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NICELY DONE!!!

I want to start off this newsletter by giving a hearty congratulations to Mike Cripps on his first *Sport Flier of the Year* win. Mike for years has been showing us how to build advanced micro-sized RC planes, but that's just the beginning. Mike knows how to use cutting edge technologies (3D printing and laser/CNC cutting) as well as good old-fashioned modeling techniques to build some awesome planes of all sizes. He's also a proficient pilot and someone who's always willing to share ideas, plus is respected for his abilities across the broader modeling community. I suspect this isn't going to be the last time we see Mike toting this trophy.

So, you might ask—when did Mike get his award? Well, hopefully you know the answer to that question :) We had our 2020 Awards Luncheon this past Saturday May 22nd. Dave, Stu and the rest of the Exec Board put together a great ceremony to replace our usual winter get-together. They pulled out all of the stops, including a catered lunch for a very reasonable \$5/person, which I can personally attest was great (I was stuffed!). Pilots were recognized for their wins over the course of the shortened 2020 contest season, and Stu did his usual great job of providing pilot prizes. The big prize, a very nice P-51 ARF, was won by Tom Cerqua, who I know will put it to good use. The turnout was very good, and afterwards everyone stayed for some extended flying time. For those who made the event – I hope you had a great time. And if you couldn't make it, hopefully we'll see you at one of our upcoming contests. Check out the cover page for our June events.

A few quick notes that bear repeating from Dave...

- We've been getting multiple reports of non-club members flying at the field. To help deal with this we're asking all members to wear/display their club membership cards when flying so we can ID those who aren't members. Dave has ID holders for all members—if you need one just ask. There are also extra ID holders in the frequency box — thanks for your help!
- Seemingly out of nowhere a crop of 6' trees have popped up at the right side of the flight line— where the reeds are. The park folks will be cutting them down shortly. When the park does this there will naturally not be any flying during the time they are cleaning up the area. Thanks for your help with this— and be careful of those trees in the meantime.



Photo by Stan Berger

JCSF Bingo!!!

The morning of Sunday May 2nd started bright and inviting, and the stage was set for our first contest of the month. “JCSF Bingo” is an oldie but goodie—a glorified landing and taxing contest that’s normally fairly safe for planes (more on that later) and a good tune-up for pilots. The contest is a timed affair, with the objective being to taxi over individual lettered plaques on the field spelling out “J C S F” in the correct order, between which the pilot laps the field with their plane. The final move is to park your plane on a small “X” plaque which will stop the clock. Well, that normally stops the clock, but as the CD I added a wrinkle to the mix by including a dice roll. It adds a nice element of luck to the contest, which means it can be anyone’s contest because depending upon what you rolled initially it can be quite a challenge to get that number again, and we were using two dice.

As I was setting up the field, the wind decided that it was too nice and started blowing pretty hard with some strong gusts thrown in for effect. Thankfully it was mainly down the runway from left to right, but for guys who had lighter airplanes it could be a challenge, primarily when taxing. With the field all set up we had a quick pilot’s meeting, set the flight order, and kicked the event into gear. As the CD I opted to go first to ensure everyone knew the routine, and after rolling an eight I took off and got cooking. After parking my plane on the final X and rolling another eight I had a time of 3:46, which turned out to be a pretty decent number. Stu then took his turn and flew a hot time of 3:06, which turned out to be the best time of the first round. Dave, Mike C, Stan and Adam rounded out the flying for that round, and Stu was in the lead, with yours truly in second and Dave one second behind me in third.

So, remember my comment about this being a safe event for planes, and how the wind had taken a turn? Well..... I fired up my plane for the start of the second round as the wind was doing a good job of gusting. I took off into the wind, made my down-wind turn, nailed the throttle to get ready for my upwind turn and subsequent landing, and that was all she wrote. As I turned into the wind the plane lost all momentum and stalled (I believe the guys indicated this was a high-speed stall). Since I was flying fairly low during this whole process I had no altitude to recover with, and my plane went in hard and that was it. So I went from having a great first round to DNF. The other pilots took note of what happened and decided to keep their pattern a few clicks higher to avoid a similar fate.

In the end Stu maintained his pace and wound up taking first place. Stan changed planes for the second round to something a bit better suited for the wind (i.e. heavier) and had a great second round time. Dave rounded out the top three spots with a very solid combined time of 7:59. While we were flying Dave also ordered us some pizza which we enjoyed at the completion of the contest, and Stu had a nice spread of pilot prizes which everyone picked from. Abet my loss of a cool airplane everyone had a great time and left full and happy. Thanks to everyone who came out and we’ll see you at the next contest!

Pilot	# Rolled	Round #1 Time	Round #2 Time	Total	Place
Rob K	8/8	3:46	DNF	—	6th
Stu K	5/11	3.06	3.22	6.28	<u>1st</u>
Dave M	6/8	3.47	4.12	7.59	<u>3rd</u>
Mike C	10/7	4.45	4.01	8.46	4th
Stan B	7/9	4.17	3.25	7.42	<u>2nd</u>
Adam L	8/4	6.33	2.54	9.27	5th

Photos from JCSF Bingo

(courtesy of Stan Berger)



Stan reposed.



Pilot's meeting.



Rolling those dice!



And the winner is...



Hey—check that out!

Photos from the Awards Lunch

(courtesy of Stan Berger)

2020 Sport Pilot Results	
Mike Cripps	First!!!
Mike Kouridakis	Second
Stan Berger	Third
Adam Lilley	Fourth
Rob Kallok	Fifth

2019 Model Of The Year		
Rob Kallok	Big Foamy Bomber	First!!!
Mike Cripps	1926 Farmin Carte	Second
Mike Kouridakis	BUSA Fokker DVII	Third



Corsair follow-up....

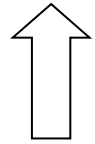
As I mentioned earlier this year both Adam and Dave were building Byron Corsairs. Both planes came out fantastic and were maiden recently, looking spectacular in the air. Unfortunately Dave's plane suffered a mechanical mishap during a recent flight but at least we have an excellent photo from Stan to remember it. Stan also captured Adam's electric Corsair in action— enjoy!!!



Dave's Corsair



Adam's Corsair



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Next Meeting – Saturday June 12th— 2pm at Dorbrook. Model of the month and raffle.

June 3-6 - Warbirds and Classics over Fredericksburg (Thornburg VA)

June 4-6— Reading Air Show

Sunday June 13 – Balls Fun Fly 11am start (Tom C. CD)

Saturday June 19— 18th Annual JCSF Electric Fly-In (Rob K. CD)

June 26-17— NJ Pine Barons Warbird Fly-In (Southampton NJ)