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TIME FOR FALL...

Editor's Note: I started writing this newsletter when I returned from NEAT with the ambitious goal of having a September issue. Let's just say that didn't happen. And with that let's get back to our issue...

It's hard to believe but we've been back from NEAT Week for just over a week, and we're just now getting back into the normal swing of things. It's a very busy week (or so) and we don't necessarily get a lot of sleep. But we do have a lot of fun. We had a great week and JCSF made its presence known again at the biggest electric RC show on the east coast. While we all had our moments in the spotlight at NEAT, Adam again stole the show. Here we show Adam relaxing in his "throne", which was acquired to allow Santa to deliver his yuletide message on Wednesday night. He also managed to take home the coveted Night Bowling trophy by annihilating the competition, by more than doubling the second place score. I'll go into more detail in the article later in this issue.



Before we headed off to Peaceful Valley for the NEAT Fair we had a great event at our home field— our annual JCSF Open House. Not only did we have a great turnout from the club, but we had a fantastic response from the public. I don't want to spoil the details so you'll need to read the article about this great event later in this issue.

(And now that we're in October...) We had a pretty good turnout for our Club Fly Day on Sunday October 9th. I think the members who came out had a great time. I'll go more into this later in this special issue ;)

Hopefully everyone knows that our monthly club meetings have now moved back indoors with the cooler temps and early sunsets. This month's meeting will be at our regular Eatontown Public Library meeting location on **Wednesday October 26th starting at 8pm**. It would be great to see more members coming to our meetings so we can catch up and share information and stories. We'll also be talking about our upcoming Club Auction on Saturday November 12th so I hope to see you all there!!!

Club Meeting Minutes

(Editor's Note: I was on vacation the week of our August meeting so we're going to jump right to the September minutes...)

September JCSF Club meeting (9/28/2022)

We restarted our indoor meetings at the Eatontown Public Library. We had nine members in attendance, including the Exec Board.

- Stu is turning into a snowbird with his purchase of a house in Florida, and he discussed the need for a new Club Treasurer as he will be away six months out of the year. If anyone is interested in taking up Stu's mantle please reach out to any of the Club officers.
- While Stu had the podium he gave a readout on the Musical Chairs contest that he CD'ed on 8/28. It was a feisty contest as usual.
- We took some time out to talk about Rhinebeck and shared some Adam Stories. Adam was bitten by a Black Widow spider (he got better) and also spoke about a new full-scale pilot at the aerodrome that put one of Rhinebeck's vintage planes through its paces :)
- We spent some time talking about the recently completed NEAT Fair that a sizable number of JCSF members attended. We had a really good time at this year's event and our Christmas at NEAT dinner went very well. Mike Cripps tied Deven McGrath during the Vapor Games on Thursday evening, which allowed Mike to proclaim that he was the equal of Deven that night...
- Mike K. demo'ed his FMS Mustang P-51B, specifically the programming he did to fully automate the landing gear and door sequencing. It was very cool..
- We had Project Night this evening, with two entries, who both happened to be in the Scale category. In order of finish...
 - Adam Lilley— P-40 #2 (the heir to the P-40 that Adam built last winter).
 - Mike Cripps— F3F biplane (from the John English estate, won at the Scale competition earlier that month)

Hmmmm... what the heck is Adam up to now????

Stay tuned....



NEAT Week 2022

(Alternate Working Title: JCSF Invades Shinhopple—The Valley Survives)

The second week in September is a special time for lots of guys in the northeast, or at least guys who are into camping and electric RC aircraft. Yes, the NEAT Fair technically begins on the Thursday of the second week of September, but for the die-hard fans of this event it's more like the Saturday or Sunday that starts that week (or the Friday that ends the prior week...). Yes, folks look forward to this show and want to maximize their time at the event.

This year's NEAT felt the most "normal" since 2019. Folks were feeling like they could mingle again and it showed as the tents were packed and everyone seemed more relaxed. With that went more social events during the course of the week. As is the norm we hosted a number of events during the week, starting off on Wednesday evening with our "Christmas at NEAT" event, where we served dinner to the other club tents and anyone else who wandered by. A number of us also dressed up for the occasion, which made for quite the scene. Adam naturally was Santa (Bad Santa, that is), Mike K and I were his elves, Jason was the Grinch, and Ed B (Ice Cream Ed) was Scrooge. Hands down we thought that Ed looked the most convincing, and he stayed in costumer (and character) throughout the night. After dinner we took the tent's golf cart and rode up and down the flightline wishing everyone "Merry NEATmas". Yes, it was different. At midnight we had a champagne toast to kick off the official start of the event, as NEAT's sanction kicks in at 12:01am Thursday morning.

As I've mentioned before many of the club tents at the show take on special personalities during their stay, with their own names. For example, for the week we're there our tent is known as the "Killer Rabbits", which is an homage to Monty Python. We also have others in our tent that are non-club members so this makes things more even. The other club tents included the Flying Pigs, the Pirates, and the NEAT Dozen (the host SEFLI club). We had a competition during the week where we did various activities to collect points. In the end our tent took second place to the NEAT Dozen, which we celebrated with the awarding of a special trophy.

