this particular cover and it seems to still be in fine shape, so we should be able to use it for several more additional years of service. The club thanks these members for their work on this project.



November Meeting ReCap

The Club’s November meeting was held on November 11th, Veteran’s Day. There were 17 members present. Secretary Paul Yuhas read the minutes from the October meeting, and Treasurer Ken Shilling gave the financial report. The last two large expenses due before the end of the year will be for mowing (estimated at \$1500) and our lease payment for the field. (\$250 last year). Bill Rosage reported on the tent canopy removal and storage. Ken will contact the port-a-john folks to do a final pump of the unit for winter storage. The planes that Ralph Schmidt donated to the club at the last meeting resulted in \$55 being deposited into the clubs account. Roger asked that the club begin picking up the annual cost of maintaining the websites domain name, i.e. www.johnstownrc.org. Roger has picked up this cost for the first two years during the development of the website. It was moved and seconded to repay him the \$92.42 for the next years fees. There have been literally thousands of folks who have visited our website over these past two years.

The nominations for our slate of officers for next year were made. It was moved that the present set of officers be retained for the same offices for 2009. They are:

President	Sam Kaplitz
Vice President	Ken Reese
Secretary	Paul Yuhas
Treasurer	Ken Shilling

We will officially vote these officers in at the December meeting, unless someone else is nominated prior to the vote. Roger Luther has agreed to continue the newsletter and website chores for the coming year.

During the “Show and Tell” portion of the meeting Matt Tedrow showed off his new purchase a Raptor 90 Helicopter. He picked it up at a swap meet and saved a lot! Caleb Butler showed off his new ARF WWII Spitfire which he purchased from nitroplanes.com. (only \$49) Neil showed us his RCM basic trainer he has under construction for his “winter project”. Sam also showed us a very old control line model, perhaps 60 years old! It utilized a “dolly” with wheels for take off roll.

2008 In Review.....



Important 2009 Dates

During the November meeting we also set the tentative dates for our important 2009 Club Activities. They are:

January InDoor FlyIn Tuesday Jan. 2nd. 6:30 pm
 March Club Banquet Sat. March 28th 6:00 pm
 May Mall Show May 1,2,3 all day at the
 Galleria Mall, Richland Twp

(Set up will be on Thursday evening, April 30th)

Please use the form below to pay your club dues for 2009. Fill out the form, or copy it, and send it to club treasurer Ken Shilling with your payment. Make the checks payable to "Johnstown RC Club". If you prefer, you can bring it to the December club meeting. Thanks for taking care of this promptly.

<p>Johnstown R/C Club Membership For 2009 Mail to Ken Shilling, or bring to the next meeting.</p> <p>Date Paid: _____ Check #: _____</p> <p>Name: _____</p> <p>No.& Street: _____</p> <p>City: _____ State : _____ Zip: _____</p> <p>Telephone #: _____</p> <p>AMA # : _____</p> <p>Email: _____</p> <p>(If applying for an AMA#, you must turn in your current AMA # prior to flying at our field. Date of Birth: _____ / _____ / _____</p> <p>Membership Category: (check one)</p> <p>_____ Open Member (over 19 years - \$40)</p> <p>_____ Junior Member (under 19 years, \$5)</p> <p>_____ Non-Flying Member (\$15)</p>	<p>Ken Shilling 109 Hoyt Street Johnstown, PA 15904</p> <p>Note:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. All flying members and guests must have a current AMA card 2. All radio equipment must be Narrow band (1991 specs) 3. The club uses all available legal Radio frequencies including the new 2.4 Ghz systems. <p>List all Channel Numbers you use _____</p> <p>Dues paid before January 15th for the coming year can take a \$5.00 discount, for open members only!</p> <p>Please fill out this form completely Send form or photo copy, and make Checks payable to "Johnstown RC Club"</p>
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