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The Johnstown R/C Club

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Johnstown R/C Club's Forty-Eighth Year

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UPCOMING EVENTS!

Annual Club Mall Show:

April 30 & May 1st and 2nd Johnstown Galleria Mall. Setup, Thurs. April 29th

April Family Picnic: Sunday, April 25th, At the field, 4:30 pm

May Club Meeting: Tuesday, May 6th 8:30 pm (Note time change)

May Family Picnic: Sunday, May 23rd At the field, 4:30 pm

President Sam Kaplitz for 10 years service as our president. Sam does a wonderful job of leading our club and it's many activities. Thank you Sam!



Our speaker for the banquet was Jared Shuke who is chief flight instructor for MTT Aviation Services at the Johnstown Cambria County Airport. Jared shared with us how he took his first flight at age 7, and began lessons and soloed at age 17 and has been in love of aviation ever since. Jared and MTT are cooperating with Highland Community College in training folks interested in getting their private pilot's license and then going into commercial or general aviation. We appreciated his presence at the banquet since he had an accidental fall and broke his arm only a few days prior to the event.

Club Banquet Big Success!



Saturday, March 27th was the day, and what a turnout we had! Over 50 members and guests enjoyed a wonderful meal and program at the Windber American Legion. Most of us felt that this was the best banquet ever, with a fantastic turnout. One of the highlights of the evening was presentation of an award for "dedicated service" to our Club

After a great meal, and Jared's remarks, we judged the many planes that members brought in for display, and Sam gave out awards. 1st Place this year went to Bill Mejericsik for his Goldberg kit built plane shown on the next page. Bill did a beautiful job with the finish and covering of the plane. Second place finisher was Cody Selders, with Third place going to Grant Moore. The "Ladies Choice" award went to Caleb Butler.



1st Place winner Bill Majercsik



2nd Place winner Cody Selders



Roger Luther and Herb Ewald brought their flight simulators for folks to try their flying skills, and Roger showed pictures from scenes from our clubs 2009 activities. The whole evening went very well, and our thanks go out to Sam, Paul Yuhas, and all of those who contributed to help make this banquet a great success.



3rd Place winner Grant Moore



Ladies Choice winner Cal Butler

ANNUAL MALL SHOW NEXT BIG CLUB EVENT

Don't forget, the annual club mall show is scheduled for April 30th and May 1st and 2nd at the Johnstown Galleria Mall. Setup night will be on Thursday, April 29th from 7-9 pm. We will be at the same location as last year, in the large open area across from the Bon-Ton on the lower level. This area worked well last year, with good traffic and also it is very close to Aunte Annie's pretzels, which saved a lot of shoe wear and travel time for our club members. Try and get as many planes as you can ready for display, the more the better. The last few years we have had about 40-44 planes laid out, with room for a few more. We hope you will take time to "man the booth" during the show, but at least plan to come up for a visit to support the club. Don't forget to pickup some tickets to sell or buy to help support the club. This annual raffle is our only fund raiser during the whole year, and helps to pay the mowing bill for our field.



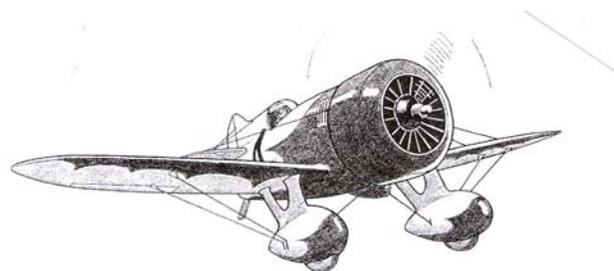
Above is a picture of the plane display from the 2009 Mall Show. We would like this years to be even better! Small plane, large planes, electric, gas, glider, you name it, we want it for display to show the wide variety of our hobby.

APRIL FLYING FUN....

During the last two weeks of March and the first weeks in April, quite a few of the guys have been out flying. The field has it's usual spring wet spots, but all in all, the field came thru the hard winter with flying colors. So far Fred, Caleb, Grant, Kenny, Bill, Cliff, Roger, Scott, Neil, the Selders, plus a few others, have been out to "get the dust blown off" those planes that have been hanging in the garage or basement since last November.



Sunday, April 4th (Easter Sunday) a few brave souls ventured out to the field and by golly Ken Reese had his grill and the hot dogs ready at 5pm! It was great, it's been six long months since we have tasted those wonderful "Ball Park" hot dogs Kenny cooks up for us and everybody really appreciated that! We took a group photo after the dogs and left to right are Cliff, Bill, Kenny, Ron Hagerich, and Roger. A fun evening of flyng was had by all! Lots more of the same will happen in the months to come.



Camp Harmony Fly-In

The Club's April meeting was held on Tuesday, April 6th in conjunction with our second fly-in of the year. Herb Ewald made the arrangements for the club to use the very large arena like building called "Faith Hall"



As you can see in the photo above, it's a huge indoor facility, carpeted, and great for indoor flying of small electric planes and helies. President Sam conducted a short business meeting with 15 members present. Sam read the minutes from our March meeting. No treasurer's report was given. We set Saturday, April 24th for the club's spring work day to put up the tent canopy and take care of a few other jobs that need attention including mulching, painting the top rail of the fence and rock picking. The field is in darn good shape considering the harsh winter. Several of our members had difficulty getting into the lock on the flight box, so another lock was obtained, using the same key. We had a request for another demo at the church camp near Green Gables where we did one several years ago. The tentative date for this is Saturday, May 22nd. More details will follow. Sam reported on an upcoming Model Airplane Show which will be held in Cumberland, MD at the Fairgrounds on May 1st, 9 am. We also discussed the upcoming Mall show and Sam asked for help on "setup night" Thursday, April 29th from 7-9 pm. We want as many planes as possible for display.



After the short business meeting, most of the guys took to the air with "windups" small electric indoor planes, and two or three helies. Above, Neil Woffinden shows Jim Weyman how to handle his E-Flight helie.



Matt Tedrow also showed off his considerable skills flying a helie, plus a small 4 channel bi-plane. Everyone seemed to have a good time, but the attendance was down from recent meetings, perhaps due to the distance from our "home base" in Richland. We will evaluate having another fly-in at this location next year at our next meeting in May.

Here's a few more pictures from our outing at Camp Harmony on April 6th

Right, Faith Hall a few months ago !



Above, Sam conducting the meeting
Right: Sam on the simulator
Below: "The Lineup"

