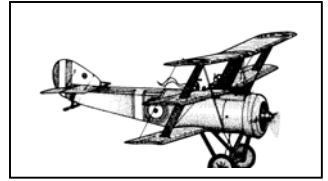


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# The Johnstown R/C Club Digital Dope Sheet



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## November Club Meeting is on Tuesday November 11<sup>th</sup> - 7:30

Our next club meeting will be held on Tuesday, November the 11th, 7:30 pm. **Note the date change** due to election day being on our normal meeting night. Our meeting room is used as a voting place, therefore we must meet a week later than usual. This will be an important meeting since we will be **nominating club officers** for the coming year! Please plan to attend this important meeting!

## One More Family Picnic!

We will try to have one more family picnic before the tent comes down! The last week of October is usually one of the most beautiful times of the year so lets hope the leaves stay on, are in beautiful color, and the weather is nice for our last scheduled Family Picnic for 2008 on **Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup>**. The hot dogs will be on the grill by 4:30 or so. Below is a picture taken of Saddle Club Road on October 21<sup>st</sup> last fall. Let's hope it is just as nice on the 26<sup>th</sup> this year. We hope to see you and other members of your family there! (To see this picture in all its glory, go to our website and view it on the "Newsletter" page in full color!) .....

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## September Family Picnic was a Rainy Success!

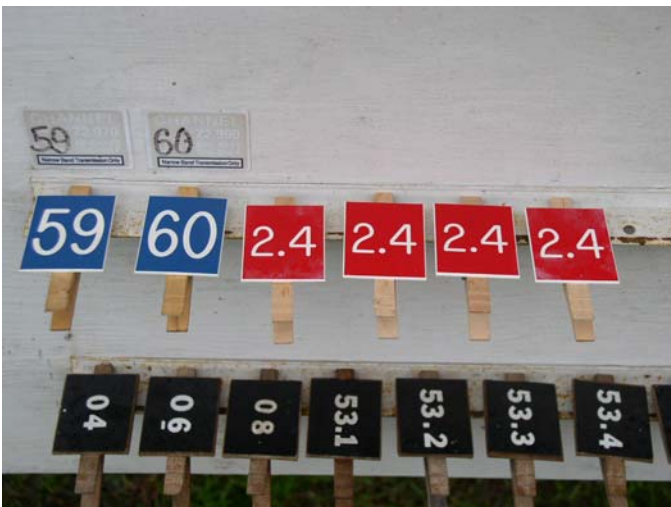
On Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, the weather was alternating between sun, cloudy, and rain for most of the day. That didn't stop about 22 folks from coming out to the field and enjoying a great buffet spread, even if we all did have to huddle under the tent canopy from time to time to stay out of the periodic rain showers. The younger set enjoyed stomping in the puddles and running around the field in the rain with their arms out trying as hard as they could for a manual "take off"! Fun to watch! Talk about energy! Several members flew their planes including Scott, Roger, Sam, Alex, and Matt. Matt and Dwayne also flew their helies. Several times we had to bring the flight boxes in under the tent area and wait for the rain to slacken a bit, but all in all, everybody had a great time! Young Abby Majercsik wowed the crowd flying her small electric "Air Hog". Boy, she has become quite good at this! Below is a picture of Abby running the "Air Hog" through its paces with her Dad Cliff giving instruction and encouragement.



We can see Abby becoming a full fledged club member in the near future as she "moves up" to larger RC planes! Keep up the good work Abby!

## New Pins in Flight Box

Since a number of our club members have switched over some of their planes to the new spread spectrum, or 2.4 GHz frequency system, a few times we have run into an interference problem. Some, who have planes on both the 2.4GHz, and the regular 72MHz pin setup, forget to grab a pin when they bring one of their older planes that still use the 72MHz radio system. Therefore, we have purchased a number of new red pins with 2.4 imprinted on them. In the future we would like to have everyone pick up an appropriate pin before turning on their radios. This will keep the 2.4GHz guys in the practice of using a pin, so that when they bring out an older plane on the 72MHz frequency system, they will hopefully remember to get a pin for that plane! We hope everyone will cooperate with this new rule at our field. Remember, **everyone** needs a pin on their radio or flight box!



A shot of the flight box showing new 2.4 Mh pins

## Newsletter Has New Format

We are still working on finding the best format for our monthly newsletter. The last half dozen or so editions have utilized a “3 column format”, and in this one I’ve switched it back to 2 columns. Please get last months edition out and compare them and let me know what you think? You can look at all of the last two years available editions by going to the clubs website, [www.johnstownrc.org](http://www.johnstownrc.org) and clicking on the “newsletter” tab. Using two columns allows for slightly larger pictures. I would appreciate your feedback and constructive suggestions on how we can make the newsletter better. Guest columns are always welcome too!

**Don't forget to Vote on  
Tuesday November 4<sup>th</sup>!**

## New Plane Stands at Field



Recently, our field was benefited by the addition of **two** new cable reels, which we use for plane stands. The old ones were getting a little weak in the knees, and a few were actually dangerous, so it's a big improvement. We want to thank Steven Yuhas, one of our club members, who happens to work for Penelec, for obtaining one of them for the club. It sure makes working on planes, or cleaning up after a flight, so much more convenient! Thanks Steven for your help! We also want to thank Bill Majercsik for the second reel, and also for his work on repairing the gate stop post. That post has been wobbling for some time and was loose in the ground, but he has patched it with cement and it's solid now. Thanks to both of these club members for their help, and to Penelec for the work stands.

