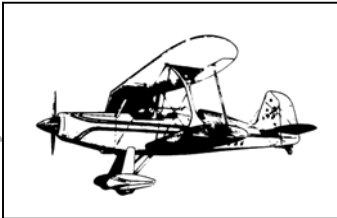


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# The Johnstown R/C Club

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### Upcoming Events.....

**February Club Meeting:** Tuesday, Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7:30 pm at the Richland Twp. Municipal Building, rear entrance. Bring something for show & tell.

**Annual Club Banquet:** Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 pm at the American Legion Hall, Windber, PA Get that plane you have on your bench ready for display

**Annual Mall Show:** May 1-2-3 Center Court, Richland Galleria Mall, Johnstown, PA 9 to 9 daily, Setup night is Thursday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, 7-9 pm.

### 2009 Dues now past due!

If you haven't sent in your club dues for 2009, you have missed the "discount" date and will now owe the whole \$40 annual dues. Please take care of this promptly so we can have the money to pay our bills during the coming year! By this time you should already have your AMA card, but if not, you need to take care of that right away too!

### In-Door Fly-In Big Success!

Our annual January event, the Great "In-Door Fly-In", was held on Tuesday, January 6<sup>th</sup> at the Geistown LDS church on Walters Avenue. What an event it was! First, we want to thank Neil and all his helpers who prepared the food, and to his church for allowing us to use their wonderful facility. Thanks so much! The ladies prepared a wonderful meal, and there was a very nice turn out, in spite of the poor weather that hit late that afternoon! The ice and rain didn't stop about 22 members plus 20 or so wives and guests from attending. President Sam held a short club meeting, then we took time for the great food, and finally rolled the tables and chairs back and had a great time flying all sorts of planes, gliders, helies, even a Bee! Fun time for all. If you have never attended one of these events, you have missed out on lots of fun. Roger set up his laptop with a projector and internet connection so pictures from the website and the G-3.5 Flight



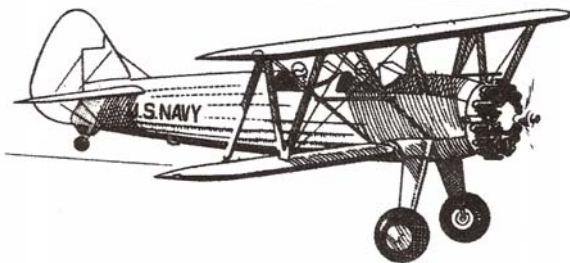
Simulator could be viewed. During the meeting pictures from the past year appeared on a slideshow on the screen. A special thanks to Neil and the LDS Church for supplying the projector and the screen. Treasurer Ken Shilling reported that our field lease payment, plus the mowing bill have now been paid. With our starting balance, and the income from dues payments during the past couple of months, we are in fairly good shape financially going into 2009.



**Johnstown RC Clubs 09 Officers  
Paul, Sam, Ken, and Ken**



**Above is Cliff Majercsik's daughter Abby,  
again wowing the crowd flying the Air-Hog.**



## Swap Meets and Flea Mkts

At the January meeting, info was passed out concerning upcoming PA Swap Meets and Flea Markets. The MARS Annual Swap Meet will be held on January 18<sup>th</sup> in Mars, PA. Call Chuck Dufford at 724-622-1312 for more information. Another event, the RC Flea Market and Auction will be held on February 1<sup>st</sup> in Export, PA. Call Gene Binduga at 724-733-8106 for info on this one. Then on March 14<sup>th</sup>, the Central Penn Aeromodelers RC Flea Market will be held in Lebanon, PA. Call Frank at 717-412-8579 for info.

## Message from our Club Prez



2009? It can't be! I haven't gotten all the lawn furniture put away yet! Time sure does "fly" as we get older, right? The Annual January In-Door Fly-In was a great success and our thanks go out to Neil and his family, the LDS Church, plus all the others who helped put on this wonderful event. The Annual Awards Banquet is coming up on March 18<sup>th</sup>. Please sign up for this special event using the enclosed form at the end of the newsletter. Don't hesitate to invite a friend or relative along. The Mall show will follow a month or so later on May 1-2-3 at the Galleria Mall, Center Court. This is a grand opportunity to show off our beautiful planes to the public. I encourage everyone to participate in this 3 day event. As the flying season approaches, I hope to fly more often, use more fuel, and have even more fun than last year. I hope the RC fever gets a grip on you in 2009. See you at the field!

