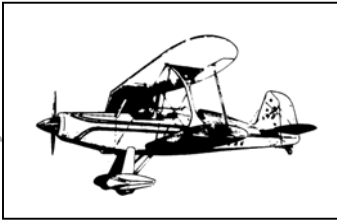


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October Family Picnic.....

Sunday, October 25th 4:30 pm This will be our last family picnic for 2009 Lets hope it's a beautiful fall day!

November Club Meeting.....

Wednesday, November 4th, 7:30 pm This is the day after our normal scheduled meeting due to Tuesday being election day. Officer Nominations will take place at this meeting.

R/C Flea Market: Sunday Nov. 1st Export, PA American Legion Hall 8:30-3:00 pm

Murrysville Area RC Society



Above, President Sam Kaplitz mans the information table where he handed out club and AMA information about our RC hobby. Beside him are couple of the planes which were on static display.

Camp Harmony Demo.....

On Saturday, September 19th a number of our club members ventured up to Camp Harmony, just outside of Holsopple, PA. Camp Harmony is the Church of the Brethern's youth camp, and each year, they hold a "Heritage Days" get together for all their churches in the area. They had all kinds of activities including food booths, games, hay rides, etc. They had a good turnout with wonderful weather and thru club member Herb Ewald, we were asked to put on a static display and airshow. The field was very tight, with trees on all four sides, so only small electrics, and helies were flown. Fred and Sam also flew their control line planes. We had a good turnout that included Fred, Roger, Sam, Ken, Scott, Matt, Nicole, Brandon, and Kevin. Roger and Scott each put one into a tree, which were both retrieved, and later Brandon had a major accident with his large helie, which could have been very bad if someone was in the path it took toward the woods. Our "viewers" came up mainly by a tractor pulled hay wagon and others who ventured up the hill to our site, which was fairly far away from the major activities. Everybody seemed to have a good time and the people who attended enjoyed the plane demo and flying activity.



In the photo above, a number of our club members pose with additional planes, which were brought in for the display and demo. Our folks arrived about 9 am and stayed until almost 2 pm. Your editor didn't get a picture of the tractor pulled hay wagon and others who ventured up the hill to our site, which was fairly far away from the major activities. Everybody seemed to have a good time and the people who attended enjoyed the plane demo and flying activity. Additional pictures from the day are on the next page.



The mule pulled covered wagon approaches the flying field and demo area during "Heritage Days"

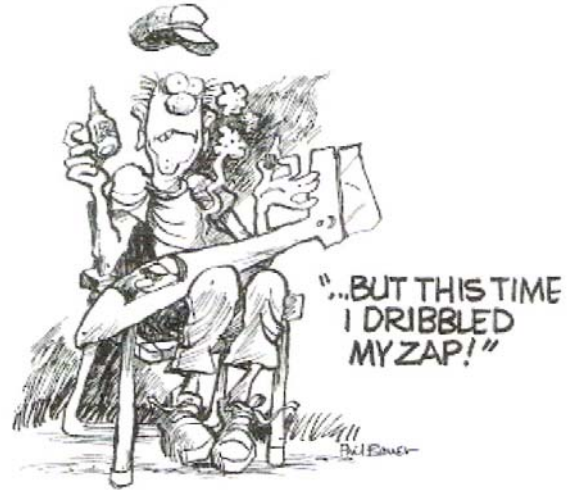


Sam flying his control line during the demo



Matt and Kevin assemble one of Matt's Helies

A CRUSTY OLD GEEZER NAMED HAP
MADE FIELD REPAIRS IN HIS LAP
"I'VE DONE THIS FOR YEARS..."
HE SAID THROUGH HIS TEARS



Watch where your CA glue drips!

Ken Reesey Denied Landing Permit at Saddle Club..... Plane Lands Anyway!

