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HARD LESSON LEARNED

This pic shows a number of our club members taking a short break before our recent Open Housed kicked off on Saturday August 11th. Unfortunately, as has been a pattern this summer, the weather didn't quite cooperate, but regardless we did have some visitors stop by. Check out the article in this issue for more details of our annual public outreach effort.

So, back to this issue's title—what's that about you ask? Well, I learned an important lesson this weekend that's worth sharing. Stu and I took a drive up to Connecticut this past weekend to attend the first annual **Nutmeg State Electric Fly-In**. The Sawn Craft crew put

on the event with their home club, the NCRCC, and since the Sawns make the trip to our electric event each year we felt it was only fair we travel the 4+ hours each way to support them. It was a great event, but the weather (again) didn't cooperate as hoped but we still got in a fair amount of flying.

I've been flying my Weekender twin quite a bit this summer, and with new batteries I've been getting better flight times. With better flight times I started to push the batteries harder, leaving less in reserve after a flight, and upped my timer settings. This finally bit me this weekend, as I was getting near my new timer setting and the plane started getting very sluggish. I quickly told Stu I was setting up for a landing, but it was too late—the speed controllers went into low voltage shutoff, and without enough altitude to recover, went in nose first, obliterating the fuselage and leaving a good size hold in the turf. So here's the lesson—be conservative with your timer settings when flying electric, especially with a heavily loaded plane. It's better to have a shorter flight than have no flight afterwards. On the plus side, the plane did win "Best in Show", but bringing her home in a bag was no fun.

Speaking of fun, this Sunday 8/26 is Adam's **Limbo** contest, and this Wednesday night 8/22 is our monthly Club meeting at the Eatontown Public library starting at 8pm. We'll have our regular Model of the Month contest, plus we'll catch up with all the happenings going on with the club. We'll see you there!!!



Secretaries Report

Well, as it turns out neither Darryl or I were able to make last month's club meeting, so there are no notes from the July meeting. However, thankfully Gary had pics from the MOM competition— enjoy!



Mike with his 1st place MOM entry.



Gary with his Cap 21 took 2nd place.

Since this month's Secretary's Report is a bit short, here's a little filler in the form of the trophy I won this weekend at the **Nutmeg State Electric Fly-In**. It's very cool— 3D printed and held together with magnets!



Annual JCSF Open House

Over the past few years we've hosted an open house at our field in support of AMA's **Model Aviation Day**, and this year was no exception. Unfortunately as compared to earlier years, the weather didn't want to cooperate.

On Saturday August 11th we had a nice turnout of club members to show off both their flying skills and models. By noontime we were ready for the onslaught of the masses, but the foreboding forecast seemed to keep the turnout to JCSF folks only. However, around 1pm two families arrived, and we gave them the grand tour of the field and provided a custom airshow, complete with a mass warbird launch. Unfortunately around 1:30 the rain finally showed up, and we hastily packed our cars, picked up the road signs, and headed to MJ's for some lunch.

Thanks go to Mike and Sandy for capturing a few pictures from the event!



Gary getting ready for a demo flight.



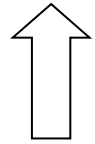
Dave fueling up his trainer.



Nice selection of planes in the pits.



Dave and Bob discussing the event turnout.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Next Meeting – Wednesday August 22nd, 8:00 PM at the Eatontown Public Library. Model of the month and raffle.

August 25-26— AMA District II Fly-In (Top O'NJ RC Club)

Sun. August 26 – Limbo! (11am—Adam CD)

Sun September 2— JCSF Club Flying Day

September 7-9 - Rhinebeck Jamboree

September 9-17— NEAT Week (aka NEAT Fair)