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## SO LONG SPRING — HELLO SUMMER!

It's amazing but the year is almost half over—where the heck did it go? I've heard lots of theories, most having to do with the much milder winter we wrapped up earlier this year, but whatever is driving it I think the consensus is that 2023 is flying by (pun intended). Luckily we had a very decent spring this year, allowing us to get out and enjoy ourselves. It's stayed a bit more "spring-like" lately than maybe we would have hoped for, but as we get near to July the temps are bumping up, as well as the humidity and likelihood of t-storms showing up unexpectedly. With the days at their longest right now, I suggest getting out and enjoying yourselves, with hopefully a nice chunk of that time spent at Dorbrook getting in some flights and catching up with friends.



So, some of you might be wondering about this month's cover photo. This is an excellent shot of Adam Lilley's new 1/4 scale P-40 on its recent test flight down in Virginia. You may recall that Adam flew the first version of this plane last year on the same weekend with less-than-stellar results. Undaunted, Adam figured out what happened with the first plane (design flaw/spar issue) and worked with the manufacturer of the kit to get a second, upgraded version. This one has a one-piece wing, and if you've seen the videos the plane was solid as a rock. Adam got in two flights with the P-40, then put her in the hangar to do a post-maiden inspection when he got home. The big Warhawk is now ready for her debut at [Warbirds over Delaware](#) next month. If you're interested in seeing her fly yourself I suggest taking the trip down to Lums Pond and check out the action!

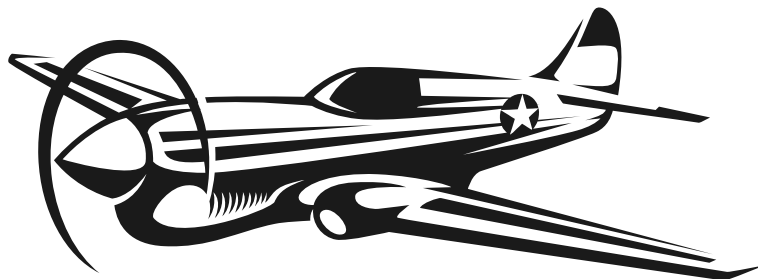
Next month marks a big milestone for our flying club—**JCSF's 50th anniversary!** To commemorate this event we'll be having a **celebration on Sunday July 9th** during our [Club Flying Day](#) at Dorbrook. In addition to recognizing our anniversary we'll also host a nice BBQ for all members, plus we'll naturally be flying as well. The Club Flying Day is a non-contest event that gives members Sport Flier points for attending, and also the chance to bring out something new or different to show off and fly. Please come out and help us celebrate this important point in our history.

Our next [club meeting is this Wednesday night 6/28 starting at 7pm at Dorbrook Park](#). We'll have our regular Model of the Month contest, plus afterwards we'll do a little night flying. Please come out and say hi and maybe get in a little flying too!

## May 2023 JCSF Monthly Meeting Minutes

The Jersey Coast Sport Fliers held their monthly club meeting on Wednesday May 24th at Dorbrook Park. There were four general members in attendance and five Exec Board members.

