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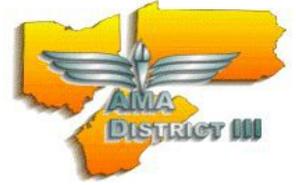
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The Johnstown R/C Club

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January 2015 Newsletter

2015 – Johnstown RC Clubs 53rd Year

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Upcoming Activities.....

Thursday, Dec. 25th. Christmas Day, We wish you and your family a wonderful and Merry Christmas. We hope you get all sorts of neat RC Christmas presents!

January 6th. Regular Meeting night, BUT, we will meet at the LDS Church on Walter's Ave. For our meeting for an extra In-Door Fly-In. No food this time! 7 pm!

February 3rd. Our Annual In-Door Fly In. 6 pm at the LDS Church on Walters Ave. Quick meeting followed by a winter picnic! Then we fly again, anything that's safe to fly indoors!

March 3rd. Regular Club meeting, 7:30 pm at the Richland Twp. Municipal Building.

March 21st. Our annual club banquet, 6 pm at the Belmont United Methodist Church. Great fun, show off your winter projects, plus a good meal and fellowship! Don't miss this one!

Annual Mall Show: May, 1, 2, and 3! Set up night is Thursday, April 30th



David Kissinger and his P-47

David has worked on this beauty off and on for a couple years and has shown it at the Mall Show, and at our annual banquet. It's a very large and to scale P-47. The P-47 Thunderbolt was one of the largest and heaviest fighter aircraft in history to be powered by a single piston engine. It was heavily armed with eight 50 caliber machine guns, four per wing. When fully loaded, the P-47 weighed up to eight tons, and in the fighter-bomber ground-attack mode could carry five-inch rockets or a significant bomb load of 2,500 pounds. It could carry more than half the payload of the B-17 bomber on long range missions (although the B-17 had far greater range). The P-47 was based on the powerful Pratt & Whitney R-2800 Double Wasp engine, the same engine used by two very successful U.S. Navy Fighters, the Grumman F6F Helcat and the Vought F4U Corsair. It was very effective as a short to medium range escort fighter in high altitude air to air combat, and when unleashed as a fighter-bomber, proved especially adept at ground attack in both World War II European and Pacific Theaters. It was the main U.S. Army Air Forces

fighters in WW II and served with other Allied Air Forces, notably those of France, Britain and even Russia. The armored cockpit was roomy inside, comfortable for the pilot, and offered good visibility. The modern day U.S. Air Force ground attack aircraft, the Fairchild Republic A-10 Thunderbolt II takes its name from the P-47, but is also often called the Wart Hog.



Here's a shot of a beautifully restored P-47

Shuttle Flight at the Field



Earlier this fall Ken Reese again brought out his Shuttle for another flight. I was sorry we were away that weekend, but thankfully, David Kissinger had his camera at the ready and got some great pictures of that flight. Above, Ken takes it aloft with his Sig Kadet. After he gets to altitude, it's released and Scott flies it back to a glider like landing. David caught the whole deal on film.



The above picture was snapped just after the moment of separation when Ken lets the Kadet fall away, and Scott takes control of the Shuttle.



I thought this shot was spectacular and almost couldn't believe it wasn't the real Shuttle coming in for a landing at the Kennedy Space Center. Instead, it's making its fast glider approach to the Johnstown RC Club's flying field. Thanks David, Ken, and Scott for this wonderful experience.

Two In-Door Fly-Ins.....

It was decided at our December club meeting that we will move our regular annual In-Door Fly-In from January to February, with the hope that we could perhaps enjoy a little better weather than at some past events. We've had ice storms, snow blizzards, almost zero temps, etc. But still had pretty good attendance. Well, moving it to February may or may not improve our odds! Let's hope anyway!



Anyway, after the move was decided, Neil and Bob offered to also open the LDS Church for our January meeting anyway, to give us two chances to fly indoors. So, plan to come to both the January and the February meetings at the LDS Church on Walters Avenue. Six PM both nights, but we will only have a meeting and fly in January. In February, we will again have that fantastic winter picnic, then the meeting, and then be able to fly again indoors. Got that? Let's hope we see you at both events.



Both the pictures above were taken at the 2013 In-Door Fly-In. We always have a great time. Hope we will see you there! It is one of our special events and lets the wives see us play with our toys, and enjoy a night out together, and the food is always fantastic.

Club Dues.....

We need you to rejoin and pay your dues for the coming 2015 year. Remember, this is the main source of our funds to operate the club, pay for mowing the field, and any other expenses we might incur. If you haven't paid up yet, please do so now. Send your \$55 dollars to our club treasurer Ken Shilling at 109 Hoyt Street, Johnstown, PA 15904. By now, you should have already received your AMA card, but if you haven't, please pay those AMA dues now as well. You know, it's not too much to invest a little over \$100 for a hobby such as ours and enjoy the fellowship of a flying club, and be able to fly at a first class flying field any day you want for a year! Let's give yourself a Christmas present, send in your dues to the AMA and to the Johnstown RC Club.

Some Neat RC sayings.....

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 missed!

Officers for 2015.....

At the December club meeting we re-elected the same slate of officers for 2015.

President.....Sam Kaplitz

Vice President.....Ken Reese

Secretary.....Paul Yuhas

Treasurer.....Ken Shilling

We thank them for their continued service to the Johnstown RC Club!



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**Merry Christmas and
A Very Happy New Year!**