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WHO'S UP FOR AN AUCTION?

Well, it's been awhile since we've touched base. It was a VERY busy end of summer, which made it tough to get the newsletter done. But it was a lot of fun and while it's hard to believe that summer is over, it was SO much better than last year, and this year's fall has been outstanding weather-wise. I hope everyone has been having a great time too and enjoying the field before the weather turns for the worse.

Before we know it November will be here, and with that comes the return of one of our great club traditions—the annual **JCSF RC Auction**. Yes, we're back after having to skip it last year due to COVID, but we have permission from the Croydon Hall folks to have it once again. We will need lots of help this year as we expect a large turnout of merchandise and buyers so if you can help out even for an hour or two it'll be greatly appreciated. The auction will be held on Saturday November 13th so please be sure to put it on your calendars, begin going through your planes, and start thinking about your next project. Doors open at 8:30am for merchandise check-in and the auction starts promptly at 10am. You can find more info on our website at [2021 Auction Flyer :: Jersey Coast Sport Fliers \(jcspportfliers.org\)](http://2021.Auction.Flyer::JerseyCoastSportFliers(jcspportfliers.org)) [press CTRL and click link].



As I mentioned earlier, it was a wild closeout for the summer of 2021. Not only did we have some great events at our field, such as the Limbo contest, Open House and our traditional club picnic, but we also traveled all around the northeast. Guys were driving out to PA for the Golden Age Fly-In at the Bethel Airport, up to Rhinebeck NY for the Jamboree, and spent a week (or more) at Peaceful Valley for the NEAT Fair. Then there were side excursions to the [Fredericksburg Area RC Club](#) in Virginia for many cool events as well. I know a lot of club members racked up serious miles on their cars and campers while having a blast at these events. With all the fun that's to be had both locally and around the area, I strongly suggest checking out our club calendar for 2022 when we publish it in January and make plans to take a trip. You won't be disappointed!

With the days suddenly getting shorter we will be shifting our meetings back to our indoor location at the [Eatontown Public Library](#) this month. Please try and make it as it's important we stay in touch as a club—if you are concerned about COVID please wear a mask. **The club meeting will be held this Wednesday night, October 27th, starting at 8pm.** We'll have our regular Model of the Month contest and will talk more about the auction and upcoming events. We hope to see you there!!!

September 25, 2021 Meeting Report
by Mike Kouridakis

Once again we were lucky enough to have good enough weather for an outdoor meeting out at the flying field. Soon the weather will turn and we'll be back indoors at the library.

There were 15 members in attendance this time.

Dave opened the meeting then handed over to Stu who went over the financials.

Dave then recapped last month's meeting highlighting that Mike Cripps had won the Model of the Month Contest.

Darryl reported on our membership statistics.

Dave then began a review of past recent events:

- Haverstraw, NY Open House. Dave and Adam went to the Haverstraw Open House which is strongly supported by the town. The town provides shuttle busses and food as well as other things. Adam flew the big Hemple L4.
- Limbo Contest. Adam to review.
- Rhinebeck RC Jamboree. This is one that me, Stu, Dave and Adam don't miss. We go for the weekend and then head over to the NEAT Fair. As usual there were some pretty impressive WW1 and Golden Age aircraft both models and full scale. Adam won 2nd place for Civilian Aircraft with his big Hemple Cub. The white one with the electric motor.
- NEAT Fair. We were blessed with great weather the entire week. We all flew a lot and had a great time. Rob will write up the goings on.

We next discussed upcoming events most notable for out Adopt-A-Road on Saturday Oct 16th and Pumpkin Bowling the next day, Sunday Oct 17th.

Dave announced that the next meeting would be at the Eatontown Library.

This time instead of Model of the Month we had Project Night. Stu showed his very nice looking Sea-gull Models Bristol M1c ARF. Mike C showed his partially built Guillow's Ryan Spirit of St Louis

This month's raffle prize was a really nice looking Pitts Special ARF that was won by Bill.

Midway 2021 Contest Report

by Mike C.

We held the 2021 Midway contest on Sunday, July 18, which I CD'd again with Sandy performing assistant CD duties for scorekeeping and generally keeping things moving along smoothly. As always, this contest is a re-enactment of the famous WWII naval battle from June 1942, with pilots separated into teams (America vs. Japan) that fly two-minute bombing runs against enemy aircraft carriers and support ships painted on the field to try to score the most points. I used the lessons learned from last year to have larger target areas to encourage more points being scored, as well as adding back the "friendly" ships near the main targets to score negative points for wayward bombs. As in the real battle, there were critical areas of the main aircraft carrier (representing the superstructure, fuel, and armament supplies) that score higher points than hits on the flight deck.

