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### WHAT A GREAT SPRING!

Folks around me must be tired of hearing me say this, but boy we've been having a wonderful spring this year! I say this on a regular basis as anyone who's lived in our great state for long knows that our springs typically are a wet and cold interlude between winter and summer. The notion of having a spring where we can get out and do stuff on a regular basis is a real treat, and lucky we've been taking advantage of it. Pictured here is our very own Mike Mokris who attended our first outdoor meeting of the year at Dorbrook Park and flew his Night Timber for the first time at night after our meeting. Being a seasoned pilot Mike had no issues transitioning from daytime to night flight, and seemed to have a great time doing so. **We'll have our next outdoor meeting this week on Wednesday 5/24 starting at 7pm**, and we'll once again do some night flying afterwards. Come on by and check it out!



One springtime pattern that I hope goes away soon has been the propensity of having rain on the weekends. This impacted both Adam's Hole in the Woods fly-in plus our planned Club Awards Luncheon. You'll read more about the HOTW later in this issue, but **the Awards Luncheon has been rescheduled for this weekend on Sunday May 28<sup>th</sup>—combined with our previously scheduled "No Guts, No Glory" event**. This should result in a very fun day between the two events. "No Guts, No Glory" is a participation-only event (no contest) where we are encouraging members to bring out a plane that they don't fly very often, possibly are a little intimidated by, or is just a new acquisition and needs a maiden flight. Fellow members will be there to help get your plane ready and work with you to get that cool plane in the air. I'll definitely be taking advantage of this by bringing out two new planes that I need to maiden, one of which is my first jet! This should be interesting and a lot of fun. "No Guts, No Glory" starts at noon and we'll take a break at 3pm for the Awards Luncheon. We'll resume the flying once the awards and eating are done. If you can't participate in No Guts, No Glory please make plans to come out the Awards Luncheon at 3pm. Stu has some great door prizes plus a really nice Pilots Raffle plane that I think everyone will enjoy. I suggest bringing a chair with you just in case we run short on seating, and if you want to bring some food to share we'd all enjoy it. Dave has again worked with the caterer from last year and the menu for Sunday looks extremely yummy. I hope to see all of you at the field this Sunday :)

## April 2023 JCSF Monthly Meeting Minutes

We had our monthly meeting at Dorbrook Park on Wednesday April 26<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. We had seven club members and four Exec Board members in attendance.

### New Business:

- We discussed the upcoming Hole in the Woods event, which was scheduled for Friday April 28<sup>th</sup> through Sunday April 30<sup>th</sup>. This annual event is hosted by Adam Lilley and is open to any member who's interested in checking out this very fun kickoff for the event season.
- We mentioned that two upcoming club events that folks should plan on attending are:
  - Streamer Chase (hosted by Mike K. ) on Sunday May 7<sup>th</sup> starting at 11am.
  - Club Award Luncheon on Saturday May 20th. This event starts at 3pm and there will be flying afterwards, including night flying for those interested.
- April is our semi-annual Project Night competition. We had a light turnout but Jason Cline still brought his very cool Zeke's Parkscale Models "Mini Stik", which is a laser-cut balsa kit that he covered with microlam film and painted. It should be ready for its maiden flight soon!



### Spring Hole in the Woods

Adam's annual kickoff for the flying event season is hosted in his backyard and normally entails not just flying but RC cars and the occasional electric mini-bike as we take over Adam's place with our campers, tents and toys. Unfortunately we had the misfortune of Mother Nature not getting our note and she scheduled a full weekend of cold, rainy weather right over our event. Most of us showed up Friday morning to threatening but dry weather and quickly got in a few flights, but by 1pm the sound of rain on the Easy-Ups became steady and before long we were hiding under them. Luckily we had a backup plan—the **Mustang Bar!** We quickly agreed to an organized retreat to Adam's warm house and the Mustang Bar and we spent the rest of the day there, taking a short break in the late afternoon to get a nice Chinese dinner. Most folks who came Friday left either that night or by mid-day on Saturday, but to Adam's delight a new crew of folks showed up on Saturday afternoon and the festivities continued. So while the HITW was essentially a washout we had a great time regardless, even though there was much more bench flying than real flying. We have our fingers crossed that the Fall Hole in the Woods (weekend of October 10/20) will be a drier event :)





# Mayday Mayday Mayday

Contest Director Stan Berger-April 16, 2023

Our first official flying event of the 2023 flying season was scheduled for RC Baseball but the weather apparently had different plans. With heavy fog and low ceilings in the forecast, an alternate contest was created shortly prior to the first pitch which was then unanimously agreed to during the pilot's meeting.

This brand new contest consisted of a simple timed takeoff and landing which required some unique strategies to achieve the lowest score which was the objective. Two rounds would be flown consisting of three heats each. Final results were tallied with individual higher rounds getting tossed.

Pilots were required to line up at the center of the painted concentric circles prior to takeoff and timer was started with wheels up. Takeoff could be in any direction providing that there were no course deviations throughout the entire climb out.

For the first round pilots were required to climb a minimum of ten seconds before declaring dead stick. For experimentation purposes this was changed for the second round to no minimums leaving the climb out time solely to pilot discretion. During the second round all but one pilot declared dead sticks sooner than the first round which naturally resulted in lower scores. This change however didn't seem to change much with respect to the overall results of the individual pilot standings.

The timer stopped when the pilot called dead stick. Aircraft would then turn directly back for landing towards center target area with no course deviations allowed. Score was determined by multiplying the time of climb by the number value of the circle in which any part of the plane came to rest. The smallest circle at the center was worth 1 point with the larger circles having values of 5, 10, and 20 points respectively.

An automatic score of 400 points would be given for any infractions including; throttle manipulation after calling dead stick, aborted landing attempts, or heading changes during takeoff or landing. To keep things fair a three second penalty would be assessed for hand launches.

Seven pilots competed this day with Tom Cerqua taking high honors with a low score of 39, Stan Berger coming in second with 72, and Rob Kallok taking third place with a score of 108. Other pilots included Adam Lilley 186, Frank Raineri 275, Jason Cline 300, and Dave Mauger 320.



The Competitors



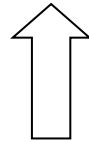
Tallying results and picking prizes



A satisfying lunch after the contest



We had a bunch of hungry guys!!!



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## First Class Mail



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### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Next Meeting – Wednesday May 24th, 7:00 PM at Dorbrook Park.**

**Model of the month and raffle, plus Night Flying**

**Sun May 28 – Club Awards Luncheon and “No Guts, No Glory” event (Dorbrook Park). Event starts at noon, with the awards luncheon beginning at 3pm.**

**Sun June 4— “Balls” fun fly. 11am start @ Dorbrook (Tom C. CD)**

**Sat June 10— Night Fly @ Dorbrook**

**Sat June 17— 20th Annual JCSF Electric Fly-In @ Dorbrook (Rob K. CD)  
10am start.**