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ANOTHER NEAT IN THE BOOKS

Well, summer is officially over, and what a great time we had the past few months! Club members were all over the place flying and having fun, making new connections and relishing time with old friends. I hope everyone managed to get out and enjoy themselves. Luckily fall is a great time to come out to the field with the cooler temps (but shorter days) and spend some quality time flying before the conditions shift us indoors. There are still a number of contests and events coming up so be sure to check the calendar at the end of this issue to get up-to-date with what's happening.

So, you may ask what's Adam up to now? He's making pizza of course! This pic is just an example of the kinds of stuff we were doing at NEAT this year. The JCSF crew (also known as the "Jersey Boys" and "Killer Rabbits") always make a big splash at this show, which is equal parts flying, eating, and socializing. More details on what we were up to are included later in this month's newsletter.



While September is almost over that doesn't mean club activities are not still happening. For example, you may be wondering what happened to our annual **Club Picnic**? Well, the Exec Board thought we'd try something different this year and we moved the picnic to **October (10/7)** in an attempt to get around the high temps that seems to plague this event each year. Hopefully having it in October will give us more comfortable conditions to enjoy ourselves. Don't forget that this also a flying event so be sure to bring out some planes for a great day at the field. Also we'll have our **second Club Flying Day of the year coming up on Sunday October 29th**. You bring the planes—the club supplies the food. What a deal—flying and eating!

As you've likely heard we're changing our traditional RC auction to a swap meet this year. Lots of reasons for that, but it based on feedback it seems to be a smart choice. **The swap meet will still be held at Croydon Hall on Saturday November 11th**. If you're interested in renting space the reservation form is included in this issue. Please come out and help with this new format!

With the shorter days upon us our outdoor meetings are done for the year. Starting this month we'll be back at the **Eatontown Public Library starting at 8pm on Wednesday 9/27**. This month is Project Night— this is your chance to show off what you've been working on, or even what you're planning to start work on. It can be anything from a set of plans to a fully built (but not flown) plane. We have Scale and Sport categories so please bring in something to show off. We'll see you there!

July JCSF Meeting Minutes

7/26/2023

NOTE: the editor was on vacation for the August meeting (which also explains why you didn't get the Transmitter in August), so we do not have notes from that meeting.

We had nine members in attendance— five general and four Exec Board members.

- Rob read the previous meeting minutes
- John T. gave the treasurer's report.

Old Business:

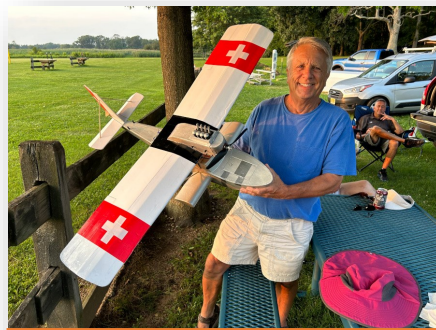
- Adam gave a report on the recently completed Warbirds over Delaware event. Per Adam it was a fantastic show! All of his planes came back in one piece, and the weather was extremely hot!
- We talked about the recently completed Club Fly Day. We had great weather, tasty food, and a super turnout. We actually had to go out and get more food due to the huge turnout from the club.

New Business:

- The Pine Barrens Float Fly is scheduled for Saturday 7/29.
- The Warbirds and Classics over Hagerstown is scheduled for 7/27 through 7/30.
- Adam's Limbo contest is scheduled for Sunday 8/6.
- The club's annual Open House is scheduled for Saturday 8/12 starting at 10am.
- The Bethel Golden Age Fly-In is 8/17 through 8/20.

Model of the Month:

We had one entry, but it was a doozy. Ray Merry brought in his scratch-built Dornier Dragonfly flying boat. 50" wingspan flying on a 3s LiPo battery.



Ray's Dragonfly



Kolm!!!!



Prepping for the meeting

NEAT Fair 2023

(or how the weather man was wrong but in our favor)

Anyone who's followed along with my NEAT Fair reporting over the years knows that rain is a regular component of the week, often drenching us and keeping us inside our large circus tent. As NEAT approached this year the forecast for Downsville looked very somber, with a 50%+ chance of rain every day except Tuesday and the final Saturday and Sunday of the week. So as I headed off on the Friday before the event (or Friday #1 as we like to call it) and I drove into very nasty weather as I crossed the NJ/NY boarder I figured this was what the week would look like. However the closer I got to Peaceful Valley the better the weather got, and as I pulled into the campground late that afternoon the conditions were actually dry. Hmm... was the valley once again playing games with the weather? The valley does seem to have its own weather system, oftentimes holding onto bad weather, or conversely pushing it away. As the week progressed we found that the weather evolved—days that were to be a total washout had a quick afternoon shower instead, which was really a non-event. And a few days we heard thunder echoing through the valley, then came to realize the associated storm was in an adjacent valley and the rain itself stayed away. A week that looked to be wet and miserable turned out to be quite beautiful, and thus NEAT Week progressed from there.

As it turns out NEAT '23 was one of the best NEAT Fairs that we've had in quite a few years. The weather was a big part of it, but even more so was the fact that everyone needed a break from the real world and was ready to have some serious fun. There were no big issues or dramas—just a bunch of guys and gals who were happy to see one another and get in boatload of flying and socializing. Each day brought more flying and fun and different events to keep us busy day and night.

