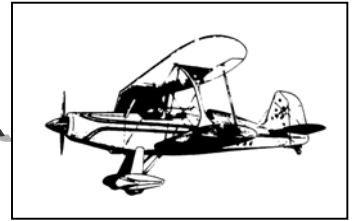


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# The Johnstown R/C Club

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## Upcoming Events.....

**Saturday, August 29<sup>th</sup>:** Fly-In at Mulligan Hill Club field, New Florence. Bring your own food for this event. 9 am till ???

**Sunday, August 30<sup>th</sup>:** Club Family Picnic at our field. 5pm Bring a dish to share with the group.

**Tuesday, Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>:** Regular September Club meeting, Richland Municipal Building **7:30 pm**. Note the time change! We will fly at the field prior to the meeting, weather permitting

**Saturday, Sept 19<sup>th</sup>.** Static Display and RC flying demo at Camp Harmony near Holsopple, PA. 10am

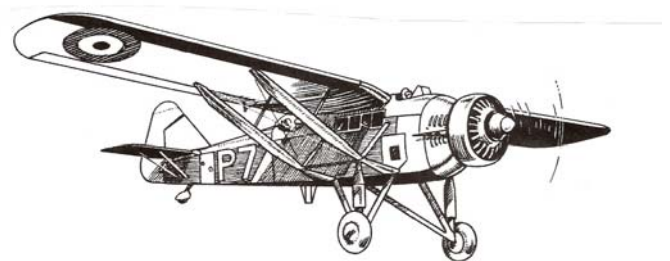
We also decided to pump the port-a-john one more time the end of August, and to then give it a final pump around October 15<sup>th</sup> for the winter. Sam also announced that the Saddle Club Horse Show, which benefits the Windber Hospice, will take place on the weekend of 22<sup>nd</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>. Our field won't be closed during this event, but we have been asked not to fly behind our fence during those two days. The Saddle Club may use our parking area if they need it for over-flow parking for their event.



## August Club Meeting Recap

The club held its August meeting on Tuesday, the 4<sup>th</sup>. Several members were on their annual trek to Toledo for the "Old Timers" flying event. ( Ken Reese, Scott Holsopple, Paul Yuhas, and Ed Develin.) We had 13 members present for the meeting. A few of our members flew at the field prior to the meeting. Due to our Secretary's absence, the previous minutes were dispensed with. Treasurer Ken Shilling reported on our finances and we are in good shape going into the fall with enough in the bank to more than pay for the mowing bill. It was decided to move next months meeting to the regular 7:30 pm start time since it is getting darker earlier. Roger relayed the Mulligan Hill Clubs invite for the Johnstown Club to visit Mulligan Hill's field again on Saturday, August 29<sup>th</sup> for their fly-in. No food will be provided, so bring a lunch and flying starts about 9am until ???.

During the show and tell portion of the meeting, Roger showed us his Park Flyer Cessna 182 electric that he recently purchased. It has been flown quite a bit at the field the last few weeks, and is well powered with the 2200 milli-amp battery, which came with the RTF plane. The cost was \$150 with one battery, the plane, a 110 volt charger, radio, and receiver, all ready to go! Brandon Lake also showed us his recent purchase of a "stabilization" device for use on his helies which seems to work very well.

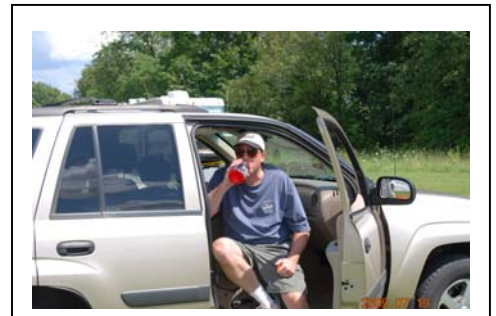


## Rainy July Family Picnic.....

The July family picnic was held on July 26<sup>th</sup>. Again we had some finicky weather with wind and showers at times. The food selection was fantastic again and there was a pretty good turnout, but flying was limited due to the weather. We have not had the best conditions for our family picnics this summer, even though the field has been in its best shape for many years. Lets hope the next two family picnics fair better. See you on Sunday, August 30<sup>th</sup> And on Sunday September 27<sup>th</sup>.

## Mulligan Hill Fly-In.....

Florence to fly at the Mulligan Hill Club due to the "No Fly" day at our field. There were about 7 club members who made the trip, and a fun time was had by all. The Mulligan Hill guys rolled out the red carpet and the flying was great! Here are a few pictures from that day.



## August flying has been good!

You know the summer is fast approaching its end and you need to get out to the field and fly! We still have several months of good flying left and the September to November period is usually very good for flying. We just can't stay quite as late at the field due to the earlier nightfall. So, get those planes charged up, make those repairs, and we hope to see you at the field. On Sunday, August 16<sup>th</sup> we had a wonderful turnout for the hotdog picnic. In the picture below, 16 club members who were present after the meal, posed for a group picture in the 90 degree heat of the day! Most thought it was the warmest day of the year so far!

It was a day of fun, with no major accidents! We flew fixed wing RC models as well as some helies. Ken Reese brought out his P-40 War Hawk, Scott Holospplle his Lazor, among the many other planes which were on the flight deck. In the picture on top of the next column, the Patterson's pose for a picture after the meal.



Our website, [www.johnstownrc.org](http://www.johnstownrc.org) has been updated with new pictures from Sunday, August 16<sup>th</sup>. Go to the website home page and then click on the web-album "09 Field Pics" to view these, as well as many other pictures taken at our field during the past six months or so.



## Annual Trek to Toledo.....



**The following article was submitted by former editor, Paul Yuhas. Thanks Paul for the report!**

On Tuesday, August 4<sup>th</sup>, Ken Reese, Scott Holsopple, Ed DeVelin, and I left in the early morning hours to attend the Weak Signals Club's SAM 40 Old Timer Meet, which is hosted annually by the Toledo RC Club. It's about a seven hour trip, and thankfully the day was good for driving.

The Weak Signals field is just over the Michigan-Ohio line where they have first class facilities, replete with a new clubhouse with indoor accommodations, tables & chairs, refrigerator, two restrooms, and an ample storage area. In addition they have a huge paved runway as well as many acres of grass to fly old timers. Both days of the meet were sunny and hot, perfect for the copious thermals, which abounded at various times during the meet. For once we didn't get rained out!

Ken, Scott, and Ed managed to get "maxes" (maximum allowed flight times) because of the good weather. I came close with my ½ Dallaire. On my third flight the Dallaire was attacked at least six times by a hawk who thought he owned the sky!

Scott got one really fine flight and a "max" with his Nelson powered big Dallaire. Ken got two "maxes" with his ½ A MG Cobin and tied for first place, but opted for second place because we didn't have enough time for the fly-off. Ed did well too with his ignition-powered big Playboy.

The larger planes flown generally did well, but couldn't best the competition. Ken flew his Rossi-powered Tango Bomber, while I flew my ignition-powered Thermal Magnet and Ed got to fly his new A-class Playboy. I didn't get to fly my new 80" Playboy I worked so diligently on just before the trip because we didn't get to test fly it prior to the meet because of electronic problems.

As we always say, maybe next year! Here are some pictures Paul took during the meet at the Toledo Clubs flying field in Southern Michigan.

It looks like they all had a good time, but the \$20 prize money hardly put a dent in the trip expenses. I think they do this for the fun of it, don't you? The guys are already planning for next years annual "Trek to Toledo".