Oh, I forgot to mention—we did a LOT of flying this week. While NEAT is a huge social event, it's also a prime flying location and our guys took full advantage of it. The air was thick with airplanes, especially during events like the Mass Warbird Launch and Lobsta Combat. The weather varied quite a bit during the week, but I believe we were able to fly each day we were there. We had a few nasty storms roll through, and some lingering showers during the middle of the week, but overall the weather was quite nice, especially during the end of the week when the show was officially in session.

I can honestly go on and on about how great this show is. I know I've also said this umpteen times that I suggest everyone check out this show at least once, and stay overnight if possible, to see what it's all about. If you're interested in coming up for NEAT '23 feel free to talk to me for ideas and suggestions. I also want to thank all of the guys who made it up this year— it's a lot of work to put on our tent and everyone pitched in both before and after the show to make this work (and reduce the load on me). It made a huge difference and I appreciated it. I'm already looking forward to next September's event, and yes the planning has already started :D



Pictures from NEAT 2022



Merry NEAT!!!



Adam in his "throne"



The Vapor Games winners!



Enjoying a fantastic steak and potato dinner



The Killer Rabbits tent



Argh! The Pirate's ship cruises through our tent



2022 JCSF Open House

For many years now we've been hosting an Open House at our field to introduce ourselves to the community and to also promote ourselves. A little good will and the opportunity to maybe gain some new members helps motivate us to put on a good show, and this year was an excellent one all around!

This year's Open House was on Saturday August 20th, which also happened to coincide with National Model Aviation Day. This was a happy coincidence as more often than not our calendars do not align. It also happened to line up with an absolutely beautiful day at our field, with light winds and clear skies. Turnout from our membership was very strong, and our Staten Island contingent was out in full force, bringing with them many large scale models that really got the spectators' attention.

Speaking of spectators, I believe we had the best turnout from the public that we've ever seen. This was likely due to the big push we made from a promotion perspective. Darryl made sure that the event was advertised through local publications, plus we put info on Facebook town pages. In addition we had our revised Open House sign out on Route 537 for over a week, which allowed motorists passing by to get a head's up of what was coming. We actually had to organize parking as we had such a strong turnout and folks were inadvertently parking at the end of our runway!

When the spectators showed up they were treated to quite the show! The air was full of planes all day until we closed out the event around 3pm. As mentioned earlier the Staten Island guys were showing off their skills with a variety of giant scale planes, and naturally Adam had his own large scale planes to show off. We had everything in the air from small foamies to 80"+ built up planes.

Perhaps the best part of the show revolved around Tom C and Mike C, who were taking up young potential pilots on a buddy box with Tom's trainer. We advertised that kids up to the age of 17 could take a demo flight, and a lot of parents took advantage of that. Tom and Mike were busy all day with boys and girls of all ages, and the kids really enjoyed it! I suspect we might see some of those kids come back to us at some point.

In the end the club did an excellent job of promoting itself, and we spent a lot of time talking to visitors about the hobby and how they can get started. It was very encouraging and everyone who participated should feel proud of the positive impression we gave everyone about the hobby we are so passionate about!



Fall Club Fly Day

A fairly recent addition to our calendar, we had two Club Fly Days this year—a spring and a fall edition. The idea is simple—come out to the field with a few planes, fly and BS with your friends, and have lunch on the club's dime. The fall edition fell on Sunday October 9th, and we had ten members show up. This time around we had pizza, which tasted great, and everyone had their fill. Unfortunately it was a bit windy that day, so some guys opted to just to chat vs. fly, but I flew both planes I brought. However Mike C and Jason C were the men of the day as they flew all day regardless of the conditions and made the rest of us look bad. The key thing is that guys came out. I know some don't enjoy the contests we have despite how much fun they are, so the Club Fly Days are another way to get guys to come out and have fun at the field. I suspect we'll do two again for next year so I strongly suggest checking them out!!!



COMING UP—JCSF CLUB AUCTION!!!

Wow, it's hard to believe it's that time again but in a few short weeks we'll be hosting our annual RC Auction at Croydon Hall in Leonardo. The date is **Saturday November 12th—check in starts at 8:30am and the auction starts promptly at 10am**. This is the club's only fundraiser so we really need guys to come out and support the event. Preferably we'd like members to come and lend a hand, but if you're not up for that please come and buy some stuff, as the club gets a 10% commission on all sales. We need help on all levels, and even if you can only help for an hour or two it's greatly appreciated. This is also the time to go through your inventory and see what needs to go to make room for new stuff (from the auction hopefully). While the doors officially open at 8:30am sellers start wandering in before then so if you can make it earlier that is great. Please pass along the word to all of your friends in other clubs as a good turnout normally equates to a lot of sales and more profit for the club. On the following page is a copy of this year's flyer so feel free to share that. For those of you selling stuff there are fixed price and auction forms up on our website—I strongly suggest filling them out at home and tagging your merch versus doing it at the event—it's much easier. The link to our auction page is [Auction Flyer 2022 :: Jersey Coast Sport Fliers \(jcsportfliers.org\)](https://jcsportfliers.org) <hold CTRL and click with your mouse>



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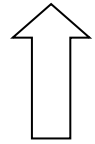
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Next Meeting – Wednesday October 26th, 8:00 PM at the Eatontown Public Library. Model of the month and raffle.

Sun 10/23 - Limbo! 11am start (Adam L. CD)

Sat 11/12— Annual Club Auction, Croydon Hall Gym (8am)