- John T. read the current club financials. If anyone has any questions feel free to reach out to him.
- We discussed the pavilion status. The members present admired the new concrete slab that the pavilion will be built on. Dave indicated that in talking with the Parks folks the kit has been ordered and should be arriving soon. (Editor's note—the kit has been delivered!)
- Dave indicated that Google Maps has been updated to show where our flying field is located in the Dorbrook complex.
- Old News:
  - We discussed the recently completed spring Hole in the Woods that Adam hosts at his compound in Manchester. Adam described an entertaining event that had to be relocated indoors due to the weather system that parked over his home.
  - We discussed the recent "Mayday, Mayday" event that Stan CD'ed, which replaced the previously scheduled "RC Baseball" that was changed the day of the event due to the weather conditions. The contest was held on Sunday 4/16.
  - We had a brief discussion on the recently completed "Streamer Chase" contest that was held on Sunday 5/7 and CD'ed by Mike K.
- New News:
  - Due to a forecast of bad weather the Club Awards Lunch was rescheduled for Sunday 5/28. (Editor's note—please look for details of this in next month's issue)
  - Adam discussed the upcoming "Warbirds and Classics Over Fredricksburg" event on 6/1 through 6/4. Adam is using this event to maiden his new P-40 prior to the official start of the show.
  - The Reading WWII Air Show is scheduled for 6/2 through 6/4.
  - We discussed the upcoming "Balls" fun fly that Tom C. is CD'ing on Sunday 6/4.
  - A few members indicated they were planning to check out a new float fly, the Levittown Float Fly, on Saturday 6/10.
  - The club has one of its regularly scheduled Night Flies on Saturday 6/10.
  - Our 20th annual Electric Fly-In is scheduled for Saturday 6/17. (Editor's note: check out article later in this issue)
  - The Warwick Electric Fly-In, which was scheduled for the weekend of 6/23, ended up being called off, with no mention yet of a new date.
- NOTE: there were no entries for Model of the Month for this meeting...



## 20th Annual Jersey Coast Sport Fliers Electric Fly-In

On Saturday June 10th we marked our 20th running of our traditional electric fun fly, which we hold in memory of long-time member Norm Hills. Up until the Thursday before the event the weather forecast was not promising, so we ended up waiting until Friday to make a call on holding or cancelling our show (and we've never had to cancel yet). Luckily at the last minute the forecast changed and we were able to have the event after all. However I suspect many who were planning to come were also watching the forecast and made alternate plans prior to the weekend, as our turnout was much lower than normal.

While I did make a few calls to see about having the rain hold off, once again I forgot to include mention of keeping the winds under 10mph. I made the same mistake last year, and this year was probably a bit worse (which might have also contributed to the low turnout). We had 20+mph winds with gusts over 35mph, which made things "interesting". The only positive part was that the winds were coming across the field versus over the trees, but they also kept shifting from left-right to right-left at a moment's notice. But I'm happy to say that despite the conditions everyone in attendance got in at least one flight to show they weren't going to be pushed around the wind (metaphorically speaking). After that show of bravery most pilots took to the pits and spent most of the afternoon catching up with folks who had traveled from afar. And we had some travelers— pilots came from Massachusetts, Virginia and New York to fly at our field. Very cool! After watching everyone fly I'd probably have to give the big cajones award to Stu after watching him fly his large Sopwith Pup. Planes with much greater wing loading were getting pushed around, and a Pup is basically a kite with a motor on it, yet Stu managed to get in the air, take some laps, and bring the plane back in one piece. Not bad.

Around noon we all took a break for a BBQ lunch that's included as part of the landing fee for the event. After guys filled up on hot dogs and hamburgers I broke out a birthday cake to continue a tradition that started at Warwick (which unfortunately didn't happen this year). Jim Reid's (RA Cores) birthday falls on the first day of summer, and normally a cake is brought to celebrate the event. Jim was very happy to have a birthday cake even if it was a few days early, and I'll say it was delicious!

Around 3pm we decided that between the winds and some ominous clouds that were heading our way that it was time to pack up and grab some dinner. A number of us headed over to MJ's in Tinton Falls to regale in the afternoon's activities, and relax a bit. With full bellies we said our good-byes and everyone headed off. Next year I'll be sure to ask for less wind— hopefully I remember ;)



### "Balls" Fun Fly

On Sunday June 4th Tom C. hosted the contest of his invention—Balls. Balls is a contest that rewards skill and strategy, but also has a sizable element of luck to it. Tom has a game field laid out that consists of groupings of tennis balls and circles with multiplication factors. The pilot needs to drop an orange tennis ball onto the field and based on where the ball stops and its proximity to other balls in a pre-defined radius the score is set. There is also a bonus available to the pilot for landing their plane within a set number of feet from the orange ball that they previously dropped. As you can tell this contest has many facets to it, and even the pilots had to remind Tom about how the scoring should be done!

