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### SENDING SUMMER OUT WITH A BANG!

Wow, it's hard to believe that summer is winding down, but our club has sure sent it out on a high note! September is a HUGE month for the *Jersey Coast Sport Fliers*, with multiple events where our members and their flying abilities are showcased. Two of the season's flagship events— **Rhinebeck** and the **NEAT Fair**, take our members to upstate NY for over a week of flying, camping, fun, and making our presence known. Please take a look at the photo by Tony LoBriaco for a prime example. While I don't want to steal Tony's thunder (you'll need to check out his article later in this issue for the details), let's just say the JCSF pilot flying the Triplane in the photo is doing something that had never been done at the Rhinebeck Aerodrome before with a model aircraft... Please check out the details of our club's exploits in detail in the following pages!

While I lament the passing of summer, fall is also an awesome time of year at Dorbrook. The temps are a bit more moderate, the grass grows a little slower, but the days are also getting shorter so we need to take advantage of all the good flying days that we can. But

before you know it, another of our signature events, our annual RC Auction will be here in early November. So start checking your fleet to see what you might want to trade in, and make room for some new acquisitions.

In October we have one of our traditional community events, our **Adopt-A-Road cleanup** on Saturday 10/7 starting at 9am in the front lot at Dorbrook Park. Stu Katz coordinates this event for the club, and I know he'd appreciate as many club members helping out as possible. Honestly it's a nice way to start a Saturday morning, taking a stroll along Route 537 to pick up a few pieces of debris. Please make time to come out!

Please be advised that starting in October we'll have a shift to Thursdays for our club meetings at the Eatontown Public Library for the remainder of the year. September's meeting on 9/27 will be our last meeting of the year on a Wednesday. Don't forget Project Night is this month!!!



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# Recording Secretary's Report

by  
**Darryl Schlosser**

Our **August Meeting** was held on the 23th at the **Eatontown Public Library** meeting room.

Dave called the meeting to order. In my absence, Jake read the Secretary's Report and Stu read the Treasurer's Report.

## Business

- Its been another busy month for our club. Since our last report we have had two club events. On Sept 3rd. we had our second Club Fly Day. Our **Balloon Pop** Contest (Aug 27th) was almost cancelled when the CD (Bob) began to alight! He was screaming in a very high pitched almost inaudible voice for a few moments and then as his voice became deeper he came back to terra-firma. Not sure what happened but Stan caught it all on camera. (See the photos from the Balloon Pop Contest on our website.)
- Adam recounted the events of the recent Golden Age Fly-in in Bethel PA. Adam did his Cub routine and the audience was wowed with the flights of the full scale Fokker DR-1 and Curtiss Jenny.
- Dave briefly mentioned that our club has extended an invitation to other fellow AMA members to fly at our field when TFR's ground them. A **TFR Only Special Permit** guest pilot card must be obtained before flying.
- Before this **Transmitter** gets published we will have completed our Midweek Fun-Fly on Sept 20th.
- Other highlighted events of interest this month included the Rhinebeck Jamboree and Neat Week. See more about these flying extravaganzas in this issue.
- Don't forget our Midway Bomb Drop Contest this Sunday Sept 24th @ 11am. Bob is CD.
- Our Annual Club Dinner has been booked, Save Feb. 24th 2018 on your calendar.

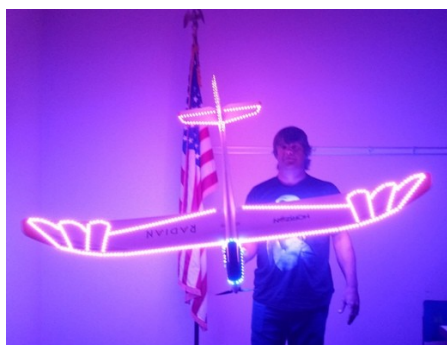
## **RAFFLE WINNER !!**

Gary won the Funzone  
Micro Calypso.



## Model of the Month

1. Mike originally built this Spitfire from plans and after it was re-kitted he rebuilt it with foam. It's powered with a 2814 motor running on 3C LiPO. Sandy did the painting with house paint.



2. Gary built this Radian to replace the one that crashed at Warwick. As you can see, it's presence lights up the room.

3. Bob's 3D printed ME-109 12th scale bird sports an E-Flight Canopy, Hobby King Motor and fly's on a 3C LiPO. Bob used spackle to smooth out the surface before painting it.



3. Adam's P-47 is also 3D printed. This well weathered plane is powered with a Hobby King motor. All Up weight is 3# 5ozs.

## NEAT Fair 2017

Like salmon inexplicitly swimming upstream year after year to reach their birthplace, members of the JCSF make their own annual trek up Route 17 in upstate New York to reach a little town called Shinopple where cell phones don't work, and they don't care. What they do care about is that for upwards of a solid week they wake up, fly, eat, fly, nap, fly some more, have a tasty drink, fly some more, then repeat when they wake up the next morning. Day into night, and through the night, the process repeats. I think it's fair to say that it's one of the best times of the year...

