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FIELD IMPROVEMENTS

We had our first contest of the season a week ago at Dorbrook, and it was great to shake off the rust and have some fun. While we'll cover the specifics of the contest in next month's edition, I bring it up as the guys who attended (and there was a good turnout BTW) got a chance to see what's been happening at the field lately. As everyone know, President Dave has been working with the Parks folks to make some upgrades at the field. In addition, the Parks folks have also been doing some maintenance for us—which we didn't outright ask for but will definitely make our flying more pleasurable. I'll go into that in more detail later in this issue, but a sign of things to come is this month's cover shot. Yes, great things are happening at the field. If you haven't had a chance lately to check out the field I strongly suggest it—you'll be pleasantly surprised.



Speaking of the field, our monthly club meetings are now **shifting outdoors to Dorbrook starting this month on Wednesday April 26th at 7pm** (versus our usual 8pm start time). Our outdoor meetings run through August, after which we will return to our regular time and location at the Eatontown Public Library. A HUGE benefit to outdoor meetings is that, with the Park's permission, we will be able to do some night flying once the sun goes down. A number of us have planes for this, and I encourage members to check this out and perhaps give it a try. Feel free to ask any of us for suggestions on how to get started with this very fun activity. This month's meeting will also feature Project Night, so if you're working on something, scale or sport, feel free to bring it out to the meeting and show off what you've been up to. As long as the plane hasn't flown yet it's eligible for the contest.

As I wrap up my color commentary this month, I wanted to give a profound thanks to all of the members who responded to the voting call for the new field enhancements. Oftentimes we wonder if anyone reads the emails we send out to the membership, but this time we had a resounding (positive) response to our call. This was extremely important as we were trying to nail down details with the Parks folks. Again— thanks for everyone's quick responses and support for this exciting work!

JCSF March '23 Meeting Minutes

We had our monthly meeting on Wednesday March 22nd. We had seven members in attendance (4 Exec, 3 general members).

Old Business:

- We discussed the recent Lebanon Swap Meet that occurred on March 11th. We had a number of JCSF members in attendance, and this year's theme was more selling and less buying. Yours truly actually arranged ahead of time to buy two kits that were being sold at the show, but I also brought a number of planes and kits to sell, so I ended up with a net-positive cash flow. Naturally we all bought stuff but I think a lot of us were trying to make room in our respective shops. This is one of the best swap meets in our area and if you haven't check it out I strongly suggest doing so next year. It's about a three hour drive from our area.

New Business:

- Adopt– A-Road is scheduled for Saturday March 25th at 9am at Dorbrook Park. This is part of our Gold Leader work so we encourage members to come out and help for the 90 minutes this usually takes. (NOTE: due to nasty weather we had to call off our spring cleanup– we'll try again in the fall).
- RC Baseball is scheduled as our kickoff contest for the spring of '23. The contest is CD'ed by Stan B. and will be held on Sunday 4/16 starting at 11am. (Editor— details on the contest will be in the May Transmitter)
- Adam's traditional (legendary?) spring **Hole in the Woods** will be held starting Friday 4/28 through Sunday 4/30. The event is held in Adam's spacious back yard and features flying and RC car action, plus a few surprises. If you're interested in checking it out just reach out to Adam for more info!
- Field enhancement!
 - As everyone has hopefully heard, Dave has worked out an agreement with the Parks staff to have a 16'x20' gazebo erected at our flying site for our club's use. The Park will install the slab and gazebo and we are being asked to make a donation to the Friends of the Park (FOP) to help with the work. In addition to the donation, the club will tap into our Field Fund to add upgrades including solar power for charging, a weather station and WiFi connection to get the weather data, and additional support materials. If anyone has any questions about the costs associated with this work feel free to reach out to any Board member for details.
 - NOTE: as this type of expense requires a quorum of club member to approve the expenditure, Dave solicited input from the membership. As it turns out the request was overwhelming approved—thanks to everyone!
- Online membership renewal. The Exec Board met again to try and work this out. We are currently working on a revised process to allow both new members and returning members to pay for their membership online, and we're pushing to have this ready for the 2024 flying season.
- JCSF 50th Anniversary!
 - The Jersey Coast Sport Fliers are celebrating their 50th anniversary this year, and the Exec Board is working on ways to commemorate this significant event. Keep posted for updates as we work through the details.
- Members asked if we could add new flags to the outer marker poles. We will be looking into this.
- Dave mentioned that we may be invited back to the Monmouth County Fair this summer one night to promote our club.
- We did not have a Model of the Month contest this month due to no submissions. However Lee did show his new Precision Aerobatics XR-52 ARF pattern/3D plane (Lee requested that it not be part of MOTM). The XR-52 was extremely light and looked very well-built—I look forward to seeing what it can do at the field.

Field Enhancements at Dorbrook

I mentioned earlier in this newsletter about all of the cool things that are happening at our flying field. Some of this work is directly related to the regular conversations that Dave has with the Park staff, and some is coming from the Parks team themselves. It's great to report that we are enjoying a solid, positive relationship with the Parks team and we hope to keep improving on this in the months and years ahead.

I recently took a trip to the field before our first contest to check things out myself, and I was very happy to see that not only was the concrete pad already poured for the new gazebo, but the Park had clear cut the brush and weeds that surround our field and also rebuilt our prep stations in the pits. When I checked with Dave about this, he indicated that the Park folks insisted on rebuilding the flight station tables (which we/the club was planning to do ourselves this year). When you look at the field now it seems like our flying space has increased dramatically due to the clear cutting of the brush, and the new tables give the pits a clean look. When you include the soon-to-be installed gazebo and its own special features it's going to make for a very exciting year at Dorbrook as we celebrate our 50th anniversary!!!



Another view of the new gazebo pad. It sits to the right of the existing center entrance to the pits.



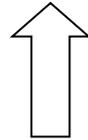
The newly rebuilt prep tables that the Park did for us. These have become very popular with our pilots.



Another view of the upgraded pit area.



A panoramic view of our flying field with the brush cut by the Park staff.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Next Meeting – Wednesday April 26th, 7:00 PM at Dorbrook Park.

Project Night (sport/scale) and raffle.

Sun May 7 – Streamer Chase, 11am Dorbrook (Mike K. CD)

Sat May 20— Club Awards BBQ & Night Flying (3pm start)

Wed May 24— Club meeting/Night Flying 7pm Dorbrook

Sun 5/28—No Guts, No Glory fun fly (non-points)