An unusual event occurred at the field on Saturday September 12th. Ken Reesey took his Shuttle model up for a flight with Scott Holsopple at the controls. After the Shuttle was left go from Ken's Kadet, the shuttle apparently hit its rudder. Almost everyone, including Ken spent some time watching the shuttle approach and its landing, which was successful. During this time, Bill Rosage was also flying his Kadet, which has similar colors as Ken's. When Ken looked back to "his plane" it had gotten out of view, and he tried to control Bill's plane with not much luck. By the time he realized the plane he was looking at and trying to control was Bills, he no longer could locate his plane. It had flown itself across the road to the Saddle Club area and nobody knew where it was. For some period all concerned didn't know where Ken's plane was or even went. Only after somebody from the Saddle Club came over and asked if we lost a plane did they know the location of the wreckage. Sorry to say it was a total loss! Ken has another "winter project"!

September Family Picnic a Windy and Rainy Bust!

We are sorry to report that yet another of our monthly family picnics was a bust! Sunday, September 27th was rainy, windy, and down right cold.. Nobody ventured out to the field for the day, so yet another family picnic was rained out. We have one more chance, a possible October family picnic on Sunday, October 25th. Let's hope for an Indian Summer like warm and beautiful fall day for this "last chance" picnic. It was fortunate that the previous Sundays hot dog cookout and picnic was supurb and we had a wonderful turnout!

www.johnstownrc.org is starting its 4th year.....

Our official club website is going great and has experienced well over 11,000 visitors to www.johnstownrc.org since its inception. We have also logged over 2800 visitors to the guestbook, and have had many folks from all over the country leave us messages. We now have three years of our past newsletters available to read on the site, as well as maps and directions on how to get to the field, activities recap, a members page with 40+ pictures of our members, officers page, and much much more. There are well over 1000 pictures from our field and club activities on the site. If you haven't visited the site lately, check it out. We have pictures from this past year, plus pictures from 2007 and 2008 activities. I've received emails from all over the country from folks who have visited our website.

Fun Fly Ideas

Taxiing Contest: This is a timed event. Airplanes will start at a start/finish line, taxi to a turnaround line, and taxi back to the start/finish line. Fastest time wins. Two wheels must remain on the ground at all times. In the case someone enters a tail dragger, the rear wheel can come off the ground.

Hints: Make sure your steerable wheel is aligned and that your airplane will track straight on the ground. Apply full down trim to the elevator to keep your airplane from taking off. As soon as possible apply full throttle while keeping the model moving straight. Somewhere between 40 and 50 feet from the turn around, decrease the

engine's power to an idle to avoid tipping the aircraft while turning around. Keeping the model moving in a straight line with full power can be tricky; it would be a good idea to practice before the contest. You might have to apply a little down elevator to keep the model from taking off when it picks up speed.

Timed Take Off and Landing: This is a timed event. The airplanes take off from beyond a start/finish line. The stopwatch starts as soon as the model is airborne. The aircraft circles the field, comes in, and lands beyond the start/finish line. The stopwatch stops as soon as all three wheels are back on the ground.

Hints: Try not to gain too much altitude after taking off. After crossing the finish line a spotter will call out "turn." Make a sharp turn, cut power, and come in on a short approach. Make sure you carry enough speed for the model to land beyond the finish line or that run will be disqualified.

Spot Landing: Three circles are drawn on the field. Landing inside the small circle will count for five points, the middle circle four points, and the large three points. Two attempts are permitted, scores are added and the highest score wins.

Hints: This event is not timed. I suggest you make a long approach to the field, this will allow you to line up with the circles better. On approach a combination of engine speed and up elevator trim will allow you to make a shallow, controlled approach at a low speed. As you near the circles, decrease engine speed and drop down onto the field.

Hands-Off Event: This is a timed event. Take off and climb to 200 to 300 feet. Put in some left or right rudder or aileron trim, just enough to make the airplane fly a wide, slow turn. Add enough up elevator trim and engine speed to keep the airplane from losing altitude in its slow turn. When you are happy with the trim, put the transmitter down and tell the timer to start. Before the model hits the ground or flies out of sight pick up the transmitter and the stop watch records the total hands-off time.

Hints: You will have to adjust for any wind by starting upwind. How much engine speed you let the airplane fly with will depend on the design of your airplane. Too much speed and it will gain too much altitude. Not enough speed and you will have a short run. Make sure you have a full fuel tank!

