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A REAL WINTER!!!

Hey guys, happy New Year!!!

Wow, it's been a few years since I've been able to say this, but we're having a snowy winter! For the first time in quite a while we had a contest with snow on the field—Santa's Training Mission. It was a blast having planes shushing off of the snow as the pilots delivered Christmas presents. But we'll get into that in more detail later...

With COVID and the lack of an indoor meeting space we won't be seeing much of each other until the weather clears and we can get back out to the field. I'll be publishing bi-monthly editions until we can get some activities going that I can report on. In the meantime we have some other content to share to keep everyone's interest.

Here you can see Mr. Cline in the festive dress of his fathers—ready to take on Mike Cripp's version of the Brass Monkey! Much fun ensued and you can read more about it in Mike's article later in this issue.

As you all know Bob Landis passed away late last year, and his family reached out to me to see if the members would want one of his fleet. If anyone is interested in a nice airplane I have Bob's collection safely stored in my shed—if you'd like to see what's available send me an email and you can come on by and check it out. I have about a dozen planes to find new homes for, plus some engines and assorted hardware. I work from home nowadays so daytimes are also an option to come on by.

Darryl is actively working on collecting club dues and since we won't have any in-person meetings for a few months he needs everyone's help. I've attached a copy of the club membership form—if you could please provide the normal info and a check for this year's dues and mail it all to him he'd greatly appreciate it. Please don't forget to include a SASE so Darryl can send your club ID back to you.

One last thing— you may have noticed that we haven't posted an event calendar yet for this year. The reason is simple— we're still waiting on all of the other clubs to announce their schedules. We will be kicking off our season at Dorbrook in mid-April as usual (exact date TBA) but for now many early events have been cancelled due to ongoing COVID-19 issues. Normally in March we'd be going to Lebanon, but not this year. Joe Nall has been cancelled this coming May. Here's hoping the vaccine rollout goes smoothly and that we can start to get back to normal sometime this summer.



Photo by Stan Berger

Santa's Training Mission 2020

After everything that happened (and unfortunately didn't) last year, I was really looking forward to Christmas and the holidays in general. The end of the year also marked an end to the flying season, and before we closed out 2020 we all got together for one last contest—Santa's Training Mission!!! This contest is one of the most popular we have over course of the year, and it's not hard to see why. You get to fly, see your buddies, eat cake and cookies, and exchange presents.

The contest is really a glorified landing and taxi contest—you take off from Santa's workshop, fly around the north and south poles, land and taxi to a house. You repeat this process two more times, then take one last lap before parking in Santa's workshop again. It's a timed event, with the quickest run winning. Oh, and did I forget the presents, cookies and milk? Oh yeah— each time you land on the roof of a house you must deliver a present and eat the snack and milk waiting for you. And that adds time, but is very yummy. We're lucky that no one goes into sugar shock during this contest.

This year we were treated to some very festive conditions—snow! Yes, the field was nice and bright and snow covered (with a little ice on top). While most guys used skis the snow was hard enough that balloon-style tires would also work. We also had some snow fall during the event, but the forecast also called for rain later in the day so we ended up having just one round. Yes, just as we were wrapping up the rain came but by that time everything was cleaned up and we headed for warmer locations.

A total of seven pilots came out to complete, and all but two completed the event. As much as I hate to say it Stu had a spectacular crash with his Super Stunts (may it rest in piece) and Jason had technical difficulties that kept him from completing his appointed rounds. As the contest progressed each pilot flew a progressively faster round, with first place constantly changing hands. The only exception was Mike K, who completed his rounds but his "sled" fought him the entire way. With Adam in first place with a time of 3:30 and Mike K having finished his flying, the only pilot left was Mike Cripps. Mike immediately got into the groove and spirit of the event and flew a blistering 2:57, handily taking the win! Since this contest does not award Sport Flier points, Mike settled for first dibs on the grab bag presents.

As we packed up our planes and cleaned up the snacks the rain started and it was time to get home and take a hot shower. But we all had a great time and were just happy to hang out one more time before the new year.

Pilot	Time	Place
Stu K	DNF	...
Dave M	4:40	4th
Stan B	3:50	3rd
Jason C	DNF	...
Adam L	3:30	2nd
Mike K	4:59	5th
Mike C	2:57	1st!!!

Pictures from Santa's Training Mission

(courtesy of Stan Berger)



Festive Flyer



Skis out!



