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### WEIRD TIMES...

Hey everyone—happy Spring!!! I've got daffodils in my front yard and my maples are blooming. And we're starting to get occasional days of high 60s and low 70s temperatures (along with a regular mix of daytime 40s— ah, the flux of Spring...).

So, things are very weird right now, but before we get into that let's talk about some great stuff that we should recognize and appreciate. I think we need some of that.

First off, I want to congratulate Gary for winning his fifth consecutive **Sport Flier of the Year** award! Nicely done! He had some stiff competition this year, specifically in the form of Mike Cripps. I didn't see the final score but I understand that it was VERY close. Gary is our first pilot to win this award five consecutive years, which is quite the achievement.



Speaking of achievements, anyone who made it to our January meeting will recognize Adam's Royal B-17. This is a project that he started at the tender age of 16, and recently decided to complete it. Flying Royal B-17s are a bit of a rarity for many reasons (think wing loading and lots of glow engines) but Adam decided to tweak the odds by going electric but it was still not a lightweight bird. Regardless Adam decided that a recent cold, windy Saturday morning was the perfect time to test fly this beautiful model. Despite our assurances that it would be OK if he waited for better weather, he nailed the throttle and she flew like a champ!!! You can find video of the flight on our club's Facebook group page— I recommend checking it out. To say it took some big ones for Adam to do what he did, with the conditions at the field, would be a dramatic understatement, but that also speaks volumes to Adam's ability and flying skills.

So, to the weird stuff. Since we last met a global pandemic has been declared. New Jersey, New York, and a number of other states are under a "stay at home" order for all but essential workers. The COVID-19 virus is putting many folks in harm's way, and as you should hopefully already know our March meeting has been cancelled (plus the Eatontown library is also closed). FYI— Project Night will be moved to our next meeting (hopefully in April but we'll see). I don't know if there are many bright sides here, other than having more time to spend in your respective shops. But we're doing this for a good reason—to try and keep folks from getting sick, and "flattening the curve" so that our medical infrastructure isn't overwhelmed. And that's a very important thing.

## February Meeting Minutes

For those of you who don't know, Recording Secretary Mike Kouridakis's daytime job is as a Travel Nurse. Mike is currently stationed up in Bergen County working at Holy Name Medical Center. He's been on the frontline of caring for corona virus patients, and actually just came up with a very creative way of helping to cut down on the use of critical personal safety gear that's being introduced across the region (he came up with a way of remotely locating IV machines outside of patient's rooms—who says building model airplanes doesn't translate into the real world!). So if you want to think of someone who's really making a difference, think of Mike and tell him how much you appreciate what he does the next time you see him at the field. I know when this is all done he'll need (and deserve) a vacation.

An unexpected byproduct of the COVID-19 virus is that with Mike being so busy saving lives that he doesn't have time to write the Secretary Notes for last month. So I'm taking a stab at this based on my less than stellar recollection. Here goes...

- At the February meeting we had both our Model of the Year competition as well as our regular Model of the Month contest. I don't recall who won MOM, but for MOTY we had a tie for first place between myself with my own design **Big Foamy Bomber** and Mike Cripps with his **1926 Farmin Carte Postale**. So as it turns out the largest and smallest candidates tied for the top honor. Unfortunately I also forget who took third, but hopefully next month I'll have the details and pictures to go along with them.
- We talked about our recently completed **2019 Awards Dinner** held at "618" in Freehold. I'll be honest—it was great! The food was awesome, the company was great, and even the weather cooperated. The only downside was that we forgot to ask anyone to take pictures, so unfortunately we don't have any pics to share. But that's likely only because we were having so much fun. I really want to thank Dave and Stu for putting together a great event, plus Mike and Sandy for assembling the slideshow that kept us all fixated throughout dinner. To repeat, ***Gary Swist II once again took the top honors for Sport Flier of the Year***, and plenty of plaques were awarded. The Carbon Cub went to a very good home, and I surprisingly won the Turnigy G60 out-runner. I'll be sure to find a good home for that ;)
- As you might expect, we spent a lot of time talking about the recently closed comment period associated with the proposed FAA Drone tracking and registration rules. We tried to clarify many questions about the proposed rules, and made suggestions on how best to give feedback. I hope everyone took a few minutes out to give feedback, as the direction these rules take will have a profound impact on the hobby we love.



Dreaming of summer flying....

### 2020 Sport Flyer Points— 1st Quarter

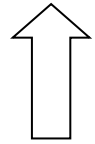
President Dave asked VP Adam if he could do something a little different this year—provide a quarterly view of the top ten pilots who are in the Sport Pilot hunt. The thought was that seeing how everyone else is doing might encourage others to try and do things to increase their chances of taking this prestigious honor. I'll need to include the various points open to pilots in a future issue, but the important thing to remember is that points are not just about winning or placing in club contests. You get points for just participating, but you also get points for bringing in models for Project Night and MOTM, and participating in club events such as Adopt-A-Road. You can also give a demonstration at an upcoming club meeting for a technique you like (just let Dave know in advance) as well as contribute to the club newsletter. There's a much longer list that will be provided. In the meantime here are our current Top Ten pilots and their points:

- Mike Cripps: 17 points
- Rob Kallok: 14 points
- Jason Cline: 12 points
- Adam Lilley: 10 points
- Gary Swist II: 7 points
- Stan Berger: 6 points
- Mike Kouridakis: 5 points
- Dave Mauger: 5 points
- Stu Katz: 4 points
- Sandy Kuehle: 1 point

### Club Dues/Membership Renewal

As you all should know JCSF membership dues are "due" by the end of March. Following is a list of those members who are still outstanding in this area. If any of you have an issue with your dues please reach out to President Dave or any of the other Exec Board members to see what we can do.

Meshulam Almaliah	Tim Foley	Vance Moss	Vincent Beeman	Darren Foster	Vincent Moss
Peter Bennett	George Green	Billy Niemann	Edward Berchtold	Larry Grey	Eric Olsen
Larry Boccio	Jonathan Hamrick	Frank Raineri Jr.	Keith Casella	Marc Hunter	
Charles Safarian	Thomas Cerqua	William Hunter	Dick Sarpolus	Peter Chang	
Ronald Jantz	Michael Slein	Robert J. DeRosa	Paul Kliauga	Gary Swist	
Paul Discepolo	Dave Szabo	Steven Drucker	Anthony Lara	Isaac Tamilio	
Dominik Eggenschwiler	Ivan Linden	Herbert Volkert	James Fagan	Chris LoPresti	
Patrick Wells	Robert Ferrante	Perry Makris	James Wilson	Benjamin Foley	
Michael Mokris	Floyd Wright Jr.				



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### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Next Meeting** – Wednesday April 22nd, 8:00 PM at the Eatontown Public Library. **Please look for confirmation beforehand.** Project Night!

**March 31:** Final Day for Club Dues

**Sat. April 11** – Streamer Chase, 11am (Gary CD)