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## A SPECIAL TREAT

This month's cover photo captures what I believe is a first at our flying field at Dorbrook Park— flying under the stars! Here we have some of our intrepid pilots taking a quick break after flying several sorties after the sun had set (and the park traditionally closed). President Dave worked out an arrangement with the park staff where we could start flying after hours, and the first time we took advantage of this was after our Club Awards Luncheon back in May. We had fantastic weather and we flew until almost 11pm!!! If you missed out don't worry—we'll be doing it again after this month's meeting on Wednesday night (6/22) and after our July and August meetings as well. I strongly suggest you check it out!



Speaking of the awards luncheon, it was a resounding success based on the turnout and the amount of food that was left (i.e. hardly any). Dave and Stu did a great job of planning the event and everyone pitched in to make it a fantastic time. While I miss having our awards event indoors during the winter months, holding it outside has become a new tradition and adds a lot to the event. During the event we crowned our new <u>2021 Sport Flier of the Year</u> and handed out many other prestigious awards, including the <u>2020 Model of the Year</u>. Please check out the details in this issue, courtesy of President Dave.

On the topic of events, be sure to check out the club calendar to see what's coming up. June largely kicks off a plethora of flying events up and down the east coast. There are all flavors of events, from electric only to giant scale plus everything in between. If you haven't had the opportunity to check them out yet I strong suggest doing so. If the price of gas has you limiting your travels then get a few guys together and split the cost. It's a lot of fun and worth the trip! And be sure to check out our <u>19th Annual Electric Fly-In this Saturday June 18th</u>, which is always a lot of fun and a very relaxing day to boot.

As I mentioned earlier this month's club meeting will be at **Dorbrook Park on Wednesday June 22nd starting at 7pm (**versus our regular 8pm start time). We'll have our regular Model of the Month contest so please bring out your new stuff to show off. We'll also have our raffle and flying will start once we wrap up the business part of the meeting. See you there!!!

## 2022 Awards Luncheon

On Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, we held our annual Awards Luncheon at the flying field. The weather was beautiful and we had a really good turnout. The day started at 3 o'clock with a memorial to John English who we lost earlier this year. It included a C-47 fly-over courtesy of Adam Lilley, followed by a parachute American Flag drop by Mike K and finally a 'Missing Man' formation fly-by.

Around 3:30, we all indulged in a very tasty catered lunch after-which came the dispersion of wood...you know, handing out of plaques. First were the ones from the nine Fun Flys last year, a total of 27, eight pilots being recipients. Then three to the Model of the Month winners from 2020. Adam Lilley's B-17 first, Rob Kallok's Megawatt second and Jason Cline's Partridge Family School Bus third. And finally, the Sport Flier of the Year for 2021 with Mike Cripps taking top honors for a second year in a row, followed by Adam, Rob, Stu and yours truly.

We next did our monthly meeting with a Model of the Month. The meeting was actually short as there was not that much to discuss and only two MOM entries. I got first place with my recently completed 80" P-47 and Jason second with his downsized SlowBoat.

And then...FLYING! For the very first time, the park system gave us permission to hang out and fly past normal closing hours. It turned out to be a whole new experience being at the field at night, and we had a blast. At 10 pm there were still about 15 guys still flying. FYI...we will be night flying after the next three club meetings on the normal Wednesday night starting at 7. You should really try to join us. Glowing airplanes are just cool!

All in all it was a great, fun (and for some, long) day.

Dave



Mike Cripps does it again!!!



Adam's B-17 takes top honors

## More Photos from the Awards Luncheon (courtesy of Stan Berger)



2021 Sport Flier Winners





Rob's First Door Raffle pick



Mike's Last Door Raffle pick



Dave's MOTM winning Jug



Jason's cool mini SlowBoat

### **Old Bridge EAA Open House**

#### By Stan Berger

On Saturday June 11, 2022 I organized an open house at the Old Bridge airport which is where my Cessna is hangered. This was a local community outreach event where we had the chance to meet many of our neighbors for the purpose of sharing the world of aviation with them. It took a considerable amount of effort to coordinate such a large scale event including advertising, flyer distribution, and coverage on social media, but in retrospect it was well worth it as our goal was realized.

Our success was due in large part to the free airplane rides offered to kids between 8-17 years old which were courtesy of our local pilots through an EAA program called Young Eagles. The program is designed to give these youngsters their first aviation experience where they get to learn the basics of flight and even take the controls if they were comfortable to do so.

Approximately 60 kids enjoyed those experiences that day in a variety of aircraft including Mooney's, Cessna's, Piper's, Cessna's, Experimental aircraft, and even a twin. Afterwards each child was given a Young Eagles certificate and a logbook with their first entry. The look of joy on their faces and the excitement of their friends and families who watched from the ground said it all.

There was plenty to keep the rest of our visitors entertained as well which included a fire truck display, a visit from a State Police squad in their AW139 helicopter, a visit from the mayor of Old Bridge, Food truck, ice cream truck, face painting, airport shirts and hats sales, and scores of vendors including The Jersey Coast Sport Fliers who were there with static models as well as a functioning RC simulator. I was too busy to stay in one place for very long but it appeared that there was a nice flow of visitors to the JCSF table.

Despite the flip flopping weather forecast, the day actually turned out very favorable with high overcast and light winds. Some rain showers did arrive around an hour before the scheduled end of our event but by that time all of the flights were completed and plenty of fun was already in the books.

I've already been asked multiple times when our next open house will be which is an indication of it's success. Nothing is scheduled yet but I'm already looking forward to the next one.









### Balls!!!

#### By Tom Cerqua

It was another glorious Sunday afternoon at Dorbrook Park when seven peppy contestants arrived to compete in Tom Cerqua's annual Balls fun fly. A total of four action packed rounds were flown in this exciting event, the objective of which was to drop a tennis ball from your plane onto the target area of the runway which was adorned with many groups of other tennis balls, and numerous multiplier target areas on which the pilots could practice their Bombardiering skills. After releasing their payload onto the target, they then attempted to land as close as possible to it, to gain additions points. Mike C had the high score at the end of the first round, with 280 points. His gloating ended abruptly when he backed it up with a goose egg in the second round, in this cumulatively scored contest. The scoring continued to be tight through the second round with everyone in contention for the lead, until, in the third round, senior member Frank R. hit a 10x multiplier target the size of a hula hoop, and backed it up with a spot-on landing to score a ridiculous 2000 points which guaranteed certain victory. And on an interesting side note, the two top scoring contestants were the only ones who used .40 size glow powered aircraft. Go combustion!

Place	Pilot	Points
1st	Frank R.	2400
2nd	Tom C.	1250
3rd	Mike C.	770
4th	Dave M.	460
5th	Rob K.	400
6th	Stu K.	390
7th	Larry B.	-100





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# **UPCOMING EVENTS**

<u>Next Meeting</u> – Wednesday June 22nd, 7:00 PM at Dorbrook Park. Model of the month and raffle.

Sat. June 25 – Warwick Electric RC Fly-In (Warwick Airport, NY)

July 13-16 — Warbirds Over Delaware (Lums Pond State Park, MD)

Sun. July 17— Club Fly Day (Food and flying!!!)