Pilot's meeting



One for the Pigs...



Happy elves



Checking out the action...



Nice and snowy...



2021 Brass Monkey

For this year's annual kick off event Mike Cripps put together something to ensure our thumbs were still working after the holidays. This wasn't a "bore a hole in the sky" event as we actually had to fly maneuvers!

The contest consisted of flying various maneuvers after making turns around pylons at either end of the field. The maneuvers (three consecutive inside loops, three consecutive split-S turns and one stall turn) had to be judged as accurate by our CD, but this was also a timed event so going for the perfect setup was counterproductive. Nine pilots were up to the challenge that cold January day.

Unlike our recently completed Santa's Training Mission the first pilot up set the pace, and although a couple of pilots got close no one caught him. Big surprise— Mr. Lilley was the first pilot up. He was flying the same *Extreme Flight Extra* that he had previously said he "disliked" and with wreckless abandon pushed his plane to its limits, which turned out to be enough to take home the coveted trophy. Stan and Mike C. came close to unseating Adam but they were off by a few seconds. Despite his protests about his plane we all suspect Adam has some new-found respect for it after the way it performed at the last few contests.

After the winner was declared Stu gave out pilot prizes for all who participated. No planes were injured during this event, and it serviced as a great way to end the holiday season!

Pilot (in order of competing)	Time	Place
Adam L	2min 3sec	1st!!!
Rob K	2min 32sec	5th
Dave M	2min 39sec	7th
Mike K	4min 13sec	9th
Jason C	3min 20sec	8th
Stan B	2min 9sec	3rd
Stu K	2min 17sec	4th
Justin	2min 38sec	6th
Mike C	2min 7sec	2nd



Brass Monkey guys



Pilots meeting



Mike getting ready!



The Trophy...

Pilot Projects!!!

As you all know I've asked to see what you're all up to in your shops. Well, here are some examples of what's going on.

Just as an FYI—many of these projects have progressed significantly since these under-construction photos were first taken a few weeks ago. But I wanted everyone to see how these projects progressed—next issue we can see some of these all wrapped up!

Dave's Byron Corsair

Dave's been working on this girl on and off for quite some time, but he really knuckled down and has been making great progress. Paint and cockpit work has been taking up a lot of his time of late. Nice big gas engine will get this puppy humming!



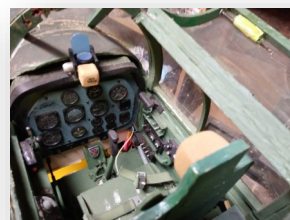
Adam's Byron Corsair

So, I'm not sure if folks know but Adam and Dave picked up their Corsairs at the same time! I think after seeing Dave's progress Adam decided it was time to get his ready as well. However Adam is taking a different route and opted to pull the gas engine in lieu of a Rimfire 160 motor and 12S lithium polymer battery setup. It'll be great to see it tearing up the sky at both Delaware and NEAT!!!



Larry's Giant-Scale P-51

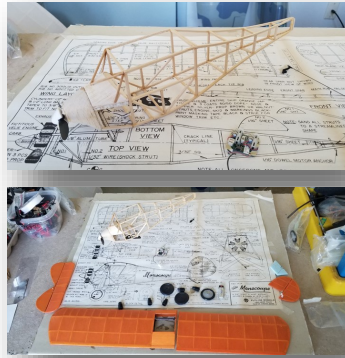
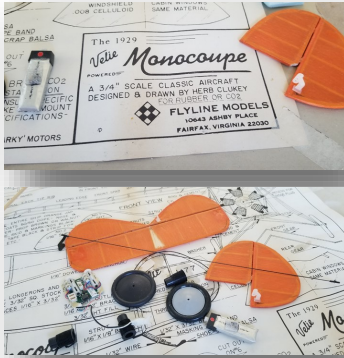
Larry's been using the winter month's getting his fleet ready for the spring. Currently he's focusing on his long-time P-51B. A little time and attention goes a long way!!!



Pilot Projects (continued...)

Mike's Moncoupe

Mike K. has been working at the opposite end of the size spectrum with his Walnut-scale project. Mike is going old-school with the stick and tissue construction but updating her with the brick and motor of a UMX donor. Very cool!!!



