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# The Johnstown R/C Club

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Johnstown R/C Club's Forty-Seventh Year

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## Upcoming Activities.....

### September Family Picnic.....

Sunday September 27<sup>th</sup> 4:30 pm

This could be the last one!

### October Club Meeting....

Tuesday, October 6<sup>th</sup> 7:30 pm We will fly first if weather permits.

### October Family Picnic.....

Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup> ..... 4:30 pm

Let's hope for a beautiful fall day!

## August Family Picnic Recap

The August picnic was held on yet another windy day, and it was darn cold for August! Most of the folks donned a jacket or sweatshirt as the day progressed. Several members never got their planes out of their cars. The good news was that the meal was superb! Ken Shilling brought along his propane powered corn on the cob cooker and that went over very well. In addition to the great hot dogs and fresh corn, the ladies brought a wonderful variety of hot and cold dishes. We topped things off with cake, cookies, and even a fresh watermelon! Quite a few club members flew, and those who stayed later finally got some calmer skies. In the picture below, the line is formed for the meal and what a meal it was!



## Family Picnic Cont'd....

We had a few guests come to view the action and had a really good turnout considering the weather. Several members flew new planes with great results and there were no bad accidents.



Above, Judy Moore enjoys the watermelon after our meal and below Ken Shilling mans the corn cooker.



Our last of the month Family Picnic's this year didn't fare well with rain, wind, and cold affecting almost all of them. It has been a tough summer for our hobby and most of our members have flown quite a bit less than they did last year.



We were all happy to see Travis Miller back out at the field, and he had a good day flying some of "Pap's" airplanes. We have updated his "member page" picture on the website since he has grown so much during the past few years. Below, Roger and Bonnie Luther enjoy the meal at the August picnic.



We still have potentially two more family picnics scheduled for this year, but the late October date might be problematic given the temps at the August Picnic! Let's hope we can enjoy two more family picnics at our field before the tent comes down. We hope to see you at the next one scheduled on Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup>. **DON'T MISS THIS ONE!**

## September Club Meeting.....

Our September Club Meeting was held on Tuesday, September 1<sup>st</sup>. About 6 members flew at the field prior to the meeting. Sam flew his new "Flight Streak" Control line, with a Fox 35 engine. This was its first successful flight and it did quite well on four successful runs. We had 18 members at the meeting including two new members. Greg Brett, who lives near the field and also close to Grant Moore joined, and we also took in new member Stephen Siska. Steve likes to fly gliders, and Greg has a Hanger 9 P-51 progressive trainer for his first plane. Both have flown their planes at the field during the week prior to the meeting. Secretary Paul Yuhas reviewed the minutes from our last two meetings, and Treasurer Ken Shilling reported on our finances, which remain in good shape as we go into the fall. We decided to pump the port-a-john next week, and then one final pump in late October. President Sam reported on the upcoming static display and flying demo at Camp Harmony, which is near Holsopple, PA. The date is Saturday, Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> from 10 am until 1:30pm. The site is very tight with trees on three sides, so only small electrics and helies can be flown.



Alex Reasinger shows off his new Edge 540 which he purchased online from 3-D Hobby Shop. It's an electric ARF with a 47 inch wingspan.



Cliff Majercsik describes his newly built ½ A Lonzo Bomber, which is now ready for flight. (See Kenny, I got it right this time!)

Brandon Lake brought up the idea of changing our internet host for our official website [www.johnstownrc.org](http://www.johnstownrc.org). The cost using his host would be less, but the website would have to be changed over to the HTML language. Roger currently runs our website thru GoDaddy.com which has a very user friendly interface, and knowledge of HTML isn't required. Since we just extended our hosting contract thru the year 2010, it was moved and seconded to continue with our current setup, at least thru the next calendar year. The picture to the left shows Sam taking the "Flight Streak" Control line thru its paces prior to the September meeting.

Sam announced that long time club member, Gene Gardner passed away a few weeks ago, and president Sam held a moment of silence for our departed member. Gene hasn't been able to fly for quite a few years, but has remained a dues paying member right up until his death. A card was passed around to send to his family. The club is going to have a "Postal" ½ A Texaco contest during the September Family Picnic, which will be held on Sunday the 27<sup>th</sup>. Clubs all over the country, and even the world, will participate and send in their individual results via the U.S. Mail to see who the winners of each contest category are.



Jim Patterson's 33% Laser



Above is a picture of new club member Greg Breit. He tried out his new Hanger 9 P-51 progressive trainer at the September family picnic with some initial help from Scott Holsopple. We heard he had a mishap with a tree later in the week.

Jim Patterson showed us his 33% Laser which he is now constructing with the help of Lou Farkas. They are using some of the components from a plane which had wrecked earlier this spring. The color scheme is really sharp with a good bit of work remaining. The estimated first flight date is sometime next spring. Jim shows off the new plane in the picture at the top of the next column.

