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### THE DECADE'S END

*It's hard to believe* but here we are, only a few short weeks from the end of the second decade of the 2000s. I think back to being a kid, watching my favorite science fiction movies – happening in the 2020s. And now we're only a few days away from a momentous change in the calendar. There's something rather surreal about 2020— maybe it's just me but it feels like a big deal.

I think it's very cool then that we will all have a chance to kick off the new decade together on January 1st. One of my favorite traditions, the **Brass Monkey**, will bring those of you who are willing to brave whatever Mother Nature brings us together to fly and compete on the first day of 2020. Mike Cripps will be CD'ing the event

this year, and while I have no idea of what he has planned for us, I'm confident it will be fun and worthwhile checking out, even if you're not up to flying. Please be sure to meet us at noon at Dorbrook for all the action!

So, I'm guessing by now you're probably wondering what's up with this month's cover photo. Tasty snacks? Solo cups full of what? Well it turns out it's milk :) Yes, it's that time again— **Santa's Training Mission!** With Hanukah falling late in December this year we also expect a visit from Hanukah Harry— he also needs help this time of year too. Our annual eating and flying event is this coming Sunday 12/22 starting at 11am. All you need is a plane that can ROG and taxi and you're good to go! We've also now added a grab bag to the event—if you want to participate just bring a wrapped present of about \$10 in value and you're in! Please come on by— we always have a great time and it's a lot of fun to watch.

This coming **THURSDAY** night December 19th is our last club meeting of the year. We'll be meeting at the Eatontown Public Library starting at 8pm. We will have our annual holiday party—the club will supply light snacks and drinks, but members are welcome to bring food to share. We'll also have elections for the 2020 Executive Board, so please be sure to come to this month's meeting to help send off the year in style!



Photo by Stan Berger

## November Meeting Minutes

We had a lightly attended meeting this month, with eleven members in attendance. We discussed the results of our recently completed Club Auction, and thanked everyone for helping. Gary gave a summary of the recently completed Turkey Shoot, and we also discussed the pending Exec Board elections coming up in December. Lastly we reminded everyone that at the December meeting we'd have our annual holiday party.

We had two planes brought in for Model of the Month, likely the smallest and largest models we've seen this year. The finish was as follows:

1st place: Rob K's Big Foamy Bomber (BFB)

- Built from 1/2" pink foam, weighing in at 19lbs with a wingspan of 106".
- Uses two Power 60s turning 15x7 three bladed props. Total power with (2) 6s 4000 packs is approximately 3KW.
- Has an 18" long bomb bay to drop LOTS of stuff!

2nd place: Mike C's micro F-22 Raptor

- Built from Martin Newell plans.
- Built from 1mm Depron.
- If I recall correctly it uses a motor from a micro-quad for propulsion.
- Flies great— both fast and slow!



Rob's Big Foamy Bomber!



Mike's micro Raptor!

## 2019—The Year in Review

I often forget how much we do as a club during the course of a year, and 2019 is no exception. As a result I'd like to give a quick recap of what we were up to during the year. Thanks go out to Frank, Mike, Sandy, Stan and yours truly for the following montage— enjoy!

January...



*Pilot's Meeting for our annual Brass Monkey on 1/1. The wind was a MAJOR factor that day!*

February...



*Gary "three-peated" as Sport Flier of the Year at our annual Club Dinner. Will he do it again this year? We'll know soon enough when we have our 2019 Awards Dinner on Sunday February 23rd 2020!!!*



*It's not all hard work and focus at our Exec Board meetings. We oftentimes take time out to check what's going on in the host's workshop. Here we're checking out my new CNC router and my first attempts at cutting parts.*



## 2019—The Year in Review (continued)

March...



*Jason brought in his very large foamy B-17 for our MOM contest this month. You normally don't think of flat foamies in this size range but they do exist and fly nicely too. This one is made from 1/2" blue foam and is detailed with Callie Graphics decals. It's a blast to see cruising along at speed at the field! Subsequent discussions about this model likely influenced the author's project for later this year ;)*

April...



*Here's a shot from our first outdoor contest of the year—RC Bingo! We originally had planned to hold Streamer Chase, but wet conditions didn't mix with paper streamers so we had to quickly change directions. It was great to get outside and start shaking the rust off of our fingers.*



*The Spring edition of our bi-annual Adopt-A-Road cleanup. I strongly suggest checking this out next year—it's a great way to give back to the community.*

## 2019—The Year in Review (continued)

More April...



