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The Johnstown R/C Club

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Upcoming Activities.....

Sunday, June 18th: Father's Day, Model Jet Demo at the Somerset Airport. Demo's at 11 am and 2 pm. Airman's breakfast 8-10 am. Enjoy Father's Day at the Somerset Airport.

Sat/Sun, 24th and 24th: Latrobe Air Show 2017 w/the Blue Angels.

Sunday, June 25th: June Family Picnic at the field, 5pm Bring your spouse, girlfriend, or even both if you wish! Enjoy a good picnic and some of Kenny's famous Ball Park Hot Dogs. Bring a dish to pass and a couple planes to fly!

Tuesday, July the 4th: Enjoy the 4th with your family, or come out to the field and fly!

Wednesday, July 5th: July Club Meeting, one day later due to the 4th. Fly at the field before hand, then attend the meeting at 8:30 pm, Richland Twp. Municipal Building.

Sunday, July 30th: July Family picnic, 5 pm at the field. Come join us we will fly from 2 pm on and until dark. Hot Dogs at 5pm. Bring a dish to pass.

News about the A-10.....



Once at risk of extinction, Air Force proposes to keep all A-10s

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Once on the brink of forced retirement, the A-10 attack plane with the ungainly shape and odd nickname has been given new life, spared by Air Force leaders who have reversed the Obama administration's view of the plane as an unaffordable extra in what had been a time of tight budgets. In the 2018 Pentagon budget plans sent to Congress this week, the Air Force proposed to keep all 283 A-10s flying for the foreseeable future.

Three years ago, the Pentagon proposed scrapping the fleet for what it estimated would be \$3.5 billion in savings over five years. Congress said no.

The following year, the military tried again but said the retirement would not be final until 2019. Congress again said no.

Last year, officials backed away a bit further, indicating retirement was still the best option but that it could be put off until 2022.

Now the retirement push is over, and the Warthog's future appears secure.

"The world has changed," said Maj. Gen. James F. Martin Jr., the Air Force budget deputy, in explaining decisions to keep aircraft once deemed expendable.

The Air Force has similarly dropped plans to retire the iconic U-2 spy plane amid prospects for bigger budgets under President Trump.

It also reflects the relentless pace of operations for combat aircraft and surveillance and reconnaissance planes that feed intelligence data to war commanders.

The service had complained for years that its inventory of aircraft was getting dangerously small and old. Gen. Mark Welsh, who retired as the top Air Force officer last year, was fond of describing the service as having 12 fleets of aircraft that qualify for antique license plates in the state of Virginia.

The A-10 is a special case. Rep. Martha Mc-Sally, a Republican from Arizona who flew the A-10 in combat and commanded a squadron in Afghanistan, speaks of it with obvious affection.

"The A-10 is this badass airplane with a big gun on it," she said she told Trump in a recent conversation, explaining why the Warthog is unlike any other attack aircraft.

The "big gun" to which she refers is a seven-barrel Gatling gun that is nine feet long and fires 30mm armor-piercing shells at a rate of 3,900 rounds per minute.

Also armed with Maverick missiles, the A-10 is effective not only in a conventional battle against tanks and other armored vehicles. It also provides close-air support for Iraqi and other U.S. partner forces taking on Islamic State fighters in the deserts of Iraq and Syria.



The A-10 Wart Hog has proven to be a fantastic plane in the Air Force's fleet of war planes, and has been a popular model in our RC hobby. Quite a few of our members have tried their skills flying A-10's.

Fence Painting Done!

We are happy to report that the extensive re-painting of our chain link fence at our field is now completed. Ken Shilling took on this project all by himself and did a fantastic job. He had the necessary equipment that most of us don't have access to, including a generator, and paint sprayer. Ken spray painted all the posts, including the picnic canopy with primer and then re-did it again with the silver Rustoilium to make the whole thing look brand new! It's been quite a few years since this was done, and greatly needed. Thanks Ken for a job well done! Looks like a new fence!





This thing looks fantastic, Thanks Ken!

Saturday Morning Flying

It's been a tough spring for good flying with all the rain, cold weather, and wind, but things are getting back to normal now. On Saturday morning, June 17 Roger and Fred flew several flights and were joined by Ken, and both Ken's. The field received several inches of rain over the previous two days and was pretty darn soggy, but we were able to fly both glo and electric models. Poor Don, he just couldn't get a dry period long enough to get up to the field and mow. The field is in great shape, and ready for summer flying.



Saddle Club Events.....

Just to keep you all informed, these are the dates for the Saddle Club's bigger events for this summer:

57th ANNUAL GJSC HORSE SHOW

SUNDAY, JULY 16TH

ANNUAL WINDBER HOSPICE

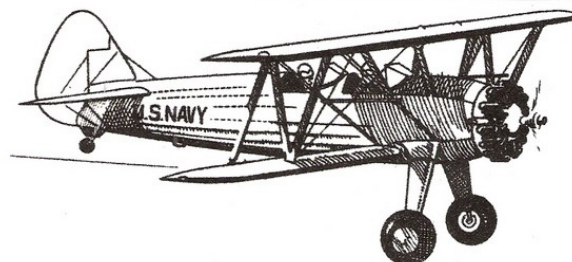
HORSE SHOW

AUGUST 19TH AND 20TH

Remember to show our neighbors good will and refrain from flying on their side during these events and always stay away from horses on the trails. Electrics are permitted to be flown during these events, but stay on our side of the fence. Thanks!

New Member.....

We took in a new member last week by the name of Fred Gelston. Fred has lived in Florida for a number of years and was a member of the Largo RC Flying Club for the past two years. He has about 4 planes in his hanger at the moment and all are electric at the moment. Fred is 70 years young, and worked as a trial lawyer for 38 years, but has heard most of the lawyer jokes at this point. He and his wife Cathy live at the top of the Laurel Mountain, near the ski resort just off Rt. 30. Next time you see him at the field give him a tip of the hat and say hello! Welcome to the Johnstown RC Club Fred.





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