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SENDING SUMMER OUT WITH A BANG!

Wow, I can't believe I'm sitting here in late September, looking at the temperature outside (it's 64F) and realizing that summer is officially over. But it's been a great summer of '18, with our members getting in a bunch of flying and participating in events all over the northeast. But the hot weather seems to be thing of the past, and it sure feels like fall around here lately, but with fall we get some of the best flying weather of the season. It's time for jeans and sweat shirts again, and that's fine by me :)

So, what have we been up to lately? As it turns out, quite a bit. Please check out our

feature photo, which has Adam playing his bugle during the Vapor Games, which we again hosted at the **NEAT Fair** earlier this month. Once again we had a large contingent of JCSF members attending this one-of-a-kind electric fly-in, and that was just the cherry on top of a lot of events we were part of. Leading into NEAT Week our club was proudly represented at the **Rhinebeck Fly-In**, and in late August we had our annual Limbo event. Add in the recent Mid-Week Fly-In and you can see that our members have been busy lately. And it's all been great stuff. Please check out the articles on these very cool events in this issue!

With fall here we have a number of events coming up that our members should be looking forward to. Although it's a few weeks away, our annual **RC Club Auction** is almost here—**Saturday November 10th** to be exact. Now's the time to start going through your fleet and see what you might want to let go to make room for the new acquisitions that you'll find at our auction! Also, the ever-popular **RC Bowling** is coming up on **Sunday October 10th**, so be sure to mark your calendars!

Don't forget that this **Wednesday September 26th** is our monthly club meeting at the **Eatontown Public Library starting at 8pm**. This month is our annual fall **Project Night**. Once again we'll have categories for both Sport and Scale. You can bring anything you're working on—from a set of plans to an almost completed model (or anything in between). We'll also talk about recent events that the club has participated in!



Photo by Mike Cripps



Recording Secretary's Report

by
Darryl Schlosser

Our **August Meeting** was held on the 22nd at the **Eatontown Public Library** meeting room, 17 members were present.

Dave called the meeting to order. I read the Secretary's Report and Stu reported on the club finances.

Business

- Adam and others spoke about the NJ Pine Barons RC Club Warbirds event that was held the last weekend in July. They advised that we put this event on your calendars for next year.
- Many attended our **Club Picnic on Aug 5th**. It was reported that attendance was up, weather was good and food was plentiful, as always. Thanks again to Mark for all of his planning and sweating over the grill. Sorry we missed it this year!
- Our club got together and organized a noteworthy event for our **Open House on August 11th**. Unfortunately the weather only cooperated for about an hour or so before mother nature began to throw lightning bolts our way. We had to quickly shutdown and evacuate the field for safety reasons. After critiquing the event the club suggested that we ask the park if we could display our banner for one week before the event next year. They felt that that alone brought in many of the spectators.
- The Sawn Craft guys invited us to attend the Nutmeg State Electric Fly-In in Ellington CT. on Aug 18th. Rob gave a brief accounting of the event. Check out their website.
- Since our last meeting we have been torn between many activities, both external and within the club. Briefly; **District II Fly** in Andover, NJ on Aug. 25th. Our **Limbo Contest** hosted by Adam, on Aug. 26th. Sunday **Open Club Fly** for Sport Flier Points on Sept. 2nd. **Rhinebeck Jamboree** on Sept 7th-9th. The infamous **NEAT FAIR** in Shinopple, NY on the week of Sept 9th thru the 16th. Our **Midweek Fun-Fly**, hosted by Rich and Lee on Wednesday Sept. 19th. And last but not least, our **Midway Fun-Fly** run by Bob K. on Sept 23rd. WOW, what a full 4 weeks before mother nature decides to make the leaves fall! Hope you were able to partake in one or all of the festivities.

No Raffle this month.



Model of the Month



1. Adam holds his newly redesigned NIGHT STICK 2.0. He described the many modifications he incorporated into this new version.

2. Rob modified this K&A Models 50" P38. He purchased it at Lebanon and designed and 3D printed power pods, spinners and battery holder. The 3536 outrunners spin 10x5 props drawing 500w from a 3s LiPO. 3#12oz w/batt.



3. Mike built this 8" Caudron C460 using 1mm Depron. It is powered with a 6mg "pager motor" and Mini Vapor brick. He said he used a KFM airfoil. The Caudron won the 1936 Thompson Trophy.



3. Gary's Bloody Wonder

NEAT Fair 2018

I think it's fair to say that the NEAT Fair, which takes place each year in early September in the Catskills region of upstate NY (Shinopple, NY) is the largest non-club event that the JCSF crew participates in. This year, due to a number of factors our numbers were a little lower than usual (14 pilots), and we really missed those guys, as they add a lot to our chemistry at the show.

