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IT'S TIME FOR AN AUCTION!!!

It's hard to believe, but our annual club auction—our biggest event of the year—is only two weeks from this Saturday, on November 9th. I probably sound like a broken record, but this event is a great way to not only make room in your shop, but to also make a few bucks for your next project. That being said, don't be surprised if you also find a project or two to bring home with you. I've been going through my fleet myself— I'm running out of room and want to keep building so I'm planning to take advantage of the opportunity to free up some space! Suffice to say but putting on this event takes a lot of folks pitching in. If guys can help for even an hour or two it would be great. We can always use help with checking in and moving merchandise, plus Mark can use some hands with the food. But even if you can't help, please stop by to check out the action!



The contest season is winding down as the leaves start taking on color and the days keep getting shorter. We're actually down to two events— our traditional **Turkey Shoot** the week following our auction (November 17th), which is our last Sport Flier points event, then our final event of 2019, **Santa's Training Mission** on Sunday 12/22. Speaking of tradition, it's a badge of honor to bring a new plane bought at our auction to the Turkey Shoot, so be sure to keep that in mind when getting ready for the event. And please come out to the Turkey Shoot— it's one of our club's oldest traditions and it would be great to have a large turnout. For those of you who don't remember, the Turkey Shoot is a basic bomb-drop so if you can carry one of the club's bomb drop devices you're good to go!

This month's club meeting is this **Wednesday October 23rd starting at 8pm** at the Eatontown Public Library. We'll be talking about our upcoming events, plus it'll be Model of the Month time. Also, we're getting to the time of the year where we'll be taking nominations for Executive Board membership roles. If you're interested in any position please feel free to reach out to me or any of the Exec Board members for more information or questions that you might have.

September Meeting Minutes

For this month's meeting we had fourteen members in attendance. President Dave called the meeting to order after which we went over Old News.

- Lee and Rich gave an overview of their recently completed Mid-Week Fun Fly, which pitted the contestants with various timed feats. The top finishers were:
 - Mike Cripps—1st
 - Rich Border — 2nd
 - Stu Katz— 3rd
- A number of members then talked about Rhinebeck and the NEAT Fair. Those in attendance encouraged everyone else to check out these shows in 2020.
- At the behest of a number of guys Mike Cripps regaled us with how the NEAT Fair Indoor event played out over Friday and Saturday nights. Mike and Sandy made a huge impact and took home some very prestigious awards in the process!
- Rob K. gave a summary of the recently completed Midway contest. Rob made some updates to the contest, which made things a "little" more challenging. You can get more details on this contest in this edition!

September was also Project Night! We had four pilots bringing in five planes across Scale and Sport. The contestants and their finish went as follows:

Scale			Sport	
Sandy's Eindecker	First place!		Gary's HK RadJet rocket	First place!
Lee's F-22	Second place			
Mike C's CG Anniversary Cub	3rd place			
Gary's Foam P-40				



Midway!!!

Our traditional contest director (and creator) for this contest - Bob Keibley, has made the move to PA and while he's still a card-carrying member of the JCSF, he can't make all of our contests, and unfortunately couldn't make his own this year. As a result I raised my hand at a recent Exec Board meeting and volunteered to run this contest on Bob's behalf. And so the fun started...

Since I didn't have a copy of Bob's contest directions I opted to tweak things a bit and make the contest a little more historically accurate. As usual we had two teams (Americans and Japanese) take turns bombing each other's fleets. Since the original battle occurred across the span of four days (June 4th through June 7th 1942) I opted to have four rounds to cover each day.

Each "fleet" had four ships, corresponding to each ship that was damaged or sunk during the battle as follows:

Americans:	Japanese:
USS Enterprise	Akagi
USS Hornet	Kaga
USS Yorktown	Soryu
Destroyer USS Hammann	Hiryu

Using a large piece of cardboard I marked out the fleet on the field, added flags, and then picked sides. Gary and I opted to be the admirals of our fleets, then tossed a coin to pick sides and pilots. Gary won and took the American fleet, and I represented the Japanese side. With six other pilots we had four pilots per side, and we started the attack!