## Half A Texaco Contest

On Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, the club conducted a Half A Texaco Postal Contest. Now you might wonder what that exactly is if you are unfamiliar with “Half A” contests. A Half A Texaco contest consists of older planes like those in the picture on the next page, which are flown as high as possible on a given amount of fuel, or for a given amount of time, and then the flyer attempts to keep the plane up for as long as possible after the engine stops. The “Postal” moniker comes in from having to “mail in



the contest results” to a central clearing house, to see who is the overall winner. You see, it’s sort of an “honor” system. The contest participants from our club were Sam Kaplitz, Jim Patterson, Ken Reese, Paul Yuhas, and guest flyer Daniel Gustafsson. Top club finishers were Jim Patterson and Ken Reese, but the overall winner was our guest flyer from Sweden, Daniel Gustafsson! The picture below shows the five flyers with their planes on Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup>. The hot dog cookout was great too with about 22 present for the dinner at 5 !



**Jim, Ken, Sam, Paul, and Daniel at the Field**

## October Club Meeting Review

The club's October meeting was held on Tuesday, October 6<sup>th</sup>. There were 17 members present and one guest. Prior to the meeting we had lots of fun flying at the field under ideal conditions, even though some complained about the “cold weather”! HA, just wait a few more weeks and see what develops! Ken, Cliff, Sam, Roger, Scott, Neil, and a few others enjoyed the cool evening flying. Secretary Paul Yuhas read the minutes of our previous meeting and Treasurer Ken Shilling reported that our finances are still in good order, however we will face the summer mowing bill soon. President Sam Kaplitz reported that Bob Price has earned his solo pilot’s certificate, however he was not there to receive it at the meeting. He also reported the outcome of the “Half A Texaco Postal” contest we held the previous Sunday, and reported on in the previous article. Sam also thanked Steven Yuhas, and Bill Majercsik for arranging the donation of the Penelec cable reels to

the club, as well as Bill’s repair job on the gatepost. Jim Weyman gave a nice report on his recent trip to the Oskosh Air Show, complete with a display of pictures he took. The club held a moment of silence for veteran RC flyer Earl Carney, who passed away on Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, after a long bout with cancer. Earl was a charter member of the Mulligan Hill RC Club down in New Florence, PA, and had taught and given instruction to many RC flyers over the years, including your editor. Earl lived within sight of the Mulligan Hill flying field, and any time he saw action at the field, he would always come over to offer help and encouragement or just to just watch the action. We will miss Earl greatly. Below is a picture I took of Earl in the fall of last year at the Mulligan Hill flying field where he had so many hours of enjoyment over the years.



**Earl Carney 1928-2008**

Other items covered at the meeting included some show & tell. New member Alex Reasinger showed us his new “Carbon Traveler” convertible he has under construction, and Neil showed off his “Old Reliable” Super Hots, plus a couple new and inexpensive small clamps, available from Harbor Freight. Caleb also showed off his new Tiger Moth bi-plane ARF he obtained from “nitroplanes.com”. Everybody was amazed by the quality and the low price of only \$55 available online. Sharp airplane!

President Sam also informed the club that the last scheduled “family picnic” will be held at the field on Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup>. Our next club meeting has been rescheduled for the second Tuesday in November, the 11<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 pm. This change is due to election day being on our regular meeting night, and the use of our room for voting purposes.

## Speaking of Voting!

Remember to vote on Tuesday, November 4<sup>th</sup>! This is an important election considering the current state of affairs in our country and the world! In addition, on November 11<sup>th</sup>, we will have nominations for our club officers for the coming year. If you would consider serving in one of the positions, let it be known to fellow members and have your name put in nomination! We are appreciative of the many hours our current officers have spent in the work benefiting our club during the past terms. Hopefully, they will again agree to serve our club.

## January In-Door Fly-In

At the October meeting, Neil Woffingden informed the club that his church will again host the annual January In-Door Fly-In. This has become a very successful, and enjoyable evening of good food, flying fun, and fellowship! Put Tuesday, January 6<sup>th</sup> on your calendar. We will meet at the LDS church on Walters Avenue at 6:30 pm! Get your small indoor planes, saucers, helies, whatever, ready for some fun, and don't eat first!



Above is a picture from last years In-Door Fly-In with Ken Reese flying his "Bee". Travis Miller is looking on in the rear. We all have a great deal of fun at this annual event.



## New Sights at the Field

The firm that club member Eric Brown works for, Kuchera Industries, in Windber, PA, has asked to use our field for some flight testing of a UAV prototype they are working on. On Tuesday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, two of their employees met Roger Luther out at the field to try and test fly a ¼ scale model of the UAV they are developing. It was an unusual looking model, a Canard wing plane that had an eight foot wingspan. The prototype has a 28 foot wingspan, and will be test flown out in New Mexico at a government field. They had some difficulty getting the electrical system setup properly, and the Zenoah engine was new, and needed some adjustments before the flight attempt. They did get the plane running, and they taxied it up and down the runway, but never got it airborne. On one of the later attempts, the front nose gear failed and they headed back to Windber for repairs. The engine seemed a bit underpowered for the size of the plane. Below are two pictures



