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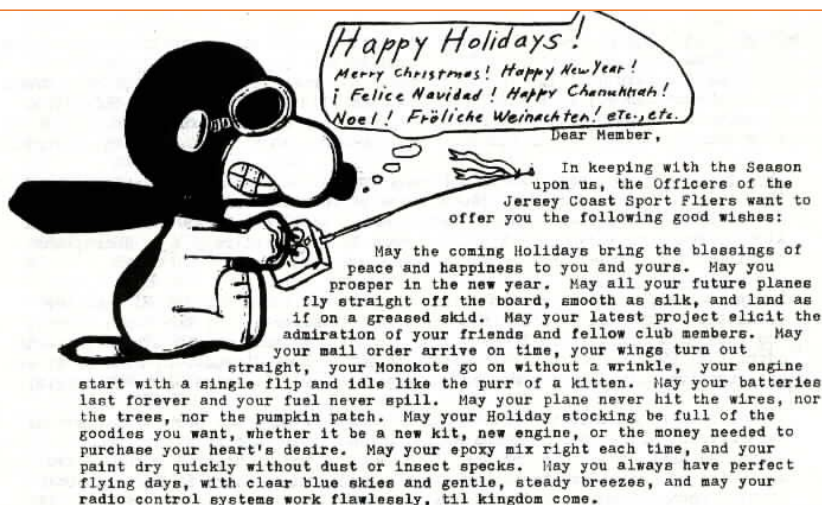
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### IT'S THE MOST WONDERFUL TIME OF THE YEAR...

I don't know what it is, but I still get surprised when this time of year rolls around. After all of this time you'd think I'd be used to it, but it's hard to believe another year is almost in the books. It's definitely true—as you get older the time moves faster and faster. I don't know why, I just know it's true...

As most of you know I'm a big fan of traditions, and this year's cover is no exception. Ed Runkel put this together back in 1977— **45 years ago**. Wow—that sure puts things in perspective, doesn't it? The technologies may have changed but the sentiments are still the same. Enjoy this season, regardless of what you celebrate, enjoy your family and friends, look back at the fun we've had as a club and anticipate the cool things we'll be doing in '23. Use this time to get ready for next season—go through your planes and make any repairs and updates needed. Also think about a new project—most of us have a few queued up. Now's the time to get started!!!



While the end of 2022 is less than four weeks away, we still have one more contest on our plate, and it's a fun one. On Sunday December 18th we'll have our regular Santa's Training Mission event, starting at 11am at Dorbrook. As I've said in years' past, this is a low stress contest that doubles as an opportunity to eat your fill of sweets. You just need to bring a plane that ROGs and an appetite. This is a non Sport Flier points event—as a matter of fact it's just an excuse to get everyone together once more before the calendar rolls over. Once again we'll have our Christmas grab-bag so if you want to participate please bring a small, inexpensive wrapped present. Along with the snacks we'll have coffee and hot chocolate. Please come out for the fun!

As a public service announcement, don't get to bed too late on New Year's Eve as we have our Brass Monkey contest starting at noon on Sunday January 1<sup>st</sup>. The event—CD'ed by Mike Cripps, is rain/snow or shine so let's all make it out!

Our final meeting for '22 will be on Wednesday 12/14 starting at 8pm at the Eatontown Public Library. We plan to have a holiday celebration complete with food and drinks—please come out! We haven't seen a lot of you recently and this would be a great way to close out the year for the club. I'll see you there!

## October Meeting Minutes

We had our monthly meeting on Wednesday 10/26. We had seven members in attendance, with four of them being Exec Board members.

- For the Club's Adopt-a-Road event on Saturday 10/15 six members participated in the cleanup. We greatly appreciate everyone who comes out and helps with these activities!
- Our Limbo contest which was scheduled for Sunday 10/23 had to be cancelled due to nasty weather.
- We discussed the upcoming Streamer Chase contest on Sunday 11/6. (NOTE: more details on this contest are in this issue...)
- We took some time out to talk about our club's premier event—our annual club RC Auction which is scheduled for Saturday November 12th. (NOTE: more details on this are included later in this issue!!!)
- For Model of the Month we had three entries, who finished in the following order:
  - 1) Rob Kallok—AeroCraft Snapper Mk II with a small AXi outrunner on 3s.
  - 2) Stu Katz— Electric Raven aerobatic plane.
  - 3) Mike with his own design 3D-printed pan and tilt setup for FPV.



**NOTE: there are no November meeting minutes as we didn't have any club members attend the meeting...**

### ***What should we do differently.....***

As many of you have probably noticed, the number of members who are attending our monthly club meetings has been dwindling. For the November meeting only four Exec Board members made it to Eatontown, which was pretty disappointing. I realize that with the pandemic many members got out of the habit of attending meetings because there were none, and as humans we develop habits that can be tough to break. I don't know if this is the only reason why we haven't seen most of our members, or if there are other, complimentary issues as well.

This summer we had a better turnout when we were meeting at Dorbrook during the late Wednesday evenings. I'm not sure if this was due to our meeting outdoors versus indoors or because it was still daylight as compared to nighttime. In any case we'd like to see what we can do to get everyone back to our monthly meetings. This is where we could use your help...