The past few years at NEAT we've had what I'd call "unusual" weather, in that we had clear, dry conditions early in the week. This was unusual because earlier NEAT Fairs had a mixed bag of wind and rain, with the occasional freezing or hot and humid day thrown in. But it was time to pay the piper this year, and as we left NJ on Sunday it was raining, which was a factor for a good part of the week we spent at Peaceful Valley. Thankfully Sunday at the campground was dry, so we were able to set everything up dry, but Monday we awoke to the pitter-patter of rain on our campers and tents, and the rain was a factor through Thursday. Luckily, we did get breaks that allowed us to get in flying during some parts of the day, but gray skies were always threatening.

In another break from recent NEAT Fairs, we actually had beautiful weather Friday through Sunday, which are the core days of the show. Unfortunately, in recent years we had great weather early in the week (good for us and other early folks) but mixed conditions during the weekend (bad for folks who come out just for the show). This year we finally had excellent weather for those coming out for the weekend, which in the end is important to keep the show attractive to the large continent that only comes out for the weekend.

Thankfully the breaks in the weather aligned with the various events we had planned during the week. Things dried out nicely for our Wednesday afternoon **Radian Games**, and we had a great turnout from across the campground. The pylon race was particularly fun, as we started with two heats of seven planes, which was awesome to watch. Thursday afternoon a nasty storm came through and flooded parts of the campground, and we were worried that folks might not make it out to our **Vapor Games** that evening. Happily the rain stopped in time, and folks came out en masse to watch and participate in the event. A key moment during the competition occurred when Adam, who had won last year's event, lent his plane to his primary competitor (Jon Eastman) when his failed. This allowed Jon to pass Adam and make it to the finals, where we had another US vs. Canada flyoff, which the US won once again (via Jonathan Sawn). It was a great moment and another fantastic time in the Big Top! We finished off our scheduled Big Top events on Friday night when we hosted our annual **Chinese Hot Air Balloon Launch**, where Dave supplied fifty balloons. Thankfully the ground was wet and the air was still, and we had a perfect launch over the campground!

The JCSF crew represented the club extremely well again this year, placing in and winning many events and contests. A large number of our pilots participated in **Lobsta Combat**, which is essentially a cut-the-streamer contest where the victor wins a fresh lobster roll. Stu won the first for the club, and another four members won one or more additional tasty sandwiches over the course of the week. Next up, we had the annual **Sawn Craft Pylon Race**, which Adam won while battling the likes of Devin McGrath and Dave Lockhart. On Saturday night the JCSF crew really kicked butt, by not only taking the first two places in the **Nightflyer Balloon Burst** contests (Adam and Gary taking first and second respectively), but also Mike Cripps winning a major award with his micro Bristol Scout at the **Indoor Fly-In** at the Downsville High School. Another epic performance by the JCSF team!!!

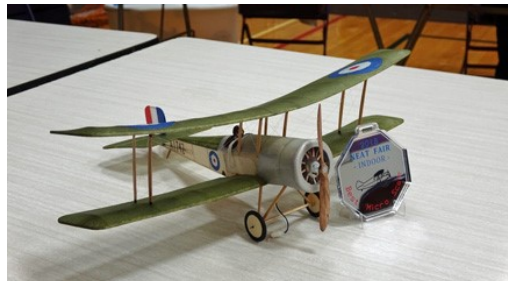
I wanted to mention something that we didn't win, but in the long-term will benefit our club and the show. This year we agreed to have a Battle of the Tents (BoTTs) which would award a trophy to the club that was the most involved in the show during the week. Points were to be awarded based on simple participation as well as wins, and the highest tally would get the award, which we provided this year. Naturally we all forgot to count points, so on Saturday afternoon the JCSF crew had a talk to decide who deserved the award. While our group was a force during the week, we also agreed that the club next door, "When Pigs Fly RC" (i.e. the Pigs) really stepped up their game, attended everything we did in force, and ultimately deserved the award. We presented the trophy to the Pigs on Saturday night, which totally took them by surprise. Shortly thereafter we declared war on the Pigs, and launched an aerial attack on them, filling their airspace with a plethora of night flyers. We launched an (unsuccessful) raid on their tent, which resulted in Adam being captured, bound with duct tape, and having pictures taken with their pig mascot. We soon declared an armistice and celebrated with pop and snacks. We made some great friends that night, and we expect other clubs will join in the fun next year, which by the way is the 20th anniversary for the NEAT Fair!

