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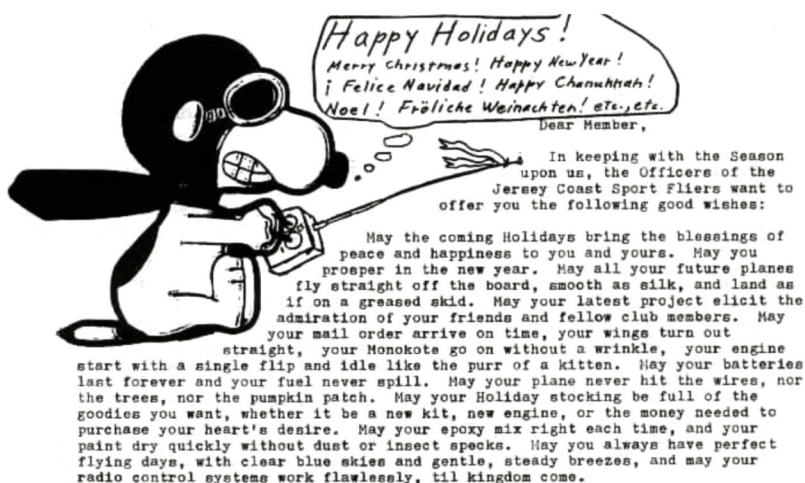
GOOD RIDDENCE 2020

Wow, it's December 2020. What a weird, uncomfortable, bizarre, frustrating, yet insightful year. I don't think I have to explain why I feel the way I do on the first four adjectives but the fifth may need some elaboration...

This past year has been unlike anything I've been through in my lifetime. The notion of being so isolated— of having our collective worlds turned upside down is something we'll never forget. When last year was winding down and I was thinking— wow— it's the year 2020—it sounded magical. I had no idea of what would come to pass. So for all the chaos in the world—all that the pandemic did to us—I happily say good bye and good riddance 2020, and make sure the door hits you on the way out. But I can't help but think something else, something a bit more positive— more enlightening.

If one good thing came out of this past year, it's the appreciation of little things, and those around me. As most of you know my family had COVID back in early May, and when it was out of our systems just getting outside and enjoying a warm spring day was a treat. I've been working remotely since March and taking a walk to get out of the house was something that I'd normally not think twice about, but getting out and seeing all the other folks doing the same was great. I got to know a lot more of my neighbors (and their dogs) this year, and all of this led to an appreciation for what we still have. Most of us are quite lucky— I know I am, and that's something to be remembered. I'm also extremely grateful for my friends, especially those that make up our club. I had no idea how much I missed everyone until Dorbrook was re-opened late this spring and we started to get together again. And I know the morass of COVID and 2020 in general made me and those around me appreciate each other so much more.

In the spirit of tradition (you know I love traditions) please enjoy Snoopy's message to the club once again. Words to live by. Unfortunately we won't be able to have a club meeting in the near future, but we will have a contest this weekend— **Santa's Training Mission**, plus our traditional **Brass Monkey on Friday January 1st, 2021**. I hope you'll plan to come out and see us— thanks!



Notes from a meeting that didn't happen....

Yes, as most of you recalled we didn't have a November meeting, nor a December one to boot. Our backup meeting location—Dorbrook Park, has been a bit too cold and nasty to meet at. However it was a great alternative while the weather cooperated.

We were supposed to have Exec Board elections but that was also cut short by COVID and the lack of a meeting location. I'm not sure if everyone heard but Frank Beshears needed to hand in his Corresponding Secretary hat at the end of this year as family and work needed his full attention, and we can all appreciate that. After having done this job myself I'd like to say on behalf of the membership a hearty thanks to Frank for the awesome job he did in this role. The work that Frank did was critical to the operation of our club, and was often done outside of the limelight. Regardless it took his time, his energy, and focus to keep that part of our operation running. For 2021 our Recording Secretary Mike K. has volunteered to take over Frank's position—a temporary situation that hopefully we'll address when we conduct our Exec Board voting next December 2021. Thanks Mike for stepping up—I know you have a lot on your plate already.

Speaking of plates (like how I did that?), normally our president Dave would start telling guys this month to mark their calendars for the upcoming club Awards Dinner. Likely to no one's surprise, there will not be a club dinner this winter for all of the obvious reasons. We will have an awards event—likely in the spring, and likely to be held at Dorbrook. We are discussing ways to make this more than a traditional BBQ, so as we get more details lined up we'll share them with the membership.

Speaking of membership (LOL—did it again) it's getting to be time to re-up your membership to the JCSF. Since we won't be meeting face-to-face any time soon please reach out to Darryl with your dues and any other info, such as your current AMA, etc.

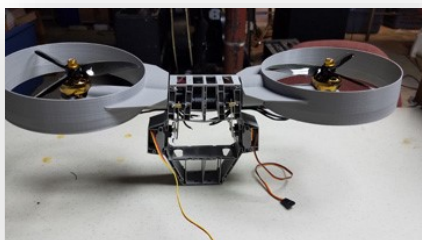
Project Corner!!!

With all the free time we'll have this winter I know a lot of you will be working on some awesome projects, and since we can't get together the next best thing would be to send me some pics and some descriptive text about your project. I honestly don't care if it's an ARF, a conversion project, or self designed and scratch built— send me some pictures!!!

Our very own President Dave is the first to share something cool with me. Talk about a unique project— I commend him for having the guts to put the time into this baby and then try to fly her!!!

Dave is a fan of the **Scorpion**, which was a dual rotor attack platform featured in the movie *Avatar*. At NEAT this year Dave picked up his first 3D printer and has been a prolific printer since then, trying out all kinds of stuff. He was recently on one of our favorite websites, Thingiverse, looking for some ideas when he came across a working 3D model of the **Scorpion**. Being the brave man he is, he downloaded the files, ordered the hardware, and started printing! He's still collecting parts to complete the model but he hopes to have first flights once the weather is more workable.

The **Scorpion** uses a pair of 2306 2450Kv motors spinning 5x4x3 props with two 35amp ESCs and a single 4s 1300mAh Lipo pack. Control comes via an Omnibus F4 flight controller and a Spektrum SRXL2 Receiver. Nice!!!



Scenes from the Turkey Shoot!!!

Thanks go out to Mike and Sandy for running this most excellent event, and for Stan recording this via his trusty camera. While I forget the final placing, I know Adam kick proverbial butt with his war-weary foamy Extra. For a plane that he insists he doesn't like he sure flies it to great effect. The pizza was a nice touch arranged for by Dave, and Stu made sure that all participants got a nice prize for their efforts :)



Adam's favorite plane



Sad sight...



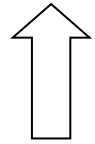
Nose job...



New vs. old school.
What's your preference?



Bomb away!!!



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday December 20 – Santa's Training Mission 11am (Rob K. CD)

- Bring a small wrapped present if you want in on the Grab Bag!!!

Friday January 1, 2021— Brass Monkey 12 noon (Mike C. CD)