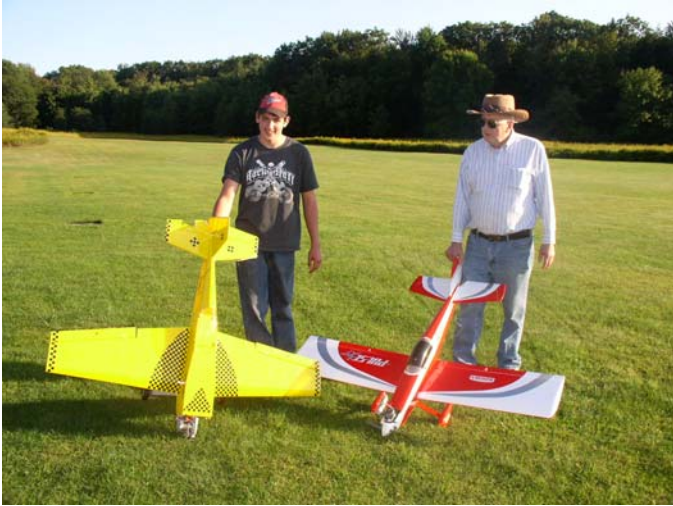


During the Show-n-Tell portion of the September meeting Sam Kaplitz showed us his Fox powered "Flight Streak".

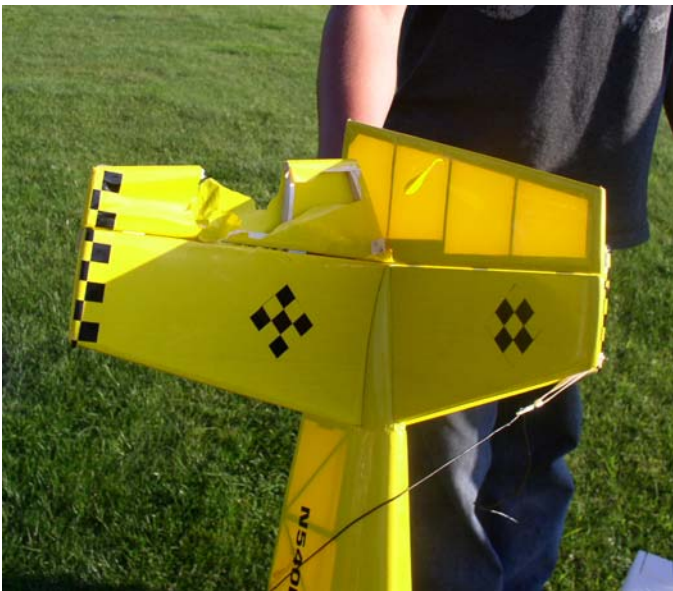
## Evening Flying is Supurb!

Evening flying the last few weeks has been wonderful! It's been calm, the field is in great shape, the temps have been nice, and we have had some exciting flying. On Wednesday night, Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup> Roger, Kenny, and Travis Miller were flying all over the place and doing all sorts of chasing, loops, etc. and something happened that nobody had seen before. After 15 minutes or so of this wild flying, and several "whew, that was close" moments, everybody landed safely, BUT upon examining his plane, Travis discovered his rudder and elevator was chewed up some! We think Kenny's Pulse XT got close enough during one of the "close calls" to

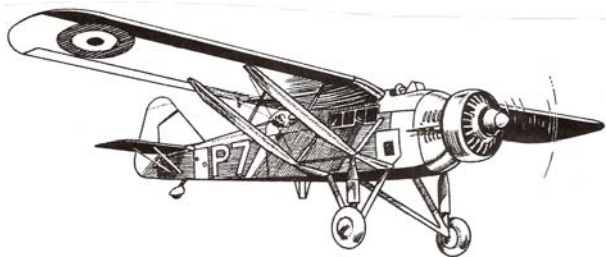
actually hit Travis' plane and tear up the rear end a bit. No one noticed anything when this actually happened, and everyone continued flying. We were all able to land safely to our amazement when we considered how "close" the planes were!



Ken and Travis pose with their plans after this midair "very close call" and below is a close up of Travis's tail section after landing.



Travis said "no problem" Pap can fix it!



## Neal Applies for Patent.....



Neal Woffinden had a problem, and came up with a unique invention to solve the problem. He had a mishap at the upper end of the field a week or so ago, and was able to retrieve his plane, but the wing was stuck in a fairly high tree. Neil made several trips back to see if the wing had fallen to the ground, and hoped it would fall due to wind or rains, but no such luck. Neil took the bull by the horns and constructed the slingshot shown above. He used a golf ball with a screw in it to tie it to the string. He placed the tarp on the ground, took enough string off the winder and placed it on the tarp so that the string wouldn't catch on the weeds. Then, with a smooth shot of the golf ball, the ball went up and over the limb taking the loose string with it, and he was able to pull the string to shake the wing loose! Isn't it grand when a plan comes together! Neil says he will "rent out" the plane retrieval system for a small charge. Actually he will let anyone use it for free. The system really worked well. Good old American ingenuity. We were all very impressed, and Neil got his wing back with very little damage!