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FAREWELL JOHN...

Wow, what a rough way to end the first month of 2022. As most of you have already heard, we lost John English after a battle with COVID on January 24th. We had learned that John was sick but were confident that he'd pull through— John's always been a fighter and this would be no exception. However this unfortunately didn't happen so we were terribly saddened when we got the news that Monday afternoon.

Members will recall that John was a fixture at the field, and his passion was flying scale models, normally either of the WWII or Golden Age variety. John was always up for a good conversation, and while he wasn't into competing in our weekend contests he'd still hang out with us and talk, and get in some flying when we'd break for lunch or just wait until we wrapped up for the day. He just seemed happy to be at the field, hanging out with the guys. It's going to be very strange when the flying season starts up in a few months without John's presence....

To remember John we're going to do a few things this season. At our May Awards BBQ at Dorbook we're going to have a little ceremony to say goodbye in a way that John would definitely appreciate. And for our new Scale contest (scheduled for September 25th) we're going to dedicate the inaugural event to John. As a matter of fact John's son Jason will be donating one of John's planes as the prize for the top class at the event. This will all be a nice way to show that he's missed and let us say goodbye.

While I was looking for a picture of John for this month's edition I went through about five years of photographs. One staggering thing that hit me was how many members we have lost over the past few years. I'm sorry if I sound like a downer but a lot of guys that I became friends with over the past 25+ years are no longer with us, including Bruce Busfield who's pictured with John. What I take from this is that life is WAY too short. Enjoy everyone around you and make sure you take time out to enjoy life in general. You can never tell what's around the corner so be sure to appreciate everyone you have. I think that's the most positive message I can give on this evening.

Our next club meeting will be on **Wednesday February 23rd**. At this meeting we'll have our vote for Model of the Year (2021) plus our regular Model of the Month. Please come out to the **Eatontown Library at 8pm** to help pick some winners!!!



Photo by Stan Berger

January Meeting Minutes

We had our first meeting of the year on Wednesday January 26th. Outside of the Exec Board we had two members in attendance—Larry and Lee. (*Editor's Note— please come to this month's meeting on Wednesday February 23rd— thanks!*).

- We opened the meeting by discussing the recent sad news that John English had passed away earlier that week from the COVID virus.
- We mentioned that the ATOMS RC Flea Market had been moved due to COVID issues from February 12th to a new date of September 10th at the original location. Unfortunately for many JCSF members this will conflict with both Rhinebeck and the NEAT Fair.
- We reminded the membership that the Lebanon RC Swap Meet is still on for March 12th. If you have not had a chance to check out this event we strongly suggest taking the drive out to the Lebanon PA fairgrounds (www.cpaa.us).
- Darryl reported that our 2022 renewal numbers are very low for this time of year and asked that everyone please send in their dues. As a reminder all renewals are by snail mail only and don't forget to include a SASE with your dues.
- Larry brought out two items to show us:
 - ⇒ Larry built a very cool engine stand with separate mounts for 2 stroke and 4 stroke glow engines, both having throttle control via an attached receiver and dedicated servos.
 - ⇒ Larry also showed off a profile fun-fly plane that he picked up at our recent RC auction in November.



2021 JCSF Model of the Year Candidates

At this month's club meeting we will have voting for the MOTY for 2021. The following planes are eligible for this much envied award:

June: SunFli (builder: John Tomaino)

July: Yak 18 (builder: Stu Katz)

November: Nakajima Ki-43 "Oscar" (builder: Mike Cripps)

To compete for this award the plane must have made at least three (3) flights prior to the contest (no hanger queens). Also Project Night winners do not count towards this (unless you brought it back in for MOTM and won). If you're interested in competing please be sure to be present for the February meeting and bring your entry with you!!!

Shop happenings...

Well, most of you have probably noticed that we're having a VERY traditional Jersey winter this year, which means lots of cold weather mixed with wind and precipitation. For many of us this is a good thing, as we get to hide out in our shops and do some building!!! I wanted to highlight a few projects that our members are currently working on. If you are working on something and don't mind sharing with the membership please send me a few pictures and some information and I'll include you in an upcoming issue :)

Adam Lilley's P-40 Warhawk

Adam has been itching for some time now to build a new 1/4 scale P-40 to replace his old steed that he retired a number of years ago. Last winter Adam picked up a composite P-40 kit from Blazing Wings and proceeded to start collecting parts. Thankfully he was able to reuse the Robart retracts from his earlier P-40 (with a few repair parts) and opted to save his pennies for an awesome Rotomator 130 three-cylinder four-stroke engine. Well this winter he dove full bore into the project and is making tremendous progress. I've included a few pictures of how he's doing but these don't do justice to the amount of work and engineering that he's done. When done this will be the first Blazing Wing's P-40 to hit the skies (hopefully in June)...

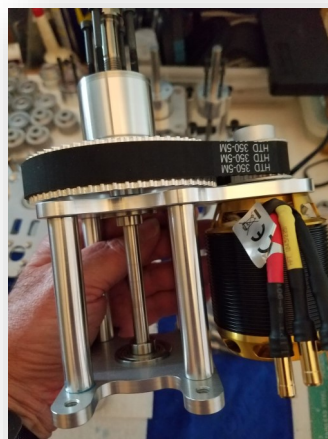


Shop happenings... (continued)

Mike K's Spitfire and P-51 Mustang

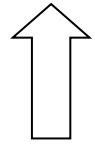
Mike blames Adam for getting him motivated, but the truth is that Mike has been super busy at work and finally had some time to get work done in his shop. And he's taken full advantage of it!

Mike has been working on both his CARF Spitfire and Bud Nosen P-51 this winter. As many of you may recall Mike picked up the Spitfire this past summer as a past Top Gun plane requiring some repairs. Most notably the plane suffered a hard landing which resulted in the retracts being pushed through the top of the wing. In addition the plane is currently without an engine/motor, which needed to be addressed. Mike has recently made repairs to the wings to address the landing gear issue, and after a long process decided that the Spitfire would go electric with a 9kw belt-drive outrunner with a 12S 22AH battery setup. Wow!



Since Mike is a strong advocate of electric power he also decided that the Nosen P-51 could use a similar upgrade and recently received a Rotomax 150cc upgrade!





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UPCOMING EVENTS

Next Meeting – Wednesday February 23rd, 8:00 PM at the Eatontown Public Library. Model of the Year PLUS Model of the month and raffle.

Sat. March 12 – Lebanon RC Swap Meet (www.cpaa.us)

Sat. March 26—Adopt-A-Road cleanup 9AM Dorbrook (Stu CD)