If you have any suggestions on how we can get folks to come out to our meetings please send them to myself or President Dave. For example, some folks have suggested having Zoom meetings during the winter as compared to meeting in person. How do you feel about this? Is this something that you'd be willing to try so that we can stay in touch? Or would you prefer to meet at the diner, have some food and talk about club stuff? There are lots of options so let's talk. A big piece of having a club like this is having interaction with the members. Other clubs are managing to still have good turnouts at their monthly meetings so we're open to trying something different.

On a related topic, it would also be great if we had more members turn out for our events at the field in 2023. I will happily admit that for our last contest— Streamer Chase—we had a really good turnout— about a dozen pilots!!! It would be fantastic if we could do that more often next year. While we'd love to see more guys come out to compete, we'd also be happy to have you just come out and hang out with us during the contest even if you're not interested in competing. If you're like me, the main reason I've been a member of this club for over 25 years is because of the folks in the club. The social piece is the glue that holds us together. We've tried to adjust the calendar to make things more flexible and just get folks out to the field. Stop by and have some lunch with us, and if you're interested bring a plane with you. We have a rule now that we need to be done with our contests by or shortly after 1pm— that gives everyone plenty of time for open flying even if there is a contest ;)

In the meantime, I hope we'll get a good turnout for our December meeting at the library. Dave is sending out an email to gauge interest so that we'll know how much food and drinks to bring. It would be very nice if we could have an old-fashioned holiday party for our last meeting of '22. I hope you can make it— I'll see you there!!!



Photo by Stan Berger



## 2022 Jersey Coast Sport Fliers Annual RC Auction

Less than a month ago, on Saturday November 12<sup>th</sup>, we hosted our annual RC auction, which we once again held at the Croydon Hall gym in Leonardo, NJ. The show, which also features a fixed price table for smaller items, is our main fundraiser for the year, so it gets a lot of attention to ensure our success. We had a strong turnout from our club to hold this event, and the weather thankfully cooperated— cool and windy but dry— poor flying weather but good buying weather!

Last year we had an off year in terms of turnout and profit, so this year we pulled out the stops to do our best to ensure a fun and productive event. The Exec Board made a strong push with our advertising, leveraging not only ads in Model Aviation but also using direct emails to local clubs, prior buyers and Facebook postings. On the day of the event the turnout was definitely better than last year, and we had a lot more merchandise, but for reasons we're still discussing the selling prices were much lower than in years' past. Although we had only a handful of no-sale items our take at the end of the event plus other income (fixed price table plus food , raffle and entry fees) only marginally outpaced last years numbers.

After this year's auction the Exec Board is reviewing our options for next year's event. We definitely plan on having something, but the question is what, where, and when. Our numbers have been declining over the past few years, and a lot of this is likely attributable to other outlets for selling planes, such as Facebook Marketplace and RC Groups. In the past folks would wait for our event to sell their stuff, but now there are lots of other outlets, which is likely hurting us. In addition we're not getting the larger, big ticket items anymore, so our take per sale is off. We do a lot of work for not a lot of profit, especially after costs such as renting the gym, tables and chairs. As we make our plans for moving forward we'll keep the membership apprised of any ideas we have so that everyone is engaged. In the meantime I'd like to thank everyone who comes out each year to help run our auction—we couldn't do it without you!!!



Scenes from the Auction...





## Streamer Chase!!!

Normally Streamer Chase is one of our early events for the season—an opportunity to shake the rust off a bit and just bore holes in the sky. But this year we had a very wet spring and had to scrub this event. Nevertheless, it's one of our most popular contests so we opted to move it to this fall. Mike K. again stepped up to CD the event, which happened last month.

Much to my surprise (and delight) we had an exceptionally strong turnout for the contest, with nine pilots taking on the challenge. This year we had three rounds, with the last round being a total melee with all available pilots participating, which made it challenging for our spotters who kept track of cuts and other important items.

Through the first two rounds Stan and Tom set the pace, with Mike Cripps making a strong play for third. When the last round completed a dark horse emerged from the fray— Rob K (yes me!) as I managed to make two cuts in that final round. That catapulted me to first place overall, with Mike C. leapfrogging to second and Stan taking third. Wow!

After the event wrapped up we had a delicious lunch of hot dogs served on Stu's handy portable BBQ. Afterwards a number of us stayed to get in some open flying during the beautiful late November day. It was a lot of fun, and despite a little carnage everyone seemed to enjoy themselves :)

Pilot	Score	Finish
Rob K	604	1st
Mike C	520	2nd
Stan	504	3rd
Tom	420	4th
Gino	376	5th
Jason	280	6th
Stu	260	7th
Adam	240	8th
Dave	196	9th



Check out that lineup!



Wind blown score sheets



Snagged it!



Sorry Adam!

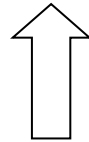


All tangled up...



Come and get me...

Photos by Stan Berger



## **First Class Mail**



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## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Next Meeting** – Wednesday December 14th, 8:00 PM at the  
Eatontown Public Library. Holiday party plus Model of the month  
and raffle.

**Sunday 12/18** – Santa's Training Mission, 11am Dorbrook (Rob CD)

**Sunday 1/1/2023**— Brass Monkey, noon @ Dorbrook (Mike C. CD)