Like last year, pilots were given the choice of using the traditional "two-nails-in-a-board" bomb drop mechanism, my newfangled servo-operated 3D printed units, or their own contraption, as long as it could drop a standard club bomb. This year, we had four planes with their own contraptions, me with my 3D printed unit from last year, and two using the old school gravity dropper. Some of the new contraptions still had issues to be worked out, but most operated successfully. Rob K. did have an interesting run when the whole unit dropped off his airplane from the aerodynamic forces, but he was able to quickly fix it.

Adam "Spruance" L. captained the Americans, and Stu "Nagumo" K. commanded the Japanese team. Due to some gusty and unpredictable winds, we kept the contest to two rounds to keep the airplane damage to a minimum (several were dinged). Only seven pilots turned out, so Stan, the latecomer, was declared a mercenary and flew one round for each team to balance things out.

Once again, the Japanese team prevailed with 36 total points vs. the Americans 23 points. The individual rankings were:

- 1st – Mike C. (Japan): 22 points
- 2nd – Stan B. (Mercenary): 11 points
- 3rd – Adam L. (USA): 9 points
- 4th – Stu K.. (Japan): 7 points
- 5th – Rob K. (USA), Carl (USA): 4 points
- 7th – Dave M. (Japan): 2 points

Of note were the fact that Stan and Adam both used the old school gravity bomb droppers and still placed 2nd and 3rd, and Adam flew his 40% Hempel Cub, which is still a stunning sight flying low and slow while doing a zero-G parabolic trajectory to drop the bomb. And shockingly, I won despite always doing poorly in bomb drop contests, and not having practiced at all since last year. Also of note is that the trend has continued that whoever has Sandy as their spotter, bombardier, or re-arming crew chief wins the contest, so, remember that for the Turkey Shoot contest coming up in November... J



Midway Pilots!



Fine tuning the L-4



Carl making his run



Tasty Lunch!

Rhinebeck Jamboree 2021

By Adam Lilley

After two years on hold from COVID, Rhinebeck Aerodrome's **Jamboree** was back! The Jersey Coast Sport Fliers were back too with a large turnout of members that included Dave M., Mike K., Frank B., Stu K., and I. All of our members had a chance to fly at this historic location. Stu most likely had the best time flying his SE5A - it's a solid flier and made him very comfortable with the busy airspace. I was completely surprised when I placed runner up in Civilian Class with my 40% electric J-3. The Aerodrome was in full swing this year with two fantastic Airshows and even managed to get seven planes in the air at once with two rotary powered aircraft in the mix. The ground show was equally impressive on Sunday and ended with the evil Black Baron of Rhinebeck dying and getting rigor mortis, well at least until the following weekend when he springs back to life and does it all over again. These events are so much fun and our club always makes a great addition to any show. I thank all the club member for supporting this show and shows like it.



NEAT Fair 2021

By Rob Kallok

I've spoken many times about NEAT, in almost mystical terms. It's one of those events that you truly need to experience to appreciate. It's a unique melding of friends (both old and new), airplanes (lots of them), eating, libations, and camping in one of the most picturesque locations in NY state. It's a week during the year where you often forget the outside world and simply enjoy the moment. Yes, it's that good...

This was our first NEAT Fair after last year's COVID event, and for the JCSF crew there were changes. The most noticeable and significant change was saying good-bye to our old 32' hexagonal tent and hello to our new 40'x30' rectangular tent/living space. We had to change tent vendors this year, and the new tent really worked out great, giving us a lot more room to work with. It was a nice change although we missed our distinctive looking old tent.

We also upgrade our kitchen to boot. The group pitched in and bought a new refrigerator and freezer and we added a new grill to our setup. Mark had been lending us a lot of hardware over the years and it was time to step up and update our kitchen and stop relying on Mark's generosity. The new equipment, plus the use of Adam's new 20'x10' easy-up to cover the kitchen really made a big difference for us.

So, how about the event itself you ask? Well, for one we had great weather this year, with much milder temperatures than we had last year (remember the ice?). We figuratively flew our brains out up to the point of the actual start of the show on Thursday, then we participated in key events such as Lobsta AI's streamer chase, the Mass Warbird Launch, and noontime demos. But we also hosted our traditional events in and around the Big Top, including the Radian Races and Vapor Games. The weather was even good enough that we were able to have our mass Chinese lantern launch on Friday night, which looked spectacular.

Having this kind of fun, with everything running so smoothly, doesn't happen by chance. The reason we continue to be successful with participating in this event is that EVERYONE helps out with the day to day operations of running the Big Top. Whether it be shopping for supplies, cooking meals, cleaning up the kitchen, towing the chuck wagon to and from the event, or setting up and maintaining the shower that we bring—this all takes a lot of guys working together and not shirking their responsibilities. As a matter of fact, I can't think of a time when I had to ask someone to do something. Most guys asked if they could help, or when it was their turn for KP. I bring this up because although NEAT is a ton of fun, it's also a lot of work, but when everyone steps up and helps it makes a huge difference. But that's what friends do, and how we make this all work.

