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The Johnstown R/C Club

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Johnstown R/C Club's Forty-Seventh Year

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Upcoming Events.....

December Club Meeting: Tuesday,
Dec. 1st, 7:30 pm -- Election of Officers

January Club Meeting: Tuesday,
January 5th, 6:30 pm Annual In-Door
Fly-In at the Walters Ave. LDS Church

Place these dates on your calendar:

Annual Club Mall Show: May 7-8-9 at
the Johnstown Galleria Mall.

Annual Club Banquet: Saturday, March
27th, 6:00 pm Windber American Legion



Our bare picnic shelter after a busy season!

and it has held up remarkably well considering the punishment it takes on a daily basis out there. We did notice a few "wear spots" at the point where it rubs on the pipes that support it, but in general, it came thru very well, and we should expect 2-3 more years of use from this cover. We will have to replace the 110 or so small tie downs prior to next season. Bill Rosage has again agreed to store the canopy at his home over the winter. We also covered over the now empty port-a-john for the winter as well. A ribbon has been hung from one of the support pipes to act as a wind indicator for the brave flyers who venture out in these colder months to fly. It is hard to believe how quickly the beautiful fall leaves have left us, and now its pretty bleak out at the field. Thanks guys!

Last Family Picnic Report:

Well, we hoped and we prayed, but to no avail. The last family picnic, held on Sunday, October 25th, turned out to be similar to a number of our picnics, cold, breezy, and not exactly a good day for a picnic, or to fly RC airplanes! We didn't have a good turnout, as you might expect, even though a few guys did fly. All in all, our summer was a little bit less friendly than last year due to the cooler summer, and more wind and rain on the weekends, at least from my perspective. Let's hope next year we will fair better with all of them held on warm and calm Sundays! I blamed it on global warming!

Tent Canopy now Down.....

After the last family picnic was over, it had to come down. On Wednesday, October 27th, Fred Rhode, Bill Rosage, Roger Luther, and Caleb Butler pitched in and took down the tent canopy for the year. This is the third summer for our tent cover,

October Flying was Great!



We have had great flying in October, here Roger, Steve, Bill, Fred, and Caleb enjoy an early morning fly during mid October, before the leaves fell!

November Meeting Recap...

Our November Club meeting was held on Wednesday, November 4th due to the room not being available for us the night before because of election day. (Our meeting room is used for a Richland Twp. voting precinct) The meeting turnout was outstanding, with 25 present, including one guest who is going to join our club. He is Paul Hofecker, who lives out near where Sam does. Paul has previous RC flying experience and will be a good addition to our club.



Paul Hofecker showing his newly built foamy

After the regular secretary and treasurer reports, president Sam covered some other routine business topics. He gave a report on the Camp Harmony demo, and several members reported on their visits to the New Stanton Flea Market swap, and also the one at Export, PA. We had attendees at both events and some even sold, or bought, planes and equipment. We authorized Bill Rosage to go ahead and procure the new stretchy thingy's (that's the technical term) that hold down the tent canopy onto the pipe structure, which we will need next spring. We also discussed the idea of installing foam pipe insulation on the tent supports to minimize the damage to the tent canopy due to it rubbing against the pipes. Everyone agreed that might be a good idea. We'll see if it helps next fall. Sam also reported on the results of the recently held half-A-Texaco postal contest.

2010 Officer Nominations..



Even with prodding, no new candidates for office presented themselves at the meeting, so it was moved and seconded to run our current incumbent office holders again for next year. The nominations for 2010 are from left to right, Paul Yuhas, secretary, Sam Kaplitz, president, Ken Schilling, Treasurer, and Ken Reese, vice-president. Unless further nominations are presented in the coming month, this slate will again serve the club in 2010. We thank each of them for their service to the Johnstown RC Club, and for agreeing to again serve in their elected offices.

Dates were set for the Annual In-Door Fly-In, the Banquet in March, and for the Annual Mall Show. These tentative dates for 2010 events are listed in the box on the front page.



