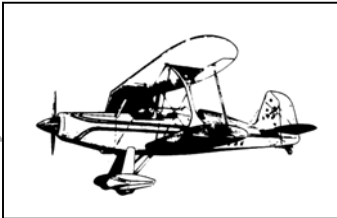


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Upcoming Events.....

May Family Picnic: Sunday May 23rd, 5 pm - **Note Date CHANGE!**

June Club Meeting: Tuesday, June 1st, 8:30 pm. Flying at the field first

June Family Picnic: Sunday, June 27th, 5 pm, at the field

Spring Work Day.....

Our spring work day, held on Saturday, April 24th, was a little cold and breezy, but 15 or so brave club members turned out and we got a lot done in a just a few hours.

The jobs completed included putting up the tent canopy, picking rocks, cutting some pesky brush at the north end of the field, plus some other odd jobs. Because it was so windy and cold, only Sam Kaplitz was brave enough to fly after the work was done. Nobody else even got a plane out of their car. The tent canopy went up easily with all the help present, and the new “streachy things” which Bill Rosage purchased, tightened up the tent very well. This is the 4th summer for the canopy, and it should serve us a few more years. We added foam pipe insulation to the top ridge pole to try and take some wear off the tarp cover. Ken Shilling brought his generator and sanded off and painted the metal picnic table, so that will be in prime shape for our picnics. Roger will stain the wooden picnic table at a later date, when it’s warmer. We want to thank all the club members who turned out



to do all the work that was accomplished in a just a few short hours. We had a call in for Don Hoffman to come over to present him his award from the Banquet, but he wasn't able to make it until almost everyone had left. We did get a shot of Sam presenting Don the award plaque, plus the card we all signed, for his 25 plus years of dedicated service to our club as our grounds keeper. We really appreciate all the work and tender attention he gives our field. Thanks Don so much from all of us!



Sam presenting Don his award

Thanks to Don, and Mother Nature, the field is in tiptop shape for May, and we look forward to a another successful summer flying season.



In the picture below left, Bill Majercsik, Sam Kaplitz, Greg Breit, and Mark Turzak put the final touches on the tent canopy. Below, this "action picture" answers the burning question, "how many RC'ers does it take to start a lawn mower"? The answer, **Four**, plus a camera man. (a couple more were shouting advice from across the field)



For more pictures, go to our website www.johnstownrc.org and click on the link to "2010 Pictures from our flying field"

2010 Membership at 49

As of the end of April, our paid membership for the club is 49 members, which is down a few from last year. Remember, to fly at our field, you have to have paid your 2010 club dues, plus your AMA dues.



2010 Mall Show.....

The 2010 Mall Show was another great success with approximately 28 members participating by spending time at the display or actually showing their planes. We hit another record with 55 individual planes and helicopters present. Over the course of the three day weekend we had lots of interest shown by passer's by. One interesting addition this year was a helium balloon give-away thanks to Ken Shilling. He brought in a helium tank with nozzle and a bag of large colorful balloons to give away to the kids. Even with the tight economy, we sold out the prize tickets with less than an hour to go to the mall closing time at 5 pm Sunday. Throughout the weekend we had good coverage with from 4-14 members present at varous times during the day. Your editor took quite a few pictures during the weekend and they can be seen by going to the club website at www.johnstownrc.org and clicking on the 2010 Mall Show web album. Click on the "Slide Show" option.

In the picture below we had 9 club members present for this particular photo including Roger, Kevin, Paul, Scott, Greg, Gary, Cody, Ken, and Grant.

The display was outstanding this year with everything from small electrics up through Ken's eight foot wingspan two engine B-25. Matt and Nicole brought in a fantastic group of helicopters and many of the guys actually flew some of the smaller ones during the weekend in the area just behind the display booth. Again, "Aunte Anne's" had a steady flow of club members and guests buying those tasty pretzels.

The winner of the Sunday night drawing was none other than veteran club member **Jim Patterson!** Congratulations Jim, he earned it by selling 90 tickets himself, but evidently he purchased a number of them for himself too. We are always happy when a club member wins the drawing, and this year that came true. I ran into Jim at Giant Eagle and he assured me that he would "take the money" We like it when "things work out"





Above, Sam, Cody, Greg, and Paul pose for a quick shot on Saturday afternoon. Club members enjoyed “talking shop” and just visiting with each other and talking with mall visitors during the three day weekend. We gave away a pile of aviation magazines, handouts, balloons, and answered hundreds of questions including the usual ones, “how far do they fly” and “how much do they cost”, and the most interesting one, “is it hard to fly these things”? And the most asked, “Do you ever crash them?” Of course the answer to that question depended upon who they asked!



Above is a view from the rear showing the large square display area including a 10 table center area where the larger planes were placed. The mall workers had the tables already set up when we started arriving at 7 pm on Thursday evening to setup the display.



At another point in the weekend a different group was present, including Herb, Caleb, Grant, and Frank, and seated were Bill and Fred. We want to thank each club member who brought in planes, spent time at the booth, and to those who sold tickets. This is our only fund-raiser during the year and goes along way toward paying for our annual mowing bill.

May Club Meeting Recap

May’s club meeting was held on Tuesday, May 4th with 18 members present. Several of the guys went to the field to fly prior to the meeting, but it was very windy and nobody put to the air! Sam opened the meeting and reviewed the just completed Mall Show, which was a success by any standard. There were at least 28 participants during the weekend either to display planes or to work the booth. We decided to have our May family picnic on Sunday, May 23rd instead of the usual last Sunday, which this year falls on the Memorial Day weekend. This leaves that weekend for your family and/or trips to visit relatives. The rest of the summer we will have our family picnics on the last Sunday of each month.

We approved Don Hoffman’s request to spray fertilizer and week killer on the field at a cost estimated to be around \$150 to \$175. This was done last year and it proved to really help keep the field looking sharp.

During the “Show-n-Tell” portion of the meeting, Matt Tedrow showed us his new “E-rc” mini P-51 model plane which he recently purchased out in Ohio at Roffee’s Hobby Shop, which is located in Byesville, OH. The darn thing flies really well, and comes Ready-To-Fly including a mini 2.4 Ghz transmitter, all for about \$40!



Matt’s Mini P-51 Mustang



Matt and the Mini P-51 as purchased

After the short meeting, about 12 of the guys went to Pappy’s for Pizza, Beer, and Pepsi! We asked for the new cook (Travis Miller) to come out, but he was sent home early that night! Travis now works for Pappy’s so we will be looking for him next month!



Matt and the Mini Mustang

Everyone was amazed how tiny this plane is and yet it has 4 channel control and the tiny servos are hidden in the body of the plane. Really amazing! In case you are interested, the Hobby Shop is:

Roffee’s Hobby Shop 254 Main Street
Byesville, Ohio, 43723 740-685-8586



Above, President Sam Kaplitz presents Jim Patterson his “ceremonial check” for \$200 as his winnings from the May 2nd Drawing. The real check is “In the Mail”!