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WINTER DOLDRUMS

OK, I'll start off by saying that up to this point we've had a very mild winter. My prediction of a snowy winter has so far been way off base. But we've had plenty of rain (ok, good not having a drought in the spring) and its been very gray and dreary. And cold enough to keep you from flying (unless you're Mike K—more on that later). So yes, I'm ready for spring. That's still quite a few weeks away from now, and I'm not fooling myself to expect a great spring like we had last year, but it can't hurt to hope :)

So I've posted this pic of Mike Cripps as a reminder that at this month's meeting is our annual **Model of the Year** competition. Mike won this prestigious award last year (well, 2018) with his incredible scratch-built 14" wingspan *Bristol Scout*. Darryl gave a great write-up on this plane in his November '18 Secretary Notes, but suffice to say that this is typical Mike C stuff. Winning "Best Micro Scale" at NEAT with it was the icing on the cake. You'll find a listing of all MOM winners who are eligible to complete later in this month's edition.

Many of you might have heard that Stu Katz recently went in for surgery, and I'm happy to report he's recovering very nicely. I can personally vouch that he's up and about, and he wanted to thank everyone for the very nice fruit basket sent by the club. Hopefully he'll be able to drive again soon and perhaps make it to this month's club meeting.

I'm not sure if you've heard but Mike K. has set up a new Facebook group page for our club, and it's definitely worth joining. If you search on "Jersey Coast Sport Fliers" in Facebook you'll find it, and just request access and he'll add you to the group. This is for everyone to use, and you can post your builds, pics from the field, or even letting everyone know you'll be flying and have guys meet you at the field. Mike has been hosting livestreams from the field where you can watch him flying. I think it's a blast, and if you have any questions on how to join please reach out to me or Mike K. for info.

So... this coming **Sunday February 23rd is our Club Awards Dinner**—have you signed up yet? I hope so as it'll be a blast. Also, if you haven't given your comments yet for the proposed FAA transponder regulations PLEASE do so by March. This is very, very important! Check out <https://www.modelaircraft.org/about-ama/advocacy> for more details.

Lastly, our club meeting is on Wednesday night February 26th at the Eatontown Public Library. We'll have our regular Model of the Month contest, plus the big 2019 Model of the Year runoff. I hope to see all of you there!



January Meeting Minutes

We had a pretty decent turnout of members this month, but Recording Secretary Mike K. had to work so yours truly is doing this from memory :)

We thanked Mike Cripps for holding the recently completed Brass Monkey, where we used his new high-tech bomb drop devices. We all had a blast, and once again Gary won the coveted award. Nicely done!

Most of the meeting's discussion revolved around the recently announced FAA proposal to add transponders to all "UAVs", which our models technically fall under. We spoke at length about how this will impact our hobby, and how critical it is for all of us to provide feedback to the FAA. It's very important to indicate how it will impact us personally, and stress that we only fly "line of sight", or LOS in short. This will help differentiate us from many of the "drone" pilots out there that are flying First Person View, or FPV, or are flying "waypoints", which is essentially automated flight. Also please keep your comments polite—don't get nasty (as tempting as it may be). If you need suggestions on how to do this in the most effective way feel free to reach out to me or any of the Exec Board members.

We reminded everyone that our annual club dinner will be held at "618" in Freehold on Sunday February 23rd starting at 2:30pm. Once again we'll have this buffet-style, which worked out great last year, and the food was awesome. I've attached the order form again to this newsletter in case you missed it before. Please try to make it— it's a great way to spend a Sunday afternoon in winter!

Lastly we talked about the upcoming Atom's RC Flea Market and Auction. We'll definitely talk more about this at this month's meeting and compare notes about this event.

Model of the Month:

We had two entries, with Jason's Flying Partridge Family bus taking top honors. It also had the distinction of being painted by his lovely wife, who insisted on the paint scheme.



Jason's flying bus is built from all blue foam via a kit he purchased. The "fuselage" was hand-painted by his wife, and uses two small outrunners for propulsion. Steering is handled via differential thrust from the two motors. I can personally vouch that this model also flies despite its unusual appearance!

Mike Cripps's Cub was a "moving present" from good friend Bob Keibley as he prepared his PA move. Mike stripped and recovered the plane and made repairs and updates as needed. The plane is now electric powered and flies great. As an added bonus Mike designed and printed the replacement cowl that this model is sporting.



2019 Model of the Year Candidates

For Model of the Year (MOTY) consideration a plane must have (a) won a Model of the Month contest for that year (Project Night does not count) and (b) must have been flown at least three (3) times prior to the contest (no hangar queens). The latter is on the word of the builder but I suspect all of the following entries have already covered at least that many flights.

