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BUSY END OF SUMMER

It's hard to believe as I sit here but summer officially ended earlier this morning. Or at least that's what the calendar says as it's 90F outside and humid. That being said, it's really been a great summer. I was out of town on business in late August so I've got a little catching up to do from a newsletter perspective. But rather than go nuts with this issue I'll touch on a few fun things we were up to the past two months and sprinkle in some additional articles in the next few issues as we start moving towards the end of 2019.

Well, what have we been up to? So this month's cover photo is from the **Limbo** contest we held in late August. But before that we had our annual club picnic on the first weekend of August, followed a week later by our

Photo by Sandy

now annual **JCSF Open House**. Because **National Model Aviation Day** fell on the same weekend as the **Golden Age Fly-In (Bethel PA)** we opted to hold the Open House a week earlier so that we wouldn't miss our regular trek to Bethel (well worth the rescheduled date).

Before we knew it Labor Day had come and gone, and our intrepid team (or at least a sizable amount of it) was on their way to **Rhinebeck** for the **Jamboree**. The rest of the team was heading that same weekend up to Peaceful Valley in Shinhopple NY for our annual **NEAT Week** celebration. Once again the JCSF flyers (with our adopted members for the week included) made a serious impact that week. I'll go into more details in this issue, but suffice to say we managed to both embarrass ourselves as well as shine in the span of a few days!

So now that we'd knocking on October what do we have left to keep us busy? Well, the annual club auction to be sure!!! Saturday November 9th will be here before we know it, so if you're like me you might want to spend some time in your shop taking a roll call— which planes say and which go. I'm definitely running out of room so I'll be bringing some planes to the auction!

Don't forget this month's Club meeting is on Wednesday September 25th starting at 8pm at the Eatontown Public Library. You'll want to make the meeting to hear more about all the cool things your friends have been up to!

Meeting Minutes

July 2019…

This month was originally meant to be a regular Model of the Month contest, but because of the number and types of models that came in the group thought it was actually a Project Night so we ended up having an impromptu Project Night contest. Enjoy!

Gary's Slowboat

Tony's projects

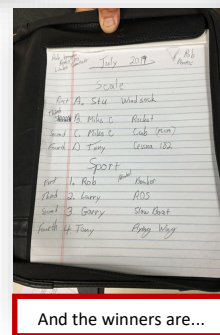Stu's wind sock mount

Rob's bourbon bomber wing

Mike's Saturn V

Larry's homebuilt

Gary's Raffle win!

And the winners are...

August 2019…

We managed to keep our contests straight this month :)

1st—Mike's Mini Drake

2nd— Frank's Sandy

3rd—Tony's Staggerwing

4th—Gary's Crazy Wing

Raffle Winner!

NEAT Week 2019

Wow, where to begin? I'll start off by saying that it's fair to say that everyone had a great time at **NEAT Week '19**, which just happened to be the 20th anniversary of the show. Everyone brought their "A" game this year to make this year's event one for the record books.

When I first started attending this event back in 2003 most guys would show up on Thursday for the weekend (present company included). As the years passed the days started rolling back such that for this year most of the JCSF members attending (but not coming directly from Rhinebeck) came up the _Saturday_ before (i.e. September 7th). The show officially started on Thursday September 12th so we had five days to fly and have fun before the show actually began, and we made the most of it. Unlike last year where the early part of the week was a wet mess, we had beautifully weather, in the low 70s with light winds. The only uncooperative weather we had was part of the day on Thursday and Saturday. Friday was clear but extremely windy, but we flew regardless. In between the flying we kept ourselves busy with all kinds of other activities.

The "Big Top", which is the 40' hex tent that we live in for the week, hosts an extended JCSF family of clubs from CT, MI, and OH. Despite that we're still known as the "Jersey Boys", and we get the attention that goes along with that. We held our now-traditional Radian Races on Wednesday afternoon, and the Vapor Games on Thursday night, as well as a postponed mass Chinese Hot Air Balloon launch late on Saturday night. But because the Battle of the Tents was a factor again this year, and we wanted to win the trophy back from the Pigs (our friends to the north) we knew we had to ratchet things up a bit to show we meant business.

At the _Hole in the Woods_ event at Adam's place back in April our host had the "brilliant"(?) idea to use our tent to host a Freak Show (since at night our tent looks like a circus with all the colored lights on it). Adam went all in, not only designing a NEAT Week shirt advertising the event but also designing set pieces for the show. We then enlisted the help of folks in the tent to act in our little show, with Adam playing the part of _Madame Lilley the Fortune Teller_ and yours truly as the _Ringmaster_. We also had our very own Jason as the _Strong Man_, Ice Cream Ed as a female gorilla, plus a bearded lady, lion tamer, and lobsta man. We invited the Pigs over for a BBQ on Wednesday night and unleashed the show on them, which got a ton of laughs. Our willingness to embarrass ourselves paid off in spades.

The other piece of our strategy was an air campaign against the Pigs. On the Saturday of last year's NEAT Fair we had an aerial battle with the Pigs that we knew that we needed to build off of. Our group agreed that we needed to bomb the Pigs this year, and a number of guys jumped into the fray. Bob Keibley added saddlebag bomb drops to his Timber, and Adam updated his Hacker Stick to also drop stuff on the Pigs. I might have went a bit overboard but I wanted to make an impact, and in roughly three months I designed and built a 9' wingspan twin engine bomber that we nicknamed the "Bourbon Bomber". With a bomb bay 18" long by 8" wide by 10" high it could carry a rather large load. Speaking of load, we had ping pong balls, kid's colored play balls, little stuffed rabbits, wind-up killer rabbits, plus "adult beverages" in airplane bottles with streamers attached. With this setup we carpet bombed the Pigs multiples times over the course of the week. The Pigs must have known we'd try something like this, as when we fired up our bomber they would set off an air raid alarm. To say it was epic would be a dramatic understatement!

In the end all of this extra work paid off for us. The Pigs, who also stepped up their game by hosting a pig roast, night bowling plus setting up a rock crawler course (which was great when the weather didn't cooperate) decided that our work should be recognized and presented us with the **_Battle of the Tents_** trophy on Saturday night. Sweet!!! To add the icing to the cake, the host SEFLI club recognized my bomber with the Best Sport Plane award for this year's NEAT Fair. Let's just say I was extremely happy and proud :)

I think it's fairly well-known in the club that the NEAT Fair is my favorite event of the year, and I start planning for the next year on the way home from the current show. I suspect this show is also the favorite of many of our JCSF members, as it's a week out of the year where we get to relax, have fun, and just be guys who like to fly planes. I already have ideas for next year, and I'll start work on that some time soon. If anyone is interested in seeing a bunch of great pictures from the event please check out the link below, but in the meantime I've included some pics in the following pages…

https://www.rcgroups.com/forums/showthread.php?3410169-NEAT-2019-The-Photo-Thread

Rob

The Big Top

Freak Show!

Vapor Games Pilot Prizes

Vapor Games Winners!

Happy Canucks!

Mass Lantern Launch

Adam ready to go!
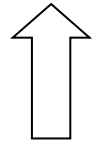
On a bombing run

Just add wings

Best Sport Model

Battle of the Tents Trophy!

BluFO XL...

We won!!!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Next Meeting – Wednesday September 25, 8:00 PM at the Eatontown Public Library. Project Night and raffle.

Sun. October 6 – Pumpkin Bowling (11am, Dave CD)

Sat. October 19— Adopt-A-Road cleanup (9am, Stu—organizer)

Sun. October 20— Fun Fly (11am start)