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### NICE JOB TEAM!!!

It's amazing actually. We plan, we prepare, the day comes and suddenly we're eating dinner at the Kings Arms II diner comparing notes, reviewing the day's events, and decompressing after another feverish day of moving merchandise, selling food, and naturally auctioning off a boatload of stuff. And with that another auction is in the books— and once again I want to thank the members for turning out in great numbers to not only run this show, but to sell and buy lots of stuff. It takes a lot of help to make this all work. Just think—we need to staff the tracking/finance table, the



food concession, security at the front door, the fixed price table, check-in and merchandise handling, and auctioneering. As we refine our techniques we oftentimes need additional help, and due to the depth of our club we thankfully have the talent to fill these areas. And it makes a HUGE difference. I regularly get feedback from buyers and sellers outside of our club about how organized and polished our operation is. And this isn't just during the auction—I'm often approached at other auctions and fly-ins by guys who appreciate what we do. I think it's fair to say we are run one of the premier RC auctions in the tri-state area, and everyone in the club deserves credit for that!

Well, it's November. Our last contest of the year is in the books (sans our now famous *Santa's Training Mission* in December) and there's only six weeks left on the calendar for 2019. ***By the way am I the only one who's amazed that next year is 2020— holy moly, I can't believe we're here!*** That being said, we have a few things to do before the year closes out. For example, we need to elect next year's Executive Board. As I mentioned in the last issue, if anyone is interested in any board positions please reach out to me or anyone on the Exec Board for details of the position. We're always looking for new members to help bring a different perspective to running the club. We also need to plan next month Holiday Party, which takes place during our final club meeting of the year on **Thursday 12/19**. So please be sure to come out to this month's meeting, which due to Thanksgiving is a week early AND on a Thursday— **Thursday November 21st at 8pm at the Eatontown Library**. I'll see you there!

## October Meeting Minutes

We had twelve members attend this month's meeting. We had two members bring models for our Model of the Month contest. The results of the voting came out as follows:

### First Place: Mike Cripps' 1926 Farmin Carte Postale

This plane was built for a recent RC Group's contest. Mike's plane has several unique features, including home-built linear servos!

### Second Place: Jason Cline's RC Pixel-fueled BluFO

Jason's BluFO is naturally built for night-time use. The special feature of this model is the use of an RC Pixel controller, which allows for individually addressed LEDs for great lighting effects. More info can be found at <http://particleinnovations.com/>.



Mike's awesome micro!



Jason's plane looks even better at night!

## **Peaceful Valley—After NEAT...**

In October I took my wife Marion up to Roscoe NY for a quiet weekend of driving through country roads and checking out the fall foliage. While I was up there I thought I'd finally show her where I go with the guys each September for the past seventeen years. It's quite beautiful and very quiet up there this time of year. It sure seems like a cool place to stay for a weekend even without all of the airplanes ;)





## Annual JCSF RC Auction

I already went into a bit of detail via my newsletter opening this month. Stu will give everyone a review of the finances from the auction at this month's meeting. In the meanwhile please check out photos from the action at the auction courtesy of Frank Beshears.



Check out the merch!



Nice powered glider...



Looks like a contest plane to me.



Interested buyer.



Don't mess with Gary...



Counter gals!



Prospective pilot.

## Adopt a Road - Fall Cleanup

Well, it seems our numbers are dwindling, as evidenced by our "selfie" group shot. Despite the beautiful weather, only 5 members showed up on the morning of October 19<sup>th</sup>. Where were the rest of you?

Thankfully the fallen leaf coverage probably masked some litter, and the five of us (Dave Mauger, Gary McCallister, Mike Cripps, Tom Cerqua and me) made quick work of our sweep up and down Route 537, collecting a total of 9 bags with a combined weight of 100 lbs. The weather was so nice that those of us who could stay around afterwards opted to pick up some sandwiches and then headed down to the field for an afternoon of some great flying conditions.

Looking forward to seeing more of you at our next cleanup in the Spring!

-Stu



*Don't forget to put "Santa's Training Mission" on your holiday calendar!!! 11am on Sunday December 22nd - it's a great way to see your friends and get in a final flight for 2019. Be sure to bring a grab bag gift if you come - see you there!*



## A Touch o' Luck

By Mike Cripps

On October 20<sup>th</sup>, I had the privilege of CD'ing my first fun-fly contest. Gary was originally scheduled as the CD, but he graciously(?) allowed me to take the reins. The contest was Gary's patent-pending "A Touch of Luck", where each round the pilots are forced to fly a series of three randomly determined maneuvers (the "luck") with a touch-and-go in-between (the "touch"), ending with by a "taxi-to-the-box" task to stop the clock. The pilot's score for the round is the elapsed time from wheels up to wheel(s) in box. To help balance the "luck", I decreed a -10 second time bonus for stopping with both wheels in the box, and a -5 second time bonus for one wheel in the box.

The weather forecast was a bit gloomy, with rain forecast around 1pm, which unfortunately kept the turnout down to 6 pilots. However, the winds were nil - as in zero. Nothing. Nada. The windsock wasn't even twitching. After so many weekends of double-digit winds, most of us were completely at a loss for how to fly in dead-calm conditions. Sandy, on the other hand, was loving it with her UMX Sport Cub-S.

Anyway, because of the threat of rain, I kept the maneuvers simple to keep things moving quickly – Inside Loops, Rolls, Split-S's, and Immelmann Turns. I thought this was generous, given the time I had to execute 6 outside loops with a Timber in 25mph winds. However, it turns out some pilots don't know their Immelmann from a Split-S, despite constant coaching from your humble CD (you know who you are, Tom...). Sandy handled the stopwatch chores so I was able to concentrate on judging the maneuvers. Suffice to say, none of us will be competing at the Pattern Nats anytime soon...

Aside from the maneuver confusion, the most entertaining part was determining each pilot's sequence for the round. First, you had to pick a random maneuver from a "hat". Then you rolled a die to determine how many times you had to execute the maneuver. Repeat two more times, and you have your sequence for the round. Apparently, Dave is not particularly lucky, since he wound up with 8 or 9 Split-S or Immelmanns each round. Remember that the next time you've got money on the table while he's shooting craps at AC.

Luckily, we managed to get 3 rounds in fairly quickly, with the drizzle starting in the middle of the final round (around 12:30pm) which gave us time to enjoy a fine lunch grilled up by Mark while the results were tabulated.

In the end, the final standings were:

Gary S. – 3:38

Mike C. – 4:09

Tom C. – 4:51

Stu K. – 5:41

Dave M. – 6:33

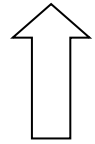
Daryl S. – DNF (a valiant attempt foiled by weak batteries)

Thanks to everyone who participated!



Photo by Mike and Sandy





## **First Class Mail**



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### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Next Meeting – Thursday November 21st, 8:00 PM at the Eatontown Public Library. Model of the month and raffle.**

**Thursday December 19th — December Club Meeting & Party 8pm**

**Sunday December 22nd – Santa's Training Mission 11am (Rob CD)**

**Wednesday January 1st — Brass Monkey, noontime (Mike C. CD)**