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### WAITING FOR SPRING

Or more appropriately—warm weather. Yes my friends, we're in the midst of the winter doldrums. The time of year where a 50 degree day feels like a tease and you want to break out the shorts, or at least leave the winter coat at home for a change. Consider these pictures a reminder of what's to come in the near future. In the meantime, bundle up and take advantage of the nasty weather by spending some time in your shop, either getting your latest project ready for 2018 or making sure your fleet is ready once the nice weather does eventually show up. In either case, I doubt you'll want to be in the shop much once the weather is regularly in the 60s and 70s so use this time wisely :)

I've been out of town on business for the past week, which explains why this month's newsletter came out a little later than usual. As a result the club dinner is now in the books, and outside of saying everyone had an excellent time I'll hold off on commenting further until next month's issue where we'll have full coverage and photos. We'll talk more about it at this month's meeting, but I do want to thank Dave, Stu, and Stan for all the hard work they put in to make this great event.

While flying event-wise there isn't much going on until April, there is one upcoming event that folks should check out—the **Central Penn Modelers Flea Market**, or better known as the **Lebanon Swap Meet**. This awesome event happens on Saturday, March 10th, and a sizable contingent of JCSF members

will be making the trek out to the event very early on that Saturday. I like to say it's like Christmas as you never know what you'll find, and it's well worth the trip. If you're not busy and are up to the 3 hour trip (one way) I suggest checking it out.

This month's club meeting is happening on this **Wednesday night 2/28 starting at 8pm at the Eatontown Public Library**. This month's meeting will feature both our regular Model of the Month competition, as well as voting for 2017 Model of the Year. A list of last year's monthly winners are in this issue. The only criteria that must be followed is that the plane must have been flown at least three times to qualify—no hangar queens allowed. Otherwise please bring in your winning model(s) to qualify for the voting, and we'll see you on Wednesday!



Photos by Stan Berger



# Recording Secretary's Report

by  
Darryl Schlosser

Our **January Meeting** was held on the 24th at the **Eatontown Public Library** meeting room, 18 members were present.

Dave called the meeting to order. I read the Secretary's Report and Stu read the Treasurer's Report.

## Business

- Gary recounted the highlights of the 2018 FRIGID Brass Monkey. Current events included the Levittown NY Flea Mkt. on Jan. 28th and Adams RC Swap Meet in Hillsboro NJ on Feb 3rd. Dave talked up our Club Dinner which is being held on Feb. 24th and the AMA Expo East also on Feb 23rd thru the 25th.
- Stan gave a talk on the responsibilities and privileges afforded us under the Special Rule for Model Aircraft as delineated by the FAA. He read the AMA safety code and highlighted it's importance to us and outlined our responsibilities. ( A required discussion for a Leader Club.) Stan, a private pilot and commercial drone pilot (Part 107), outlined the additional rules he must follow in order to fly his drone. He answered many of the questions that were unclear or misunderstood due to the quickly changing FAA regulations.
- Dues for 2018 are now due. Please fill out the renewal form and bring it to the meeting with your payment or mail it to me with a **SASE**.

## Model of the Month



1. Billy proudly displays his ginormous 4m Gentle Lady mutant. He scaled it up 2 times and cut all of the lumber himself. After extending the nose to accommodate the 4120 AXI motor he managed to balance it without adding any additional weight. Nice Job

3. Gary brought this Protech TO393 Formula Flyer Wing in for all to see. This kit has a 420mm wingspan and weighs in at 3ozs. with a micro flight control pack. The Depron came decorated.



## **RAFFLE WIN- NER !!**

Larry won this  
Tower Hobbies  
Craze Wing.

### **Santa's Training Mission!!!**

As I was going through Stan's pictures to see what I could use for this month's cover shot, I realized that I hadn't covered our last club event of 2017— Santa's Training Mission! I'm not sure how I could have missed it, as I'm the CD for that event :D

Last year's event was actually very close to Christmas and Hanukkah, falling on Sunday 12/17. And it felt like it, as it was a rather cold day, and Mother Nature had treated us to a blanket of snow the day before. The funny thing was—the snow had largely melted except on our runway, which we all thought was very cool. The snow cover wasn't extremely thick, so it gave pilots the option to use either skis, float, or wheels (if they were large enough). As it turns out we had a mix of everything being tried at this contest.