Normally we have ten MOTY entries, as we have two Project Night contests (April and September) that don't count. However we did have two "glitches" this year that ended up resulting in seven candidates. In May we had a very abbreviated meeting where we opted to not have a normal MOTM contest, and in July we had an "unplanned" Project Night, thus the reduced eligibility count. Lastly in December we didn't have entries (although the "Mikes" did bring in stuff to show off, but not for MOTM).

And with no further adieu here are your 2019 Model of the Year candidates:

January: Lee Stab with his **Schweizer 1-26** electric powered glider

February: Jason Cline with his big RumBuilder flat foam 71" span **B-17**

March: Mike Kouridakis with his Balsa USA ¼ scale **Fokker DVII**

June: Rob Kallok with his **Bloody Wonder**

August: Mike Cripps with his **Mini Drake** flying boat

October: Mike Cripps' with his **1926 Farmin Carte Postale**

November: Rob Kallok with his **Big Foamy Bomber**



Project Corner

The past few years I've asked members to send me some info on their current projects, since after all we're in the middle of building season. Unfortunately I don't often get much in response, but I'm an optimist and will try again this year. I'll start this off and I'm hoping this will get others to join in. Please send me a quick description of what you're building—it can be anything from an ARF to your own design. Also please include pictures—lots of pictures :)

Old School Models Javelin

I picked up this kit at NEAT last year. It's from a fairly new manufacturer—it was good to see someone new getting into the business. The Javelin is a very nice laser-cut kit that can be built for glow or electric (naturally I'm going with the latter). The Javelin has a 60" wingspan and should weigh about five pounds with batteries. With a 4s LiPoly pack and a 14" prop the Hacker motor I have planned for it should put out about 700W, which should give plenty of motivation to this puppy!



Modelaire-Tech MegaWatt

After NEAT last year I was feeling a bit nostalgic and went through some of my older kits as I felt like building vs. designing this year. I came across an old Tom Hunt Modelaire-Tech design called the *TwinWatt* and recalled he had a whole series of cool designs. I remembered the *MegaWatt*, and Tom sent me a set of the plans. The model spans 80" and weighed 8lbs back when this was designed in 1995 and used NiCads and a belt-driven brushed motor. With LiPo batteries and an outrunner I'm looking at less weight and a lot more power so this should be interesting. I've got the fuse almost done, which is almost entirely made of 3/8" balsa sticks.



Jersey Coast Sport Fliers 2019 Awards Dinner Order Form

Sunday, February 23rd, 2020, “618”, 618 Park Avenue, Freehold NJ 07728
 2:30 –3:00 PM Cocktails (cash bar), buffet lunch served at 3:00

NAME: _____ **Phone:** _____ **Email:** _____

Number of members: _____ **Number of guests:** _____

Lunch is \$35 per person and includes Caesar Salad, Penne Vodka appetizer, and a buffet consisting of the following (4) dishes: Chicken Marsala, Grilled & Sliced Flank Steak, "Grannys" Meatballs and Herb Seared Salmon. Side dishes include Grilled and Roasted Seasonal vegetables and Rosemary & Garlic Roasted Potatoes. Lunch is topped off with 618's famous "Ice Cream Bar"! As in previous years, there will be a cash bar and soft drinks will be available at no charge.

If you have any special dietary restrictions or food allergies, please let Stu know and he will see what arrangements can be made on your behalf.

SPECIAL RAFFLE

2 prizes (1st winner gets choice):

<p>Hangar 9 Carbon Cub</p> <p>90” wingspan</p> <p>2 stroke 20cc(1.2 cu) / Power 60B electric</p>	
<p>Turnigy G60 -500</p> <p>Brushless Outrunner Motor (.60 Glow equiv.)</p>	

\$5.00 per ticket. Maximum of two tickets per member. Limit one prize per member. Winner need not be present to win.

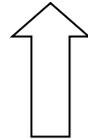
Dinner Cost (# dinners x \$35):	
Raffle Tickets (\$5 each, max 2):	
Total Payment Enclosed:	

Bring order form and payment (checks payable to JCSF) to a club meeting or mail to:

Stuart Katz, 27 Longstreet Rd., Manalapan, NJ 07726

Questions: stukatwork@gmail.com/732-616-5743

Fill in email address for order confirmation.



First Class Mail



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UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Sunday February 23 – Club Dinner, 2:30pm (“618” in Freehold)

Saturday March 14— Lebanon RC Flea Market (Lebanon PA)

Saturday March 21— Adopt-A-Road (9am Dorbrook)