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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.....

June Family Picnic...Sunday June 28th

July Club Meeting....Tuesday July 7th

July Family Picnic....Sunday, July 26th

No-Fly Day at our Field...Sunday July 19th, We fly at Mulligan Hill Club Field that day! Hope you can make it!

New Picnic Table at Field

As you know, our tent at the field was longer than needed for the two existing tables, and on some of the Family Picnic days, folks had to stand at the work tables or make do by just standing up to eat their meal. Roger volunteered to build a third picnic table, and did so in mid May. It's 10 foot long, and Herb Ewald was kind enough to help haul it out to the field and assemble it. It was "ready to go" for the May family picnic, except for a final sealer which will be applied later. Thanks Roger and Herb.



Roger and Herb trying out the new table!

FAA Crash Investigation

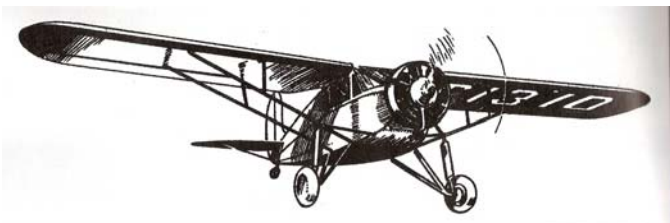
The FAA and other federal agencies are in the process of investigating a small plane crash at the northwest end of our flying field, which took place on the evening of May 19th at approximately 7:30 pm. Details are sketchy, but witness's reported seeing a small plane go down after circling the field for 10 minutes or so. There were two pilots involved, a new and inexperienced pilot, and a seasoned veteran who had reportedly already taken over control of the aircraft prior to the time the plane went in. Bystanders reported the engine "rev'ed up" for several minutes just after the crash. Witness's believed that the late evening "suglare" may have contributed to the accident, however the pilots reported that the plane was behaving in a "squirrely manor" just before the crash. (nobody at the scene knew exactly what this term meant) The wreckage has since been recovered, and reports are the plane was totaled, except for the engine and the electronic components. Fortunately there were no injuries except for some hurt "pride". The names of the pilots involved have been withheld to protect the innocent. In the photo below several club members posed with the wreckage.



Nice Paint Job Nicole.....



Nicole did the club a really nice favor, with some help from Matt's new computer decal machine, and made wonderful logos for on two of our picnic tables. Looks really sharp Nicole, thanks so much! They also did a nice job in replacing the very worn number stickers above the frequency pins. The decals were becoming worn and peeling off, so now the flight box looks great! She also painted the large middle table and the flight box. A couple of the guys wanted to schedule her for some work at their homes, but Nicole politely declined.



Mid-Air with Minimal Damage Stuns Crowd.....

Grant and Roger shared an interesting event on Saturday morning, May 23rd. They were the only two flyers in the air, when at the north end of the field everyone heard a "whack" but both planes were able to keep on flying! A very unusual event and both planes flew for several more minutes before each landed successfully. Upon inspection of the planes, Roger's "Twist" wing tip must have hit Grant's small electric's landing gear. Grant was missing a wheel and the landing gear wire, and Roger's Twist had a small nick at the end of the wing tip! A Mid-Air with minimal damage, What's the chances of that? Both flyers left the field to go to Sheetz to play the lottery that day!

May 24th Sunday Flying!

We had a wonderful turnout on Sunday, May 24th. There must have been at least 15 or so flyer's out, plus a good many spectators to watch the action. The picture below was taken about 7 pm on a very calm and warm summer like evening.



There were lots of neat planes flying including a visit from Duane "Shorty" Carney from New Florence and the Mulligan Hill Club. Roger flew his T-34 Mentor for the first time this summer, and Sam did some neat tricks with his Blue Bi-Plane. He thrilled the crowd for awhile until he had trouble pulling it out of a spin. (he later made the crash page) Scott had a great time flying his new electric glider to great heights and Ken flew his rebuilt Pulse XT. All in all, everyone had a fantastic evening, probably one of the nicest so far this year!



Mark Turzak has been working under the instruction of Paul Yuhas during last year, and also this spring. Mark made his first solo takeoff and landing on May 24th. Congratulations Mark! Good job! Doesn't it feel great to have a couple of solo landings under your belt? It gets much easier now, and more fun too!

May Family Picnic.....



The above picture pretty well sums up the May Family Picnic held on Sunday, May 31st. Although we had a pretty nice turnout, only 3 members chose to fly all day due to the high and buffeting winds. Sam and Roger took their "Twists" up a few times and were able to land them successfully, and Matt Tedrow flew his helie, but that was it! Everyone else had more sense and kept their planes grounded. We had a nice cookout, and utilized the three wonderful picnic

tables we now have under the tent canopy. Everyone had a good time, swapped stories, and kept one eye on the windsock all afternoon. By 6:30 and after we ate, most folks had packed up and left the field.



Above is a picture of part of the crowd in line for the hotdog feast around 5 pm. Looks like Sam (on the left) is being "held up" by some-one? The "gunman" was never found!

June Club Meeting Recap

The June meeting, held on Tuesday the 2nd was very well attended with 22 members and two guests present. About 7 of the guys flew prior to the meeting at our field and the conditions were surpurb! A warm and calm evening, and about as good as it gets! Our guests were Brandon Lake, a friend of Matt Tedrow, and Safouh (Sam) Malhes, a friend of Savas Mavridris. "Sam" Malhes joined the club at the meeting and has already applied for his AMA license.

President Sam reviewed the progress made at our field during the last few months with the new picnic table, the painting of the other two tables and flight box, the new emblems on the tables, etc. The field is looking about as nice as it ever has, including the tent canopy and tables. Secretary Paul reviewed the last meeting minutes, and Treasurer Ken reported on our finances which are in fine shape for this time of the year.

Herb Ewald told us about an upcoming “Heritage Days” which will be held on Saturday, September 19th. We are invited to display and fly our planes at Camp Harmony, located near Holsopple, on that day. At least 8 club members said they would participate. Sam also discussed the “no fly day” scheduled for Sunday, July 19th due to the Saddle Club’s horse show. We are all invited to fly at Mulligan Hill’s field just outside of New Florence on that day.



Above is a picture of some of the club members who went to Pappy’s for pizza and Pepsi after the meeting. We had a good time and helped Nicole celebrate her birthday! (That’s her way in the back on the right)

Fuel for Sale.....

I talked with Dick Davis of Allegheny RC Sales in Ebensburg and he has fuel for sale. He carries SIG Champion RC fuel and has some left in his inventory.

10% Nitro.....\$17.95/gal

15% Nitro.....\$18.95/gal

He can be reached at 815-472-9715 and is located at 415 E. High Street, Ebensburg, PA. It’s usually best to call ahead first.

J & C Hobbies, located at 12250 Frankstown Road, in the Penn Hills area of Pittsburgh also has fuel for sale. Their phone number is 412-795-9344.

Wildcat fuel: 10% is \$14 & 15% is \$15

Cool Power and Omega fuels are as follows:

10% is \$18/gal. And 15% is \$19/gal

Keep your batteries charged and see you at the field!



Safouh (Sam) Malhis with Savas Mavridis

Above is our newest club member Safouh (Sam) Malhis who joined our club at the June meeting. Sam is a doctor at Memorial Medical Center and is a friend and associate of Savas. Welcome Sam! He has a “Hanger 9” Alpha trainer on order. We look forward to seeing Sam at the field!