## Luther Visits JAX RC Club

In early December, we went to Florida to visit our daughter who lives near Jacksonville. While there, I did a search on the AMA site for local clubs and the Jacksonville area club came up the closest, so I then visited their website [www.jaxrc.com](http://www.jaxrc.com). After getting the phone number of their president, I called him and he said I would be welcome to fly at their field as long as I had a current AMA card. I flew there on two consecutive days and had a great experience both times. Their field is located in the shadow of a power plant and the field is adjacent to the plants ash dump area, which is now grass covered. Even though the cooling towers appear to loom large over the field, they present no problem what so ever to RC fliers. The runways are paved, and include a cross runway, and trees are not any threat either. Their club has a little over 100 members and on Sunday, there must have been almost 40 or so planes in the pits, including at least 15 helies. They were very hospitable to both me, and my grandson Max. All they asked was to confirm my AMA and they require **every** flier to post his current AMA card with their pin. It took me a little while to get used to a paved runway again, but after a couple of bumpy landings, it wasn't a problem. It is a little harder to make a smooth bounce free "10 rated landing" on asphalt though!

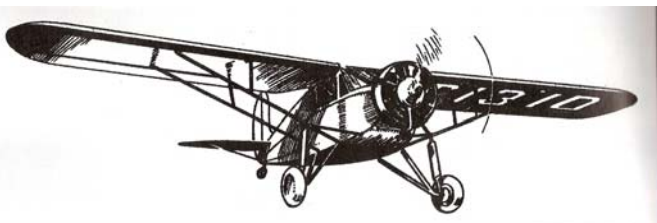
I was befriended by Doug "Smitty" Smith, who is one of their veteran fliers and a club instructor. He and his daughter Ashley, age 13, who is an excellent flyer, were there with me both days and helped me get the lay of the field. She soloed at age 9! They had all sizes of planes, both gas and electric, and many helies. Their field enjoys many amenities including a kitchen with running water, microwave and fridge, plus full service restrooms. They have a large covered pavilion with many tables for both plane prep and for picnics. They lease their field from the city for \$1 per year, and their dues are \$40/year, the same as ours.



For their 2.4 Ghz fliers, they have a special spot for their cards too, per the photo above. They also had an interesting "wall of shame" spot on the side of the clubhouse where those who crash can "mount" the tail of their plane if they wish, similar to a hunting camp with deer heads! See image below. I thought that was a novel idea! They even have a phone at the field so you can call ahead to see if anyone is flying!



JAX RC Clubs "Wall of Shame"





Above is a photo I took of my host, "Smitty" and his daughter Ashley. Below is a pic of me and my Pulse XT with the large cooling tower in the background. The normal approach is coming in from this direction so you have to come down the slope of the spoil pile toward the runway behind me. It's a little tricky getting used to that, and sometimes hard to see planes on the approach if they are already lower than the top of the hill since they sometimes "blend in" with the grass.



**Roger with his trusty Hanger 9 Pulse XT**

We made the trip down, and back home 10 days later, in one daylong drive each way, taking about 15 hours, so we were tired, but had a great visit plus I enjoyed flying with some newfound friends. Here's one more picture of their large covered patio area. The kitchen and restrooms are at the far end of this rather large shady work and eating area. They really had a nice setup, and I hope to visit them when we return to Florida in late January.



**JAX RC Clubs extensive covered patio**

**Annual Banquet Next Month**

Mark your calendar now for our clubs annual banquet scheduled for Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2008. It will again be held at the Windber American Legion Club in their lower banquet hall. Plan on bringing your girl friend, wife, or significant other, and have a great time. If you can, bring a plane that you have worked on during the winter for display. We will have a good meal, good fellowship, and a nice program. The cost for the banquet will be the same as the last few years, \$16 for members and guests, \$8 for those 12 and under. Hope to see you there! A reservation form is on the last page of the newsletter.....



## 2009 Dues Form.....

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

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

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

Telephone #: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

Membership Category: (check one)

\_\_\_\_\_ Open Member (over 19 years - \$40

Please fill out this form completely and

\_\_\_\_\_ Junior Member (under 19 years - \$5

Send form or photo copy and make checks

\_\_\_\_\_ Non-Flying Member (\$15)

payable to "Johnstown RC Club"

### Annual Banquet Reservation Form:

**Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup> 6:00 pm Windber American Legion Hall**

Menu: Swiss Steak, and Roast Turkey with all the fixins Cutoff Date: March 21<sup>st</sup>

Cost is \$16/ person, 12 and under \$8 We will have a good program, awards, a

Guest speaker, pictures from the past year, plus planes on display. Send you name

And guest names, with your check made out to "Johnstown RC Club" Mail to Treasurer

Ken Shilling, 109 Hoyt Street, Johnstown, PA 15904

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ # Adults: \_\_\_\_\_ # Youth: \_\_\_\_\_

Names Attending: \_\_\_\_\_ Total \$ Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_