The first thing we found (which some of the pilots commented on already) was that the targets were rather small, compared to what Bob normally gave. However I wanted to keep things as-is and we agreed if adjustments were needed we'd do them after the first round. Well, pretty much the first round ended in a big fat zero for everyone — that is except for Dave who managed to get a hit on a carrier. At that point everyone agreed that (a) we needed to make the targets bigger, and (b) since Dave was the only pilot to manage a hit on the smaller targets he'd be designated the winner, and anyone else who scored after that would be vying for second and third place. The funny thing was, this contest was the weekend after we returned from NEAT, and honestly everyone was tired and not in any particular rush. As a result after we broke for lunch (after the first round) everyone was just hanging around, talking and not flying. This must have been one of the mellowest contests I've been part of. However we managed to corral all the pilots together again and flew the remaining three rounds. After four rounds we had the following scores:

Americans:

	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Total	Place
Gary	0	0	10	0	10	2nd
Mike C	0	0	0	0	0	4th (tie)
Dave	5	0	5	—	10	1st
Jake	0	0	0	—	0	4th (tie)

Midway! (continued)

Japanese:

	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Total	Place
Adam	0	0	5	0	5	3rd
Mike K	0	0	—	—	0	4th (tie)
Rob	0	0	0	0	0	4th (tie)
Jim *	0	0	5	0	5	4th (tie)

* Jim tied with Adam but lost the run-off for 3rd.

So, I learned a few things running this particular contest. First, larger targets are a must! And secondly, maybe having a contest the week right after NEAT isn't the best idea ;)

I want to thank Mark once again for taking time out of his weekend to feed everyone—it was great! And thanks for everyone coming out the weekend after NEAT—I know I was definitely tired too!

Rob



The Admirals and their crews



Stu's new bomb drop device in action!

RC Bowling

By Dave Mauger

On Sunday October 6th, we held our annual 'Pumpkin Bowling' contest. The turn out was very light with only 5 guys showing up to compete. As has been the case for many of our fun-flys this year, it was windy! We took our time getting started, waiting for either more pilots to show up or for the wind to calm down...neither of which happened. Finally got under way around noon-thirty and flew two frames. The scoring was very low, the wind again being a big factor. I was the last to fly in the second frame and on my second approach, the wind took me too close to the tree off to the right (you know the one) and as it does a lot, extended a branch and took down the 'Runkelstick', taking me out for the day. By this time, everyone was ready for some eats, graciously provided by Rob. It was one of those days when gum flapping turned out to be more fun than flying. So after a long lunch of an hour or so and the fact that the wind was not subsiding, we decided to call it. Due to a tie between Gary and Rob for first, we did have to have a fly-off. Gary was able to get two more pins but Rob not so lucky. Mother Nature has been a bit of a bitch this season and I don't see her being much nicer in the coming year. If there is a good side to this, it definitely tests your flying skills and will force you to become a better pilot. Although it turned out to be less than a great contest, a fun day was had by those who participated. Here is the final score:

Gary....5 pins

Rob.....3 pins

Stu.....1 pin

Mike C...Goose Egg

Me....Goose Egg



Getting ready for bowling



Setting those pins!



Landed in one piece!

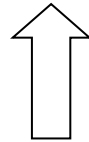


Darn hungry trees!



Pumpkin pilots

Photos by Mike and Sandy!



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Next Meeting – Wednesday October 23rd, 8:00 PM at the Eatontown Public Library. Model of the month and raffle.

Saturday November 9 – Annual JCSF RC Auction (Leonardo)

Sunday November 17— Turkey Shoot 11am @ Dorbrook (Gary CD)

Thursday November 21— Club meeting (one week early!!!)