A few members of our little group decided to come up on Saturday this year, which turned out to be fortunate for the rest of us. Bob K. and Tom C. found our big top all set up, but poorly done. After many hours of hard work they had our abode all fixed and ready for the rest of the team, which was greatly appreciated! Between Sunday and Monday most of the group arrived, with the Monday guys taking the trek over from Rhinebeck. As this was happening, we were enjoying some of the best weather we had ever seen at Peaceful Valley. Temps were in the low 70s, the skies were bright blue, and the wind was light and variable. In general outside of a few pop-up storms we had very good weather, which was a nice surprise with the specter of Irma always on our minds.

Outside of the host SEFLI club the Jersey Coast Sport Fliers have the largest turn-out of any club at the event, and based on how we played into the various events over the course of the week we definitely left our mark. Over the course of the week different clubs, including the JCSF, sponsored contests, which we naturally participated in. One of the most popular events was Lobster Combat, which was basically a streamer chase, and if you managed a cut on the very evasive tow plane you got an excellent lobster roll. Adam L. and Tom C. racked up quite a killing in the event, and feasted on lobster almost every day of the contest. And that was just the start...

Thursday night was our annual Vapor Games contest. Last year the Holy Grail (i.e. the winner's cup) went to Rich Roland, who just so happened to take first this year in our Radian Games event the day before. Adam was determined to not let this happen again this year, and as it turned out he made his way into the finals with our friend John from Canada. As you'd imagine we pumped up the whole USA vs. Canada angle and the crowd and participants loved it. At the end of the run-off, which consisted of a limbo contest, Adam took the win by a single point, and there was much rejoicing! But the fun was just starting...

On Friday the Sawn Craft guys ran their now annual Pylon Race. About half of the field consisted of JCSF members, but at the end there was a final race of six pilots, with one JCSF pilot left. And that's all we needed, as Gary S. took the gold plus a beautiful plaque, a cash prize, plus one of the race places. Sweet...

On Friday and Saturday night the Downsville Gym hosts an indoor contest where many of the best micro-builders show off their latest creations. New member Mike Cripps showed off his work, and in the process won a prestigious award for one of his planes, which was a significant honor. I hope he'll bring his collection by to our meeting soon so we can all check out his work!

The cherry on the top of the NEAT sundae was the annual Slow Fly contest on Saturday night. The contest seems simple—pop or touch as many balloons with your nightflyer as possible. However, the balloons are moving around and there are 12+ other planes also trying to get those darn balloons at the same time. Suffice to say it makes things a bit challenging. But Gary was on a tear, and was blowing away the rest of the field. So it's not surprise to say we were confident he was going to take first. But what we weren't expecting was that the "Jersey Boys" wouldn't stop there. Mr. Adam Lilley took second place, and yours truly managed to take third—a clean sweep for our group! Yes, it was that kind of week!

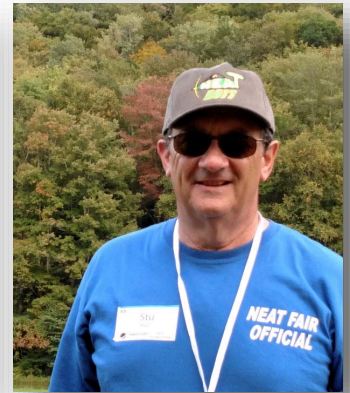
To say we had a great time would be a dramatic understatement. The weather alone made this year's NEAT Fair one of the top three I've attended over the past fifteen years. Add in the great fun, and the wins we racked up, and it was an unforgettable time. It was really that good!

Something like this doesn't happen by accident—it takes a lot of guys pitching in to make it all work. While I know I'll miss some props, Bob and Tom get special recognition not just for fixing the tent but also providing the excellent DJ work during our Vapor Games. Naturally I can't forget all the work Mark N. does in feeding us, plus recognition goes to Gary, Dave, and Tony for helping out with their specialty meals. Unfortunately Mark had to leave early this year for a family event, but everyone stepped up to run this kitchen in his absence. And this is why what we do at NEAT works – everyone helps, everyone cooperates, and as a result we have a great time. You can't ask for more than that...



### Pictures from NEAT...

Honestly I was running around so much this year that I didn't get a chance to take any pictures, so I'm grateful to know folks who did! Credit goes to Micki Bowne, Jonathan Sawn, and Paul "Datazman" from RC Groups for the wonderful work below...



### **If you've ever wanted to own a hobby shop...**

Can you please post on your web page, and newsletter, and let the club members know that Jackson Hobby Shop is up for sale. The business was started in 1969 ,a lucrative hobby shop and one of the oldest one in NJ. I will be retiring in March of 2018 because of medical reasons. The business is up for sale for \$200,000 firm. Any one that is interested can contact Brad Palmer, at Crown Business Brokers, at (908)364-6920 or email him [brad.palmer1@aol.com](mailto:brad.palmer1@aol.com). Anyone that has ever been to the shop knows we have an extensive amount of inventory for all facets of the hobby industry. For all of my customers and friends, which are more like family, this is a sad time in my life and one that I am sorry to see happen.

