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SPRINGTIME!!!

After a seemingly long and traditional winter, the good news is that the trees and flowers are blooming, colors are back in the landscape, and the temperatures are seasonable. Yes, it's been a little windy but not so much to keep us from kicking off the flying season at Dorbrook. It feels good to be back!

We had our first contest of the spring the past weekend—our annual Streamer Chase. Turnout wasn't bad for our first event in April, but we're hoping to get more club members out to the field to have some fun as the season progresses. Here you can see Dave and myself going over the scores before Stu gave out pilot prizes. You can read more about the event and who came out on top later in this issue.

As most of you will recall we had to skip our traditional club dinner this year due to COVID. However we are planning to make up for that with an awards picnic on **Saturday May 22nd**. This will be a catered affair with a very nominal cost of \$5 per person. Other than being outdoors we'll have our traditional door prizes plus a raffle. This year's raffle will be for a very nice P-47 ARF. And naturally we'll have plenty of plaques to recognize our COVID-shortened contest season. This will be a fun event and I hope that everyone will put it on their calendar. The awards picnic will start at 2pm — I hope we'll see you there!

With our inability to meet indoors for the foreseeable future we'll continue to meet at Dorbrook on Saturday afternoons— please check our website for the schedule. On a related note one of the things we normally do during our winter meetings is to vote on Model of the Year. With COVID wreaking havoc on our club meetings last year we only had a chance to pick four models for MOTM, and we still need to pick our winner for 2020. In this issue we have pictures of the four candidates, along with some information from the builders. We're asking all club members to give their vote for their favorite—please see inside for details on how to have your vote counted.

In the meantime, don't forget to check out your equipment, cycle your batteries, and make sure your planes are in good shape. The 2021 flying season is upon us. And don't forget that we have JCSF Bingo this Sunday May 2nd at 11am.



Photo by Sandy

April Meeting Minutes

Mike K. had to work so I took this month's notes. Please excuse the brevity...

- Stu read the Treasurer's Report. If anyone has any questions feel free to reach out to Stu for details.
- Dave discussed a possible club fuel order. An email will be coming out shortly with more details.
- Adam and Dave discussed their recent Fredricksburg VA trip, where Adam maidenized his new Byron Corsair. Stan and Jake also made the trip. The guys said the host club's field was awesome and worth the trip.
- For the spring Adopt-A-Road we had eight members in attendance. Afterwards the guys grabbed breakfast and did some flying.
- Streamer Chase is scheduled for Sunday April 18th. The event will be CD'ed by the group. This is our first event of the spring.
- **JCSF Bingo is scheduled for Sunday May 2nd started at 11am.** Rob K. is the CD for this event. You'll want a plane that can ROG and taxi for this contest.
- The club **Awards Picnic will be held on Saturday May 22nd starting at 2pm.** The cost per person is \$5 which can be paid at the event. Please send an email to Dave if you plan on attending (dmpanhead@gmail.com).
- Rich Border is moving to Florida. He'll be sorely missed!
- The Raffle was won by Mr. Jason Cline, which will be a fine addition to his collection.



Spring Project "Night":

We had five entries—four in Sport and one in Scale. Adam won Scale with his 1/4 scale P-40, and Mike C. won Sport with his Pico-scale BluFO.

Project "Night" Entries

Scale:



Adam's 1/4 scale P-40

Sport:



Jason's 3D Delta XL prototype



Stu's rebuilt Tiger 60



Mike's micro BluFO



Larry's custom glow driver

2020 Model of the Year

With the limited number of club meetings we had last year the number of MOTM winners was less than usual. However we still had four excellent entries and it's time to pick a winner. The Exec Board would appreciate it if all members would pick their favorite entry and send their vote to Dave Mauger (dmpnhead@gmail.com). Please send Dave your vote by May 31st—thanks!



February—Jason's Partridge Family bus plane

The Partridge family bus was built from a foam board beta test kit from rumbuilder.com, a friend of mine who has marketed a variety of CNC kits cut from Lowe's foam. This is a micro (50") version of his ten foot school bus. My wife did the Partridge paint scheme with craft paint and black vinyl tape striping. The twin motors allow for differential thrust for rudder function. A handful to fly but it does fly, generally on 3s.



