

Newsletter Editor

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The Johnstown R/C Club

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2014 – Johnstown RC Clubs 52<sup>st</sup> Year

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## Upcoming Activities.....

**Thursday, Nov. 27.....**

We wish you and your family Happy Thanksgiving

**Tuesday, Dec. 2:** Regular Club meeting and election of officers for 2015. 7:30pm

**Thursday, Dec. 25:** We wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas!

**Tuesday, Jan. 6:** Our regular club meeting, 7:30 pm. Note, this year the In-Door Fly-In will be held on the night of our February club Meeting.

**Dues:** Don't forget to pay your local club dues, and if you haven't received your 2015 AMA card, well, you probably have not paid that bill as yet. Go for it! Get-ER-Done!

## My Favorite Model.....



Neil with his Stik-E from Global Kits

During the last month or so, Neil Woffinden has had a ball flying this Stik-E electric which he built from a kit from Global Kits. Ken Reese built it many years ago, but it was powered by NiCad batteries and a brushed motor. Ken said it never flew very well with that suggested set-up. The plane was designed by Randy Wrisley and is about a .20 size ugly stick.

The plane has a 44 inch wingspan and now its powered by a .10 size electric motor from Value Hobby. Neil used a 40A BEC and a 2200 mah 30C battery, which he also got from Value Hobby. Mini-servos from Tower Hobbies were installed and it's controlled with a 7 channel Futaba 2.4 transmitter. The receive is a standard 7 channel Futaba model. He started out using a 10 x 7 prop, but found it too fast with that prop and went to a 10 x 5 which really flies it very well, with plenty of speed. It's quick, and handles the wind quite well, and is really a blast to fly. Both Ken and Neil have plans for this plane and since it's still an ugly stick design it's fairly simple and quick to build. Neil still likes glow airplanes, but this thing is his current "Go To" plane for a quick trip to the field!

## Humor .....

### MONTHLY HUMOR



- If you push the stick forward, the houses get bigger. If you pull the stick back, they get smaller. That is, unless you keep pulling the stick all the way back, then they get bigger again.
- Flying isn't dangerous. Crashing is what's dangerous.
- Learn from the mistakes of others. You won't live long enough to make all of them yourself.
- You know you've landed with the wheels up if it takes full power to taxi to the ramp.
- The probability of survival is inversely proportional to the angle of arrival. Large angle of arrival, small probability of survival and vice versa.
- Always try to keep the number of landings you make equal to the number of take offs you've made.
- There are three simple rules for making a smooth landing. Unfortunately no one knows what they are.
- You start with a bag full of luck and an empty bag of experience. The trick is to fill the bag of experience before you empty the bag of luck.
- Helicopters can't fly; they're just so ugly the earth repels them.
- It's always a good idea to keep the pointy end going forward as much as possible.
- Keep looking around. There's always something you've missed.

Thanks to the Laurel Highlands RC Club for the neat monthly humor list!

## Fall Roundup.....

Well, the flying season for 2014 has come to an end with this cold, blowy, and snowy weather we have experienced the first couple weeks of November. The tarp has been removed, packed away, and may be A-OK for at least one more year. This completes it's 8<sup>th</sup> year of serving as our cover and shelter from the sun and rains from time to time. We should budget for replacing it for the 2016 season for sure.

Our field has again been damaged by the skunks, crows, racoons, whatever. The field has lots of damage where the critters went after the grubs under our nice flying turf. Nobody is sure which critter did the damage, but for sure it's the grubs they are after. We took action last spring to spread chemicals on the field to try and kill them, but it didn't work as planned. Next spring we will have to again apply top soil, grass seed, and what every it takes to try again. If you recall, by May our field looked fantastic, so we can do that again and still have a great looking field for 2015 flying. It's the time of year to start work on a winter project, new plane, or to take the time to fix any damage you might have on your fleet.

The officers of the club wish each of you and your family a wonderful Thanksgiving, and a great Christmas holiday season.

We heard some good news earlier this month. Our AMA D-III Vice President, Mark Radcliff has been re-elected to another term as our AMA District III leader and representative. Congratulations Mark, and welcome back!

### Important dates for 2015.....

- Jan. 6<sup>th</sup> Indoor flying at the LDS Church...no food! 6:30 pm**
- Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>. Annual In-Door Fly In at the LDS Church with food, 6 pm**
- Mar. 3<sup>Rd</sup>, Regular Club Meeting**



**Mar. 21<sup>st</sup>, Annual Club Banquet at the Belmont U. M. Church, 6 pm**

**May 1,2, & 3, Annual Mall Show at the Galleria Mall. Set-up night is Thursday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, 7 pm.**

## Dues due.....

It's that time again, please send in your 2015 dues today to get us off to a great start for next year. We have a great hobby, and a wonderful flying site, and we need you as a member! Take the time today to send in your dues for next year!



A shot of our District III Vice President at our field taken this past summer on a quick visit. He has represented us very well at the AMA. Welcome back Mark Radcliff for another term.

### Application for Membership in the Johnstown RC Club

Date Paid: \_\_\_\_\_ Check #: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

No & Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

AMA #: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's first name: \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to "Johnstown RC Club"

Send Application and Check To: Ken Shilling

109 Hoyt Street, Johnstown, PA 15904

Note: All club members must have a current AMA card to fly.

What Channel's do you use:

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Do you use 2.4 Mhz: Y N

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

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Membership Categories:

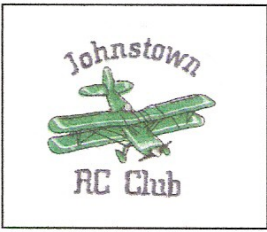
Full-Open Member: \$55 \_\_\_\_\_

Non-Flying Member \$20 \_\_\_\_\_

Jr. Membership \$10 \_\_\_\_\_

(Under age 19)

Dues are for the calendar year



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**Happy Thanksgiving!**