The highlight of the week was actually after hours—the camp-wide Halloween party (or Halloween crawl depending upon who you asked). As I've mentioned before there are number of tents along the flightline that house different clubs, and these tents often host events individually. At the end of NEAT '22 we agreed on the idea of having tents up and down the flight line offer different Halloween activities over the course of Wednesday night, which allowed most of the participants to be engaged and part of the action. This changed the whole complexion of the night as we worked our way north from our tent/Big Top up to the other end of the flightline. And with this being a Halloween party most folks took the extra effort to put together costumes for the night. It was an epic time that brought everyone together. On top of that several of us designed and built Halloween-themed aircraft, which we flew during the course of the week. And as you'd expect the tents were decorated as well. Yes, it was fun!

I emphasis things like our camp-wide Halloween party to help illustrate how this event is more than just about flying. Folks who you only see once a year are suddenly your extended family, and you do your best to enjoy your time with them, even if it's doing silly stuff. And yes, we did do a LOT of flying, especially with the unexpected nice weather that we were having. To make things even better it was a new moon, so it was extremely dark at night, which coupled with clear skies made for fantastic night flying conditions, or simply pulling out a chair and gazing at the stars.

Our group as usual was a key piece of the entire week. We were involved in every event and contest that was offered, and made our mark along the way. We hosted numerous events, including our traditional Vapor Games and the Friday night Chinese Hot Air Balloon mass launch, which drew a huge crowd where we lofted roughly eighty lanterns. We were up late each night, got up early most days, and left the final Sunday sleep deprived and a bit dehydrated. But boy was it worth it!

I've said this before, and I'll say it again. If you have a chance to come up to Peaceful Valley for a day or two during NEAT I strongly suggest doing it. And I encourage camping on-site if you're staying overnight so that you can see all that happens after hours. Between the Killer Rabbit (us), the Pirates and the Pigs there's lots to keep you going. I rarely sit still during the show, and it wasn't until Saturday #2 did I take out some time to sit in my gravity chair to just look at the beautiful valley and soak it all in. It doesn't get much better than this!

Photos from NEAT Fair 2023



JCSF Open House

August 12th 2023

For many years now we've been hosting an Open House that came about as part of the AMA's "National Model Aviation Day" effort. Initially we tried to time it with the larger national show but soon found we had conflicts that caused us to schedule our event standalone. As time has progressed we've fine-tuned the show and now have a good response from both the club and the public.

This year we had a great turnout of pilots and visitors to our field, with the fantastic weather amping up the attendance. As I pulled up at 10am to our field we already had a large number of visitors parked and watching our guys get ready for a day of flying. And our guys did not disappoint. Our Staten Island contingent came out in force with a cool assortment of giant-scale planes, which were complimented by local guys bringing out everything from small-scale foamy warbirds, to jets, to additional giant-scale planes. The sky was full of planes for the entire day, and many of us spent quite a bit of time talking to folks who had lots of questions about our hobby and the club in general.

In addition to the flying demos Tom C. and Mike C. also provided buddy box time to kids and parents who were interested in seeing what it was like to fly one of our planes. These guys spent a big chunk of their day working with the kids and they did a fantastic job of sharing the experience.

The field was hopping until about 3pm when a weather front showed up on the horizon, and like the proverbial pouring of coffee after a nice dinner we took that as a queue to start packing up. Many of us afterwards grabbed a well-deserved lunch at Woody's and agreed that the day's Open House was a resounding success.



Table Reservation Form

2023 Jersey Coast Sport Fliers RC Swap Meet

Saturday November 11th

Three tiers of selling spaces are available, all six (6') feet long:

Tier I: Stage (max space) - \$25/space

Tier II: Wall—\$20/space

Tier III: Aisle— \$15/space

All checks are to be made out to “Jersey Coast Sport Fliers”.

All spaces are available on a first-come first-serve basis. A seller may request multiple tables. Spaces can only be reserved via this form— no email reservations allowed.

Space assignments will be provided the morning of the swap meet. If a reservation cannot be fulfilled as requested the cost difference will be refunded the day of the event. If no tables are available then the seller will be notified via email prior to the event.

Seller Name: _____

Seller email address: _____

	Quantity	Total
Tier I space(s) @ \$25 each		
Tier II space(s) @ \$20 each		
Tier III space(s) @ \$15 each		
Total:		

Please mail the completed Table Reservation form along with your payment to:

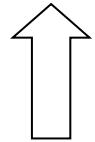
Dave Mauger 5 Long Road, Freehold, NJ 07728

Swap Meet location:

Croydon Hall 55 Bryant Avenue, Leonardo, NJ 07737

Doors open at 8am for sellers—9am for buyers

For more information visit www.jcsporfliers.org



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UPCOMING EVENTS

**Next Meeting – Wednesday September 27th, 8:00 PM at the
Eatontown Public Library. Project Night!**

Sat. October 7 – Club Picnic @ Dorbrook (noon)

Sat. October 14— Adopt-A-Road cleanup @ Dorbrook (10am)

Sun. October 15— RC Bingo! (Rob K CD, 11am start)

Sun. October 29— Club Fly Day @ Dorbrook (11am start)