Note: I copied this article from the AMA Insider, perhaps we could do some of these activities at our field sometime in the future.

New Old Member.....



In the last few weeks we have added yet another member to our club. Jeff Green, who was previously a member of our club for several years, and even had a short stint as our newsletter editor, has returned to the Johnstown area having lived in Arizona for the last several years. Jeff is a nurse at Conemaugh Medical Center in Johnstown, and resides on Dartmouth Ave. Jeff was out at the field on Saturday, October 3rd and was getting his Extra checked out and air worthy. We welcome Jeff back in the club, and when you see him give him a big hello!

New Member Steve Siska....



Steve Siska, who grew up in the Johnstown area, but spent his working years in the Washington DC area, has retired from government work, and returned to live here again. Steve has glider

experience from his time with the Fort Meade Modelers club near Washington. Steve has a Tower Hobbies "Vista" ARF glider that he has flown at our field quite a few times during the past month or so. He is married to Patricia, his wife of 46 years, and has two grown children, plus three grand children. Steve has several other planes in various stages of construction. We welcome Steve to our club and give him a "pat on the back" the next time you see him at the field or at one of our meetings.



Above, Ken Reese shows off his newest plane, a Great Planes "Escapade" ARF from Tower Hobbies. Ken has flown and loved his Pulse XT's over the last few years, but this new Escapade is considerably cheaper, (only \$99) and it seems well worth the price. Ken had it up for its maiden flight on Sunday, Oct. 4th and all went well! We had a good turnout for the Sunday hot dog cookout, but notice the gloves.....Burr, it was cold out there!



We had a Half A Texaco Postal Contest on Sunday October 4th. From Left to Right, are Ken, Cliff, Scott, Paul, and Mark. Cliff won the contest at our field. Results will be mailed in to the AMA.

October Meeting Recap...

Our October club meeting was held on Tuesday, October 6th. We had 17 members present. We changed the November meeting date to the day after our normal date due to it falling on election day. After the secretary and treasurer's reports Sam discussed upcoming events, and a recent article in the AMA Magazine. He reviewed the Camp Harmony Demo event and Paul and Mark's recent trip to Reinbeck for their airshow. The results of the 1/2 A Texaco club postal contest were given with Cliff coming in first with 982 seconds total, Scott with 766 seconds, and Ken with 497 seconds. Paul didn't finish due to the loss of his plane during the contest.

2010 Club Dues Now Due...

It's that time of year again and therefore we can now start paying our AMA and local club dues. The AMA dues letters arrived a week or so ago, and now's the time to pay both dues. Please complete the form below, or print one out from the "Newsletter" page on our website. Make your check payable to "The Johnstown RC Club" and send to treasurer Ken Shilling. Let's complete this task right away so this process isn't drawn out over the coming months. Remember, you can take a \$5 discount off the \$40 annual fee for "Open Member" status if you pay your dues before January 15th, 2010. After that date the full amount is due. We are pleased to have almost 60 paid club members as of this month! The dues money helps pay for the upkeep of our field. Thanks for taking care of this promptly.

Application for Membership in the Johnstown RC Club

Date Paid: _____ Check #: _____

Name: _____

No. & Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____

Phone No. _____ - _____ - _____

Email: _____

AMA # _____

Date of Birth: _____ / _____ / _____

Spouse's first name: _____

Membership Category: (check one)

_____ Open Member (over 19 years \$40)

_____ Junior Member (under 19 years (\$5)

_____ Non-Flying Member (\$15)

Make checks payable to "Johnstown RC Club" and send to treasurer Ken Schilling at:

109 Hoyt Street, Johnstown, PA 15904

Note:

1. All flying members and guests must have current AMA cards.
2. All radio equipment must be narrow band (1991 specs)
3. The club uses all available legal radio frequencies.
4. Do you use 2.4 Ghz Radios: _____
List all Channels you use:

Dues paid before January 15th for the coming year can take a \$5 discount (for open members only)

All flying members must have current AMA cards. Please fill out this form completely for all lines which apply.

Please send my newsletter via email

Yes _____ No _____