Caleb Butler showed us his stick-built "Mr. Mulligan" or as Paul quickly corrected him, his "Fairchild 24" small rubber powered model.



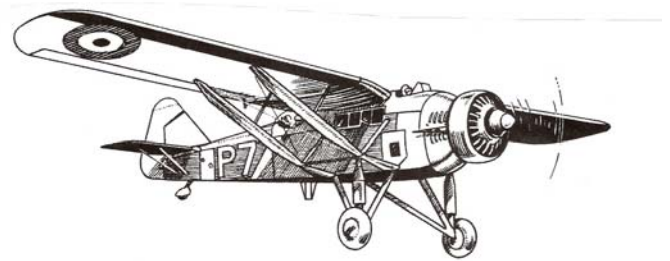
Also during the “show and tell” portion of the meeting, Matt Tedrow showed us his “Blade MSR” mini-helie, and flew it in the room with great skill! This really small helie comes with everything you need, 2.4 Ghz radio, receiver, model, and two batteries for \$179 from E-Flight. It is very stable and flies extremely well!



We were also happy to see Dan Zimmerman at our November meeting. We miss seeing him at the field, but he has been a long and loyal club member for many years. Maybe that he is now “retired” we might see him more often at the field!



President Sam Kaplitz showed us how he obtains and stores his airplane plans, and challenged us to “get one ready” for next spring! Above, he showed us his reliable “Arrow” plane that he built from plans he got from one of the AMA publications.



Dues, Dues, Due.....

As you know, our local club dues, and the AMA annual dues are now due. At the recent November meeting quite a few members took care of this obligation right there. If you haven't sent your dues in yet, please complete the form at the end of this newsletter and send it in to treasure Ken Schilling with your payment as soon as possible. (get the discount!) You can save \$5 if you pay before the 15th of January for the year 2010.

Remember, we all have to also have current AMA certification, to fly at our field. If you haven't renewed your 2010 AMA dues, please take care of that now as well. You can get a current application from any AMA magazine, or take care of it online at www.modelaircraft.com If you need a form, contact your editor at one of the next two club meetings.





I'm ready for winter.....are you?

In-Door Fly-In.....

If you haven't ever participated in one of these events, you need to! We usually get a great turnout and the ladies of the church and club provide a wonderful meal for us. After a short business meeting, we roll back the chairs and tables and fly anything that can be flown indoors! This includes small balsa planes, electric helies, and even Bee's!



Here's a picture of Sam Robertson, his dad, and Sam Kaplitz from last years In-Door Fly-In. As you can see in the picture below, just about anything goes! You need to check out this event, it's fun, there's good food, and you will have a ball!



Kenny with his flying Bee!



A group picture from the 2009 Fly-In

For Sale.....

Club member Jim Weyman has an Aerofly Professional Deluxe Flight Simulator for sale. It includes two CD disk programs, the 4 channel radio, and all the extras, including two add-ons. The system will work on any computer from Windows 98 onward. If you are interested, call Jim at 266-3200. Jim is asking \$100 for the complete system.

2010 Club Dues Form.....

Application for Membership in the Johnstown RC Club

Date Paid: _____ Check #: _____

Note:

Name: _____

No. & Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone No: _____ - _____ - _____

Email: _____

AMA# _____

Date of Birth: _____ / _____ / _____

Spouse's first name: _____

Membership Category: (check one)

_____ Open Member (over 19 years \$40)

_____ Junior Member (under 19 years \$5)

_____ Non-Flying Member (\$15)

1. All flying members and guests must have current AMA cards.

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

3. the club uses all available legal radio frequencies.

4. Do you use 2.4 Ghz radios _____
List all channels you use:

Dues paid before January 15th for the coming year can take a \$5 discount. (open members only)

All flying members must have a current AMA card. Please fill out this form completely for all lines which apply. Please send me my newsletter via email.

Yes _____ No _____

Make checks payable to "Johnstown RC Club" and send to treasurer Ken Schilling at:
109 Hoyt Street, Johnstown, PA 15904