As most will remember, this is a non-points event which is really meant to get everyone out to the field one last time for some fun before the holidays kick into high gear. As it turns out we had a dozen pilots show up for this combination flying and eating contest. This event is pretty simple— take off from Santa's workshop, delivery presents to three different houses, and have a snack at each location, plus a beverage (milk or water). We had some nice cookies plus Yodels and Ring Dings. Thankfully no one went into a sugar shock. In addition to the flying part we continued last year's new tradition of having a grab bag, so based on your finishing position you got to take a present from the pile that everyone contributed to.

In the end, Stan beat out Prez Dave by a paltry 11 seconds to take first place, with Frank R. taking third a scant six seconds later. In other words, it was close. Once again electric planes were dominant at the contest— a trend I predict will continue into 2018 and beyond.

Since it was a rather cold day we all voted to fly a single round, after which we had open flying for a short time. Adam and Tom decided to try some in-air docking maneuvers and the results can be seen in the pictures below. All in all, everyone had a great time, no reindeer were hurt, and we got in one final contest for 2017.

| Pilot    | Time | Place |
|----------|------|-------|
| Stan B.  | 3:05 | 1st   |
| Dave M.  | 3:16 | 2nd   |
| Frank R. | 3:22 | 3rd   |
| Adam L.  | 3:40 | 4th   |
| Stu K.   | 3:58 | 5th   |
| Jake M.  | 3:59 | 6th   |
| Gary S.  | 4:06 | 7th   |
| Larry    | 5:14 | 8th   |
| Tom C.   | 5:24 | 9th   |
| Mike C.  | 5:27 | 10th  |
| Bob K.   | 6:09 | 11th  |
| Carl     | DNF  |       |

## Photos from "Santa's Training Mission"

(courtesy of the Stan Berger)



The festive crew!



Adam catching a few zzzz...



Marking the "houses"



Snowy tundra tires!



Happy Frank!



Yum!!!



Tom enjoying a snack.



Fill in your own caption here.

### 2017 Model of the Year Candidates

Below is a list of the models and their creators that are eligible for MOTY. Again, for a plane to be eligible it has to have had at least three flights before the vote at the February club contest.

| Month            | Creator       | Model            | Month           | Creator       | Model                |
|------------------|---------------|------------------|-----------------|---------------|----------------------|
| <u>January</u>   | Gary S.       | No Foamy Bologna | <u>February</u> | None          | NA                   |
| <u>March</u>     | Rich B.       | Sig Senior Kadet | <u>April</u>    | Adam L.       | Aeronca C3           |
| <u>May</u>       | Project Night | NA               | <u>June</u>     | Gary S.       | Hacker Master Sticks |
| <u>July</u>      | Rob K.        | Printed P-47     | <u>August</u>   | Gary S.       | Humming Bird         |
| <u>September</u> | Mike C.       | Spitfire         | <u>October</u>  | Project Night | NA                   |
| <u>November</u>  | Mike C.       | Douglas TBD      | <u>December</u> | Rob K.        | BluFo XL             |

### Project Corner

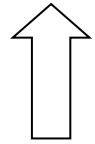
As I mentioned previously I'm looking for member projects to feature in our newsletter. Please don't be shy and send me a few pictures and a short description of your work and I'll get it into an upcoming edition. In the meanwhile here's my latest work-in-progress to get you thinking...

This is my **Drake** flying boat from Zeke's Park Scale Models. This is a brand-new addition to Zeke's lineup of flying boats and is based on the original glow design from Ken Willard. It has a 48" wingspan and will use a Park 480 outrunner on a 3s LiPo for power. I plan to have her ready to maiden at the upcoming Pine Barron's Float Fly on Saturday April 21st (see our calendar for details).

The plane is all laser-cut using balsa and lite ply. I plan on adding some light fiberglass to the hull so I can fly her off the snow at our field. I'm doing a build on this kit on RC Groups—you can follow along if you're interested at the following address:

<https://www.rcgroups.com/forums/showthread.php?3027573-Park-Scale-Models-48-Drake>





## **First Class Mail**



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## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Next Meeting – Wednesday February 28th, 8:00 PM at the Eatontown Public Library. Model of the month/Model of the Year and raffle.**

**Sat. March 10 – Lebanon RC Swap Meet**

**Sat. March 17— Adopt-A-Road 9am Dorbrook (Stu CD)**

**March 31st— LAST DAY TO PAY DUES!!!**