*The last weekend of April is officially reserved for the Hole in the Woods fly-in, hosted by Mr. Adam Lilley. We normally kick off the activities on Friday afternoon and wrap things up Sunday with a great breakfast at a local diner. If you have any interest in checking out the 2020 edition I suggest talking to Adam!*



*You can tell based on the smile on Mike's face that there's a lot more to do than just fly airplanes in Adam's huge backyard. And that's great as the weather this year wasn't perfect for flying (i.e. windy), but if you had a powered bike of some kind, an RC car/truck, or some other fun then you were in for a great time. And let's not forget the great bonfire we had after dark!*

May...



*May was a little weird. Despite having one of the best spring seasons we've had in years, we managed to have our RC Baseball contest rained out. And to add insult to injury, we found that there was a conflict at the Eatontown Public Library on the night of our monthly meeting and we couldn't use our room! So we ended up having an impromptu meeting in the parking lot. Here is a picture of Adam with his newly acquired HH Turbo Beaver, which he used as his new contest plane for the summer.*



## 2019—The Year in Review (continued)

June...



*This contest has turned into a real combination of strategy and luck. Tom C's "Balls" contest is a highly modified bomb drop contest where the pilot tries to accumulate points by getting their ball as close as possible to the various groups of balls on the flying field. Since the balls on the ground can move the landscape is constantly evolving, which makes how best to drop your payload an evolving challenge.*



*Rich B. and Lee S. started the Mid-Week Fun-Fly a few years ago, and it has continued to gain in popularity. Wind was a constant factor at the field this year, and this event wasn't any different. Regardless our intrepid pilots took to the air, competing in a series of old-school maneuvers that led to a great time for all!*



*This year was the 16th running of our annual Electric Fly-In. We had great conditions (again windy but oh well) and a nice turnout of about 30 pilots from NJ, NY, and CT. IT was great to see all of our friends from the tri-state area!*



*We like to make the rounds for the various fly-Ins in the area, and the Warwick Electric Fly-In is one of our favorites! It was another windy weekend, but thankfully the mornings and evenings were fairly calm, and we used that time to fly off of the lake on the site.*

## 2019—The Year in Review (continued)

July...



*For your consideration, a great shot of Adam mowing the lawn with his giant-scale P-47 at Warbirds Over Delaware. The JCSF presence at this event is significant, and makes a sizable contribution to the event. I can only imagine what Adam has in store for Delaware next year now that he has his new 1/3 scale L-4!*

August...



*Here are the “survivors” of another Limbo contest, CD’ed by Mr. Lilley. Actually I’m overdoing it— over the past few years we’ve actually gotten much better with this contest, and with Adam having added a center line for reference the amount of carnage has dropped dramatically.*

September...



*For many of us, September means two things— Rhinebeck and NEAT! These two events butt up against one another, and they make for an epic week and a half of fun! At NEAT this year we had a great time flying, eating, catching up with friends, and making our presence known. I’ll never forget the sound of the air raid siren as we bombed the Pigs with our BFB!*



## 2019—The Year in Review (continued)

More September...



*With Bob having moved to PA this summer I took over the Midway contest. Since I didn't have the original instructions I got "creative" and added a more historic element to the contest. The only problem was that I also made it harder, but regardless Dave was able to battle his way to the top, with Gary in a close second.*

October...



*Another windy day, another round of RC Bowling. This contest is a challenge without the wind fighting you, but once again our intrepid pilots literally threw caution to the wind and gave it their best. Scoring was low but we managed to have fun and keep damage to a minimum this time around.*



*Our fall Adopt-a-Road crew getting ready for their trek down Route 537. We had a rather low turnout this time— hopefully the membership will take some time out of their schedules to pitch in more in 2020.*



## 2019—The Year in Review (continued)

More October...



Mike C. CD'ed his first contest, Touch O' Luck, which was actually a new/vintage event put together by Gary S. last year. This contest contained two key elements of any good contest— skill and luck. For once the wind was a non-factor, but imminent rain kept the pilots moving at a brisk pace. Thankfully they wrapped things up just as Mother Nature brought rain to complete out the day.

November...

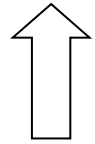


Another auction in the history books! We made some updates in how we managed our merchandise, which made for a much smoother event!!!

### Turkey Shoot Pics!!!



Our traditional last "Sport Flier" points contest for the year, Gary did a great job in CD'ing this event. It was a bit cold, but that's to be expected in November. Yours truly was the only causality of the day, only after nailing the metal turkey on a landing approach. Another great day of being at the field and hanging with your friends!



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### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Next Meeting – Thursday December 19th, 8:00 PM at the Eatontown Public Library. Holiday party, Model of the month and raffle.**

**Sunday 12/22— Santa's Training Mission (11am, Rob K. CD)**

**Wednesday 1/1— Brass Monkey! (noon, Mike C. CD)**