Thanks again for all the wonderful years this has given me. It's been my pleasure to serve you.

Frank Gustafson—Jackson Hobby Shop

### **Rhinebeck 2017**

Mid Hudson R/C club held its 51st Radio Control meet at Old Rhinebeck aerodrome Friday 9/8 to Sunday 9/10/2017. The weather was excellent as were both the R/C & full scale airplane shows. There was a light breeze that came & went but blew right down the flight line not causing any dangerous crosswinds & making for some nice relaxed flying.

An interesting aspect of the show was the return of the "Pilots' Mission". It's a 3 part informal contest where pilots try to pop a tethered balloon, perform a bomb drop & a spot landing. It's up to the pilot whenever the conditions are right for plane and pilot and you get 10 tries a day to hit your best score. The Mid Hudson group based their original R/C Jamboree on this contest 51 years ago so it was quite an homage to those original founders to bring it back.

The attendance for R/C pilots was a little less than last year which in a way was good for those who were there...No long wait at the flight line & things seemed a lot more laid back than last years 50th anniversary mob scene!

The full scale airshows were the best I have seen in years, if it was in flying condition, it flew. I don't think I have ever seen as many flying pieces of history take to the skies as I did that weekend. It is truly a living museum where you can witness some of the real planes you modeled as a kid (or adult).

One of the most exciting times for me was before the full scale show there is usually an R/C demonstration put on by the finest R/C pilots. Every year someone performs a radio control version of the "Delsey Dive". In the full scale version the pilot tosses a roll of toilet paper out of the airplane and as it unrolls the pilot chases it to the ground and sees how many times he can cut the streamer. No one has ever successfully done it with an R/C plane at the Aerodrome until Sunday, September 10, 2017, 12:25:40 PM when that honor went to Mr. Adam Lilly. All in all it was a great show & the perfect warm up for NEAT.

For those of you who have never been to Old Rhinebeck I would highly recommend it any weekend they are open. One last thing I would like to mention is even though Chucks' beautiful PT-17 with it's equally impressive radial engine couldn't fly due to motor mount issues it was a real crowd pleaser as were John's GEE BEE racers & Dave's Hawk.

*Tony LoBriaco*



Photos by the author.

## Balloon Pop

On Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup>, I CD'd the JCSF Balloon Pop Contest. The weather was very nice, but as usual there was a bit of a breeze. A total of 9 pilots entered. The mission was simple. Six 12" balloons were tethered to the field with 10 feet of crepe paper. We flew two rounds, with each pilot having two minutes to do his best to pop balloons or cut the tethers. Points were the total of both rounds and awarded as such:

- ⇒ 10 points per ribbon cut
- ⇒ 20 points per balloon pop
- ⇒ 50 points for cutting a tether and landing with the balloon clinging to the plane
- ⇒ 100 points for cutting a tether and then popping the free floating balloon

Making it a little tough was the aforementioned breeze, which would at times bring the balloons right down to the ground. The balloons were placed about 20 feet apart and not quite in a line, so what was surprising was the number of times pilots would fly through them as if it were a slalom course, barely missing 4 or 5 balloons on a single pass. Attrition was low, but amazingly enough, the crepe paper was strong enough to bring a couple planes to the ground. After the two rounds, we had a four way tie for third place, necessitating a one minute fly off, with Frank the only one to get a pop. In the end, it was Tom with his remarkably slow flying and agile Yellow Big Bird that ran away with the bragging rights. Here is the scoring breakdown:

Tom C...1 cut, 6 pops, 1 land w/balloon, 1 cut and pop.....320 pts

Gary S...2 cuts, 4 pops, 1 land w/balloon.....150 pts

Frank R...2 cuts, 3 pops.....70 pts

Mike ...1 cut and 1 cut and pop (seconds after time was called)....60 pts

Stu K....2 cuts, 2 pops.....60 pts

Stan B...2 cuts, 2 pops.....60 pts

Bob K....2 cuts, 1 pop.....40 pts

Jake M 1 cut.....10 pts

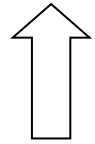
Larry ....1 cut.....10 pts

One final thing, many thanks to all the guys that helped with filling balloons and getting them tethered, especially some of our newest members. Sorry I didn't make a note of who you were, but you know and I'm grateful.

Dave







## **First Class Mail**



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## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Next Meeting** – Wednesday September 27th, 8:00 PM at the  
Eatontown Public Library. Project Night (Sport/Scale) and raffle.

**Sat. October 7** – Adopt A Road, 9am (Dorbrook Park) (Stu K, CD)

**Sun. October 15**— RC Bowling, 11am (Jake M. CD)

**Sat. November 4**— Annual RC Auction (Croydon Hall Gym)