Jason's XRaycer

Jason's been tearing through a number of projects this winter, and the XRaycer will be a great addition to his fleet. Scratch-built from 6mm Model Plane Foam, it'll be a great flyer for places like Cline Field and the Hole-in-the-Woods ;)



Rob's Lancaster

I've been working on this project for about two years in fits and starts, but I decided that it was time to get this girl done. This plane is actually part of a group project and hopefully this spring we'll see a few of these at the field. 74" in span and scratch-built from balsa and ply, I'm currently working on the designs for the 3D-printed engine nacelles.



Pilot Projects (continued...)

Stu's Avistar Elite

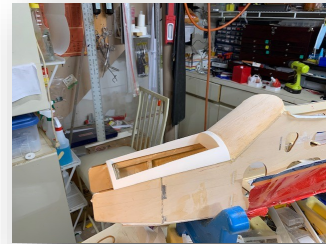
A couple of years ago, I had a student, Charlie Solumn who after he passed his pilot's test purchased and subsequently crashed a Hobbico Avistar Elite. Charlie was a great guy and sadly passed soon after. He was going to throw this plane out after the crash, but as I cannot pass on a challenge, took the wreck from him to someday rebuild.

About (3) weeks ago I was looking for a plane to bring with me to Florida and in looking at the wreck, realized this plane would be the perfect plane to bring with me. The wings separates into (2) pieces, and the tail feathers attach with screws making fitting the plane an easy plane to pack. Only problem, I still had a rebuild to do!

The fuselage was a total wreck, with the front end totally demolished, including the plastic canopy-hatch. All the formers back to the rear of the wing saddle were broken. The wings weren't too bad. The leading edge tabs were gone and a few holes in the covering.

To repair the fuse, I did my typical firewall moving forward trick to make more room for the battery. 3D printed parts were designed and printed for the nose gear bearing, wing bolt fairing, vent covers and most significantly the replacement for the canopy and now separate hatch. You will notice in the pics that the canopy and hatch are actually "hybrid" parts, 3d printed plastic frames covered in balsa and then covered with heat shrink.

Total repair time took about a week and half, most of it spent waiting for glue to dry. I think Charlie would be happy to know his plane is again poking holes in the skies over NJ and Florida!



CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION - RENEWAL

1.) Annual dues are prorated (for new members) based on the following table. Classes are determined by birth date. The Senior rate is based on 65 yrs old or older by July 1; Open rate is based on 18 yrs old or older by July 1; Junior rate is younger than 18 on July 1. Junior rate applies to households with no other members. A Junior member is free if another member of the same household is already a member of the club. All applicants must have an AMA card to be a JCSF member.

Month Joining	Junior	Senior	Open	Month Joining	Junior	Senior	Open
January-March	\$5.00	\$28	\$40	August	\$2.50	\$18	\$25
April	\$4.50	\$26	\$37	September	\$2.00	\$16	\$22
May	\$4.00	\$24	\$34	October	\$1.50	\$14	\$19
June	\$3.50	\$22	\$31	November	\$1.00	\$12	\$16
July	\$3.00	\$20	\$28	December	\$0.50	\$10	\$13

There is a Field Fund fee of \$50.00 for all new Open and Senior members. Family members living at the same address pay only one set of dues. For example: a father and son joining the club in June would pay \$81.00 (\$50.00 father's Field Fund + \$31.00 father's June dues + \$0.00 son's field fund and dues). * If membership lapses, the field fund must be repaid. (See Club Rules)

2.) Complete **THIS FORM** and send it with **PHOTOCOPY OF YOUR AMA CARD**, and a **CHECK made payable to The Jersey Coast Sport Fliers** at the following address.

Please include a **PRE-STAMPED SELF ADDRESSED ENVELOPE** to get your membership card. You need your card to fly at our field.

Darryl Schlosser
282 Harding Blvd.
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(Please complete and sign)

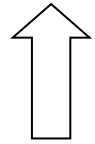
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Applications MUST contain a valid AMA number and birth date or it will be rejected.

I have obtained a copy of the information packet (in print or from the website) containing the rules for the Jersey Coast Sport Fliers and the Monmouth County Park System. I have read them completely and understand them. My signature below indicates my understanding of these rules and my agreement to abide by them. I agree to keep my AMA Membership current or I will not fly until it has been renewed.

Signature: X _____ Date: _____

Remember send in this form with **PHOTOCOPY OF YOUR AMA CARD** **CHECK**
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Next Meeting – To be determined

Next Contest— April (date TBA)