To our surprise we had a fairly low turnout for the contest despite the good conditions. Some of our other regular pilots were at other scheduled events so they couldn't make it. We had five pilots in the competition, which allowed us to fly more rounds than normal. Tom also tried out a new component of the contest due to the smaller number of competitors (we'll see if it returns in '24).

Although this is normally a fairly airplane-safe event Dave did have an issue with his Master Stick, and ended up putting her in pretty hard. He's already working on a strategy to bring her back to competition status, and thankfully the rest of the planes in the contest avoided any harm.

After the fourth round we ran into our self-imposed time limit of 1pm, and the contest was stopped and Tom tallied up the scores. After the math was done Tom C. took first place with a total score of 730 points (after a fantastic first round score of 430), followed by Mike C. with a score of 610, and yours truly taking third with a score of 480 points. With the scores announced we made our way to the picnic area for a nice lunch of sandwiches and snacks.

If you get a chance next year to check out Balls I strongly suggest it. It's a fun, low stress contest— it all depends on how your ball bounces!

	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Total	Finish
Tom C.	430	120	80	100	730	1st
Rob K.	30	340	0	110	480	3rd
Mike C.	60	0	360	190	610	2nd
Dave M.	0	100	0	0	100	5th
Jason C.	210	90	0	120	420	4th

## Summer Hole in the Woods

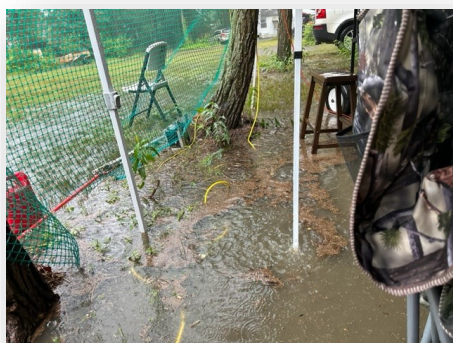
(or what we did when Warwick didn't happen...)

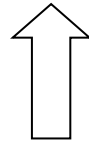
The weekend after Father's Day is traditionally when the Warwick Electric Fly-In is held in Warwick, NY at a small private airport. Unfortunately this year the event did not occur so we had a hole in our schedule, which we opted to fill with another hole, or more specifically a summer version of the Hole in the Woods. Adam once again generously offered his place to host the event, and we descended on it on Friday June 23rd.

As regular readers will recall this past spring's Hole in the Woods was a wet event, and it actually turned into an indoor event as we all hunkered down in Adam's place once the rain started. The forecast for the summer HITW didn't look much better, but it was more about thunderstorms versus a single front, so we felt optimistic that if any rain came that it would be spotty. For Friday the weather largely cooperated around Manchester while it was drizzly and rainy in other parts of Jersey. Friday night we had a nice fire and relaxed in the evening air.

On Saturday the day started off dry but by late morning the first storm showed up, which set the tone for the afternoon. After a break in the weather about mid-day a thunderstorm pulled over Adam's place and proceeded to drop several inches of rain on us over the course of an hour. With that much rain Adam's backyard quickly turned into a several inches deep lake, which we promptly called Lake Lilley. When the rain finally stopped everyone had to ditch their sneakers and wade through the water to get anywhere. Luckily the rain stopped for the day at that point, and over the course of the next several hours Lake Lilley slowly drained to the point that we could have another fire that night and relax once again.

As the weekend was winding down I mentioned to Adam that despite the rain we all had a good time, and he commented that if the weather was perfect that folks would just remember the weekend as a nice affair. However with the rain and subsequent flooding everyone will remember this HITW as the one where the yard flooded and we had fun anyway!!!





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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Next Meeting – Wednesday June 28th, 7:00 PM at Dorbrook Park.**

**Model of the month and night flying afterwards!**

**Sat. July 1: Night Flying at Dorbrook**

**Sun. 7/9: JCSF 50th Anniversary celebration and Club Fly Day (11am)**

**July 12— 16: Warbirds over Delaware (Lums Pond, DE)**