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### COME JOIN US FOR A CONTEST

It feels so good to say this— summer is here! Summer officially arrived on June 21st, and a number of JCSF members celebrated by attending the annual **Warwick Electric Fly-In**. While I'll report on this event more extensively next month, one of the reasons we enjoy it so much is that it has both a lake and runway so your flying options are wide open!

So this month's cover pic is from the completion of our recent "Balls" event, which was CD'ed by Tom C. This event is lots of fun, doesn't take any particular skill, but rather requires strategy. While



Photo by Ed Berchtold

we all had a great time, I also received feedback from one of the Exec Board members that one or more of our members don't appreciate us having contests, as this takes "valuable flying time" away from everyone else. I've been a member of this club for over twenty years, and I can definitely say that the best thing I ever did was start competing in the contests. Not only did I become a better pilot, but I made friends with a bunch of guys that are among the best I have. You don't have to be a great pilot to compete, and truthfully boring holes in the sky without purpose doesn't help your skills. It's amazing how much I have learned by competing in contests. And to be honest, this club is very different from how it was twenty years ago. I vividly recall having a dozen or more frequency plaques on the ground representing pilots waiting their turn to fly. Nowadays if you want to fly you just grab a station and go. It's sad but true. So I find it very hard to believe that the contests we have, which are only eleven over the course of nine months, are keeping anyone from flying. I've made a point of trying to fly once a week this season, and I'm often the only person at the field. So I don't think we're hurting anyone with our contests.

Don't forget that this month's club meeting is this Wednesday June 26th starting at 8pm at the Eatontown Public Library. We will have our regular *Model of the Month* competition, and I'm sure we'll talk about Warwick and upcoming events such as **Warbirds over Delaware** and other cool fly-ins.

## June Meeting Minutes

So this month's minutes are a bit abbreviated. Let's just say it was a strange night. Not only did we have an unusually low turnout (about five of us) but another club had our room!!! It seemed there was a scheduling issue that we didn't know of until we arrived. Rather than have a rumble with the poetry club (those folks are tough!) we opted instead to let them have the room and we talked outside. As it was a low turnout it wasn't that hard. Since guys brought their models we had an impromptu MOM competition and decided to give everyone participation points rather than vote for place.

BTW we checked and we have the room for the rest of the year per our calendar, so we'll see you soon!!!



Adam's E-Flite Turbo Timber.



Stu's HK Tundra and spare printed parts.



Dave's mini Super Sportster.

### Mid-Week Funfly

We had a nice day for this year, maybe a little breezy, but lots of sunshine. We ran a three task event:

- Climb and Glide...Stu crushed everyone using a standard hi-wing 45 nitro trainer with over 5 minutes, the rest of us were all at about the 2-minute mark. Stu 1st, Rich 2nd, Tom 3rd, Lee 4th, Jim 5th.
- Loop then Roll... We shortened the time this year to 30 seconds it had been 2 minutes, but that was pushing it a bit for some electrics. Tom was 1st with 7 completed, Jim 2nd, Stu 3rd, Rich 4th, Lee 5th.
- Spot Landing...Probably should be named Timed Spot Landing, the Cd calls "Land" and the pilot has to land the plane as close to the spot as possible, but also as close to 1 minute as possible. The landings are score with a point for every foot away from the target and a point for every second over or under 1 minute. Lee was first with 22 1/2 points, 19 for the time and 3 1/2 points for the spot, Tom was a close 2nd with 29 1/2, Rich was 3rd, Stu was 4th, Jim was 5th.

The overall placing was Tom 1st, Stu 2nd, Rich 3rd, Lee 4th, Jim 5th.

Lee Stab & Rich Border





## 16th Annual Norm Hils Memorial Electric Fly-In

It's hard to believe but our little electric fly-in celebrated its sweet sixteenth birthday this year!

This past Saturday, June 15th we had a beautiful sunny day, with 20-30mph winds. Despite the windy conditions, we had a very good turn-out of twenty-six pilots in attendance. We had pilots from NJ, NY, CT, and Virginia. We even had a special guest from Georgia, who happened to be on a road trip with his wife and asked if he could attend (naturally we were happy to have him).

Despite the windy conditions the flight line was busy all day. Our friend from SEFLI Fast Frankie was in his prime with his high-speed birds, which clocking well over 100mph really didn't care how hard the wind was blowing, and actually helped him to bleed off speed for landing.

As usual Mark Nettlingham kept the crowd well fed, which was greatly appreciated. In the afternoon as the wind picked up we spent a good amount of time under our Easy-Ups, just talking and catching up with our out-of-state friends. The great thing about events like isn't just the flying, but catching up with friends that we only see a few times a year. So in hindsight the wind wasn't a big deal - it just gave us more time to talk and have fun!

Rob



Adam's Bleriot



Georgia Mark's Eagle



Rob & son EFX Racer retrieval



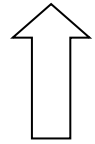
Fast Frankie



View of the pits



Windsock got quite a workout!



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### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Next Meeting – Wednesday June 26th, 8:00 PM at the Eatontown Public Library. Model of the month and raffle.**

**Sunday June 30 – Musical Chairs, 11am (Stu K. CD)**

**Sunday July 7—RC Combat, 11am (Gary S. CD)**

**July 10 thru 14 — Warbirds Over Delaware**

**July 19 thru 22— NJ Pine Barons Warbird Fly-In (Southampton NJ)**