It might seem like I'm rambling here, but so many things happen at NEAT that it's hard to recount them all. Despite the weather woes I mentioned earlier, the week turned out great, everyone had a grand time, and we're already planning things out for NEAT '19. Hopefully those who could not make it this year will be able to join us next September, and if you can spare some time I recommend taking the three-hour drive up to Peaceful Valley to check it out yourself.

Photos from NEAT Fair 2018
(courtesy of Mike Cripps and Sandy)



The Big Top!!!



First Place in Scale!



Dave returning from a flight with his P-40.



Gary ready for the Mass Warbird Launch.



The Vapor Games!!!



Radian Games pylon races.



Mike's Monocoupe.



Frank advising Adam on the race.

2018 Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome Fly-In

By Adam Lilley

This event took place at Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome in Rhinebeck, New York. If you love World War I and pre-World War I aircraft this is the place to go. Both Saturday and Sunday's flying was outstanding and as usual the airshow put on by the Aerodrome brought you right back to the early days of aviation. There were many unbelievably large model airplanes that would normally never be seen together, but at this magical place, one weekend out of the year, they do. A few of our members that became part of this were Dave Mauger, Tony LoBraico, John English, Frank Beshears and I. Frank had tons of fun flying his Fleet Bi-plane as often as he could and was never without a smile. I had some very exciting flights with my Fokker Dr-1 using their geography to make it appear I was going to crash but never did. However, this playing around saved my Cub when during my farmer routine I accidentally stalled my plane and had to fly blind behind the trees and save it. We got to see the first airshow with their newly restored Spad and a taxi test of their newly restored Sopwith Pup sporting an original rotary engine. Between the flying of our models, the airshow, and the new planes the Aerodrome is completing we all had a fantastic time and can't wait to go back.



Flight line at Rhinebeck.



More shots of the flight line.



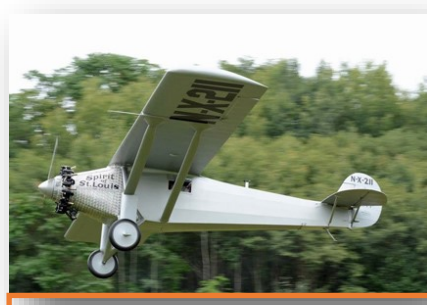
Adam shooting the trees.



Sortie.



Full scale fly-by.



The Spirit of St. Louis...

Limbo 2018

By Adam Lilley

The limbo contest this year went extremely different than expected. I arrived at the field to a surprise. A member from another club wanted to fly in our contest as a guest. He only had park flier stuff and not seeing any harm I granted Nick his request. The contest started out great with everyone making it under in the first round. The second round was a little more interesting but still had six out of eight pilots making it under on the first try. Round three, the lowest position had five pilots making it under and left us with a three way tie— our new friend Nick, Dave Mauger, and Gary Swist.

The fly off consisted of going under the highest position as many times as you could in three minutes. Since there was a park flyer in this fly off we decided every time you went under you were required to fly around a flag set about thirty feet away to make it fair for all. The fly off started with Dave going under five times, followed by Nick with 12 and Gary pulling off a tie with 12 also. There was much excitement because Gary made it by one second and oh by the way Nick is only 12.

I could not have planned a more exciting end to a contest. Congratulations Nick and Gary for your first place win and Dave for his third place win. Nick turned out to be a fantastic pilot and I can only hope he joins our club.

Gary Swist II—First (tie)

Nick (the guest) - First (tie)

Dave Mauger—Third

Stu Katz—Fourth

Everyone else tied for fifth:

Mike Cripps, Adam Lilley, Rob Kallok & Frank Raneri



The happy competitors.



Mike getting ready for a pass.



Carrier hook.



Adam unhooking his plane.

September 19, 2018 Mid-Week Contest report

By Rich Border

We had a nice day, about 10 mph breeze with very smooth air so it wasn't a problem, but only four pilots. The events ran were Climb and Glide, High Speed Low Speed, and Timed Landing. After all the events were run we had a tie for first place, so we had a fly-off using a modified Climb and Glide event, rather than making it a timed event we made it a last man down wins. Larry was able to climb much higher than Bob, but his plane came down much faster, it was a close finish with Larry only ten feet up when Bob touched down. The results were:

1st Larry Larsen

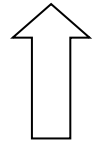
2nd Bob

3rd Lee Stab

4th Rich Border



Start her up!!!!



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UPCOMING EVENTS

**Next Meeting – Wednesday September 26th, 8:00 PM at the
Eatontown Public Library. Project Night and raffle.**

Sunday 10/7— RC Bowling 11am (Jake Mauger CD)

Saturday 10/20— Adopt-A-Road Cleanup (9am in front lot)

Saturday 11/10— JCSF RC Auction in Leonardo (10am)