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OUT TO THE FIELD!!!

This past Sunday we had Streamer Chase on our calendar, but the weather didn't cooperate (or more specifically—the weather the prior day). You see, if the grass is wet it's very hard to lay out a paper streamer and have any chance of it staying together once in the air. So the CD made the call to cancel the event and mentioned that via his posting on Facebook that we'd be having an open flying day at the field instead. Thus most pilots who were planning to fly in the contest still came out and instead of trying to cut streamers we simply enjoyed what turned out to be a beautiful day at the field. And for this writer the moral of the story is that it's



fun just coming out to the field, even if there isn't a contest. You see, my schedule, like a lot of club members, is pretty busy, and most of my flying involves participating in contests. I don't get a chance to just fly for the fun of it. But there I was on Sunday doing just that and having a really good time just being with my friends. It was a great reminder that we should all try and get to the field and just have some fun. That fun may be boring holes in the sky, maidening a new airplane, or just hanging out and chewing the fat with the rest of the guys. I will try and make sure I get to the field more this summer, just for the fun of it:)

For those who haven't see President Dave's emails, this Saturday May 21st is our Awards Luncheon at Dorbrook Park. The event starts at 3pm with a short ceremony to formally say goodbye to our long-time member John English, who passed away this past winter. Following that we'll have a catered lunch starting at 3:30. While everyone is commenting on how much they enjoyed the food we'll give away awards for the 2021 flying season, including the prestigious Sport Flier of the Year trophy. With the awards handed out we'll have our first club meeting of the year at our temporary outdoor site (May thru August). We will have our normal Model of the Month contest so be sure to bring out any new planes you want to show off to your fellow members.

Once the meeting completes we'll get back to flying, but with a twist. This Saturday we don't have to be out of the park by closing, as we've been given permission to fly into the night! If you have a nightflyer or are interested in seeing what they are all about, plan on staying at the field after 8pm so you can check out or participate in the action!!!!

Monthly Club Meeting Minutes—April 27th, 2022

There are no meeting minutes for this meeting. As it turns out half of the Exec Board was either not feeling well, were working, or were out of the country. For this particular meeting we actually had more members than Exec Board members (3 vs. 2). Adam and I basically gave a readout of the recently completed Hole in the Woods event that Adam hosts, then we went around and talked about our current projects. I'm hoping that with the shift to Dorbrook Park for our summer meetings that attendance will increase significantly!!!

Hole in the Woods 2022

As most of you hopefully know Adam Lilley has been hosting a flying event in his backyard for the past several years. Affectionately known as the *Hole in the Woods*, it's on our club calendar and members are encouraged to stop by and check it out.

The event is traditionally held the last weekend of April, and for this year it was April 29th through May 1st. Guys start showing up at Adam's place mid-morning on Friday and we don't pack it up until late on Sunday morning. In between we set up our campers and spend the weekend flying around Adam's backyard, or doing some informal racing with RC cars around the yard. If you have an RC crawler there's also a very nice rock crawling course to test your skills.

This year's event attracted over 25 attendees over the course of the three days. Luckily for us the weather was dry although it was a bit breezy and admittedly a little chilly. But compared to last year's event where it rained a good part of the weekend we were more than willing to take the cool windy weather. Thankfully the winds started to abate on Saturday so we actually had some very decent flying weather.

This event has evolved to the point that we have guys traveling from as far away as Maine making the show. We also have pilots coming in from Connecticut, Pennsylvania and NY to complement the regular NJ guys. As you might imagine a lot of the non-local folks are pilots who we've made friends with over the years at the many shows we attend throughout the northeast. It's very cool...

Adam puts a lot of effort into making sure that his place is ready for the invasion that comes along with the Hole in the Woods. It's not easy getting the yard ready plus playing host to a bunch of guys for a long weekend, but he makes it happen and we really appreciate it. For many of us this is the kickoff for the summer event and camping season, and we often use the time to make plans for other events coming up later in the summer. If you haven't checked out the action I suggest talking to Adam about making it next year.

For those of you who follow Stan on Facebook he posted a very nice selection of photos from the event. However he rarely makes his own pics, but I managed to get one of him flying around the yard (versus toting his camera). Enjoy and we hope to see you next

year at the HiTW!!!





A comfy fire on Friday night.

RC Baseball-April 16, 2022

by Stan Berger

Due to a scheduling conflict we held our first official flying contest of the 2022 season on a Saturday instead of our normal Sunday affair. It felt great to dust off the transmitter especially since we were treated to an unseasonably warm April day as the temps hit the 70F mark.

Pilot turnout was light which was most likely attributed to holding our event one day earlier than usual and in combination with the brisk crosswinds that plagued us throughout the day. In total we had six pilots and a handful of spectators.

With just three players on each team it seemed that it would be a quick game so the rules were temporarily revised allowing each pilot to fly twice in each inning. For Sport Flyer point tallies we used the best set of at bats i.e., all first at-bats, or all second at-bats. This also gave us more opportunity to get the thumbs working again with more time in the air.

Mike Cripps headed the "Dirty Socks" who went toe to toe (see what I did there) with Tom Cerqua's "Probable Causes" in one of our more evenly matched games in recent history. There's little doubt that the wind kept the scoring low as we watched the wind-sock inconsistently spin from one direction to another. At the end of the day each team both scored eight runs.

Taking top honors again was Tom Cerqua with 14 runs, followed by yours truly with 13 runs, and coming in third place was Rob Kallok with 11 runs. No lunch provisions were made which made for some hungry pilots, but there certainly wasn't any shortage of fun and laughter that made its way back to our flying field after a long winter.













Photos by Stan Berger and Rob Kallok





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UPCOMING EVENTS

Next Meeting – Saturday May 21st at 3pm (Dorbrook). 2021 Club awards luncheon & Model of the month. Plus Night Flying!!!

Sunday June 5 – Balls Fun Fly, 11am start. Tom C. CD.

Saturday June 18 — 19th Annual JCSF Electric Fly-in. Rob K. CD

<u>Wednesday 6/22</u>— Club meeting—Dorbrook (7PM START) Night flying afterwards!

June 24-26 — Warwick Electric Fly-In (Warwick Airport, NY)