March—Adam's Royal B-17

It was my childhood dream to fly this airplane, as I started building it when I was a teenager. My father surprised me with it as a birthday present having the same dream. I framed up the structure at that time and put it aside due to lack of building experience. Several years ago I decided it was time to revisit this childhood build but with the new electric technology. That's right I turned it into an electric plane. Waiting enabled me to finish the plane the way I had always envisioned it. My father is no longer living but I know every time I fly this model he is looking down and smiling, not only because I build it but it looks and flies fantastic! I've had several flights on it so far with the last few being at NEAT Fair. It looked so majestic flying against the mountains and to be able to show this plane off at one of the most renowned electric flying events in our country was something truly special.

2020 Model of the Year

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August—Dave's Monocoupe

This is a Monocoupe 90A from Kange Industries. It has a wingspan of 96", plus I have a second set of wing panels that will be shortened to potentially fly as a 'clipped wing' version. It is powered by a Zenoah G-26 with a SlimLine muffler swinging an 18x6 Xoar prop. Flight control is via a Spektrum AR9030T receiver and Hitec HS645MG servos. 'The Monocoupe' and 'three geese' decals are from Callie Graphics. And the red and white color scheme makes visibility great. All up weight is 12 ½ pounds. This bird is a dream to fly with virtually no bad tendencies, with take-offs and landings a piece of cake and although it does have flaps, they are almost unnecessary. Sweet airplane!



October—Rob's Megawatt

After NEAT 2019 I decided I wanted to build an "old school" electric design. I remembered that Tom Hunt had a series of stick built planes and I always liked the high wing Megawatt, which goes back to 1995. I scratch built the 80" wingspan plane and used my CNC to cut all the formers. The motor mount and landing gear blocks were 3D printed. The plane uses an AXI 4130 outrunner with a 90 amp Talon controller, which puts out approx. 900W with a 16x10 prop and a 6s LiPoly pack. In addition the plane is set up with LEDs for night flying. She flies awesome and looks great both day and night.

Streamer Chase!

On April 18th we had our kickoff contest of the spring—our annual “Streamer Chase” contest. Originally Mike K. was planning to CD this event but his schedule at the hospital conspired against him and he unfortunately couldn’t attend the contest. As a result we tried something different and had the Contest Director duty split among all of the pilots in attendance. This actually worked out quite well and we were able to pull off the contest with minimal issues.

We had seven pilots for the contest, which we flew in two heats—with three and four pilots. A total of two rounds were flown, with the pilot’s total score across those rounds used for final scoring. Unlike previous years there wasn’t any carnage, which was a nice change. My Mustang wasn’t the best flyer, snapping on a regular basis, and on landing she snapped and ended things. But Adam was extremely generous and let me fly his backup plane in the final round, which worked much better than my Mustang.

After two rounds Frank R. had the hot hand and walked away with the victory, with a total of 120 points. Adam came in second with 90 points, and yours truly came in third with 65 points. After wrapping up the contest we enjoyed a delicious lunch of Jersey Mike’s subs, and Stu rewarded all the participants with cool prizes. Afterwards we enjoyed some open flying until the cool temps got the better of us and we packed it up for the day. All in all it was a great way to kick off the contest season!

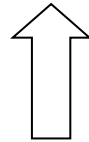
Pilot	First Round	Second Round	Total	Place
Frank R.	90	30	120	1st
Adam L.	30	60	90	2nd
Rob K.	5	60	65	3rd
Mike C.	30	30	60	4th (tie)
Tom C.	30	30	60	4th (tie)
Dave M.	30	5	35	5th
Stu K.	5	5	10	6th



Group Shot



Adam flying solo



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Next Meeting— Saturday May 22nd, 2pm at Dorbrook. *Awards lunch—please RSVP to Dave!*

Sunday May 2nd—JCSF Bingo 11am at Dorbrook. Rob K. CD

Sunday May 30th— RC Baseball 11am at Dorbrook. Stan B. CD