As many of you likely recall, we have an ongoing rivalry with the Pigs and the Pirates, who are two other clubs down the flight line from us that we like to "compete" with. Well, on Wednesday night we invited the Pigs and Pirates over for a feast, where we hosted a Medieval theme dinner. Our guys were wearing "armor" (i.e. printed sweat shirts) and Jason C. even went so far as to dress up as the King for the event. We served roasted turkey legs, pork loin, plus burgers and hot dogs. The Pigs brought excellent chicken and sides, and we all ate until we couldn't eat any more. Then the Games started...

The Games consisted of jousting using adult-sized bouncy balls. Each "kingdom" picked their champions, and this year the Pirates reined supreme as they defeated our champion, Adam. There was much rejoicing (and laughter) as the two knights went at each other with foam pool noodle spears while mounted on their steeds (bouncy balls). We acted like a bunch of kids and made memories that we won't forget.

This year was also the last year for the Big Foamy Bomber (or BFB). Before retiring the 9' wingspan bomber we rained candy, liquor and ping pong balls upon the Pigs and Pirates. Strangely they somehow knew we were coming, and as we fired up the twin 60-sized electric motors on the bomber their air raid siren went off. As the siren echoed through the valley the bomber (piloted by Mr. Lilley) took two passes over their encampment, much to the delight of the onlookers. It was quite spectacular (and colorful) seeing the huge payload of stuff drop over their area. Afterwards I pulled the critical gear out of the plane (I need it for another project) and gave the airframe to Bryan Weed, who plans to use it at his summer home :)

As with all good things, Sunday II showed up before we knew it, and we were breaking down camp. On the way back Adam and I stopped for pizza in Liberty, where we started discussing next year's show, and what we wanted to make even better. NEAT planning never stops, but that's part of the fun ;)

Pictures from NEAT 2021



The calm before the storm...



Rob's new digs :)



One packed chuck wagon



Sleepy piggy



The "holy hand grenade"



Our new tent!!!



Setting up the new tent



Good morning Bob!



Who is that chicken man???

RC Baseball

On Sunday October 3rd Stan CD'ed one of our favorite contests— RC Baseball. Most of you are likely familiar with this event, but just as a refresher, this is a highly refined landing contest. A baseball diamond is carefully painted on the field with hits and outs laid out. Two teams are selected and the game is scored as a traditional baseball game, driving in runs based on how many bases you get per landing. Each player gets up to three passes/strikes per at bat, so they must land before strike three.

In the end, Dave's "B-52s" kicked the collective butts of Rob's "Fried Chickens" by a score of 17 to 8. Dave's team had the two top scoring individuals—Tom C (28) and Stan (21) who took first and second place respectively. For third place there was a tie among two from the Fried Chickens—Rob and Mike C. Per the rules a runoff was held, after which Mike kicked Rob's butt and took third for the event. After the contest wrapped up we had a delicious lunch of fried chicken (thus the reason for Rob's team name) and the guys continued flying after lunch wrapped up. Stu had his usual excellent assortment of pilot prizes and everyone went home full and with a cool prize.

Team Captain Dave Mauger "B-52s" Total Runs 17

Dave M. out, out,out,out,out,1B, 3B, 2B, out

Tom C. out, 2B, HR, HR, HR, 2B, HR, HR, HR (First place)

Jason C. out, 2B, HR, out, out, out, out, out, out

Stan B. 3B, 3B, 2B, 3B, 3B, out, 3B, HR (Second place)

Team Captain Rob Kallok "Fried Chickens" Total Runs 8

Mike C. 1B, 2out, 2B, 2B, 3B, out, 1B, out, 3B (Third place in Fly-off)

Rob K. 2B, 1B, 2B, out, 2B, 2B, 3B, 2out, out (Fly-off)

Stu K. out, 1B, out, out, 1B, 2B, 2B, 2B

Adam L. out, 2B, 2out, out, out, out, 2out, 1B



The ball players



Jason at bat



Ooh—so close...



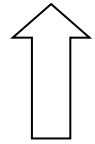
Sandy the scorekeeper



"I'll take that!"



Another delicious lunch



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Next Meeting – Wednesday October 27th, 8:00 PM at the Eatontown Public Library. Model of the month and raffle.

Sat. November 13 – JCSF RC Auction (Croydon Hall)

Sun. November 21— Turkey Shoot, 11am start (Mike C. CD)