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A SHELTER IS BORN

Well, we've talked about this many times over the years—how it would be great to have a shelter at the field for all of the obvious reasons. Well, this year it actually happened! What started as a casual discussion between Prez Dave and the head ranger at Dorbrook evolved into a proposal, then a donation, followed by a concrete pad, a large wood kit, and the assembled pavilion. It was so cool to go out to the field this past Sunday and find it all together - it looks great! Yes, we have some additional plans for our new shelter, and I expect we'll get to work on those come spring '24, but the key piece is now in place!

With summer now in our rearview mirror and fall firmly in place, our thoughts start to shift to important things. No, not the holidays

(those will be here soon!) but actually the club auction! Or should I say, our newly reformatted **Swap Meet**! In case you missed it, we've decided to retire our traditional RC Auction and shift to a Swap Meet. For several reasons auctions seem to be out of vogue, and many clubs are having better success with a swap meet format. **So this year on November 11th we'll have our first swap meet at our traditional location, the Croydon Hall gym in Leonardo, NJ**, right off of Route 36. The club is selling table spaces for the event, and you'll find a table reservation form at the end of this newsletter. I suggest checking this out, either as a seller or buyer. We're also putting out a call to all members to help out at the event, which starts at 8am for sellers, but we can use help setting up starting at 7am. This is our sole fund raiser of the year, so we appreciate all members pitching in one way or another to help.

I think it would be a gross understatement to say that the weather the past, seven or so weekends, has been not very good. We've settled into a pattern that we saw earlier this year, where we have nice conditions Monday through Friday, then rain shifts in for Saturday and oftentimes Sunday. It's very frustrating, and it has impacted many events at our field. However, we are going to try and fit in our **Club Picnic on Sunday 10/29**. We already have our Club Fly Day scheduled then, so we're planning to combine the two events. Please come out on the 29th— the club will provide BBQ food and drinks. Feel free to bring a dish to share! And don't forget your planes. Here's hoping we get in some good weather for a change ;)

This month's meeting is on Wednesday October 25th starting at 8pm at the Eatontown Public Library. We'll have our Model of the Month contest and talk about airplane stuff. I hope to see a bunch of you there!!!



September 2023 JCSF Meeting Minutes

On Wednesday September 27th we had our monthly club meeting at the Eatontown Public Library. We had five general members and four Exec Board members in attendance.

Old Business:

- We discussed the Rhinebeck show. Adam gave a great overview of the event.
- We discussed the NEAT Fair, which immediately follows Rhinebeck. Most members in attendance also attended NEAT, and we had fun recalling all of the cool things we did that week.
- We discussed the recently cancelled Scale Event, which was rained out (surprise!). The event will not be rescheduled for '23.

New Business:

- The LVRCS Electric Event is coming up the weekend of September 29th. Adam and Dave plan to drive out and check it out! They have a great field and also have provisions for dry camping.
- The Club Picnic is scheduled for Saturday 10/7. (NOTE: cancelled due to rain and rescheduled for Sunday 10/29).
- Adopt-a-Road is scheduled for Saturday 10/14 starting at 10am. (NOTE: cancelled due to rain and not rescheduled).
- JSCF Bingo is scheduled for Sunday 10/15 starting at 11am. Rob K. is the CD.
- The Fall Hole in the Woods is scheduled for Friday 10/20 through Sunday 10/22 at Adam Lilley's palatial estate.
- The fall Club Fly Day is scheduled for Sunday 10/29. You bring planes to fly—the club will provide the food! (NOTE: the Club Fly Day has now been combined with the previously cancelled Club Picnic— please come out and have some fun!).

Project Night!!!!

Project night has two categories—sport and scale. However we had two scale entries:

- Dave Mauger > Turbo Raven! Very light ARF—electric powered on 12s. **1st place!!!**
- Joe Lupo > Kit built Midwest Zero! In the bones and ready for covering. **Close 2nd place :)**



My Day with the NJ State Police Drone Team

On Wednesday October 18th, 2023 the NJ State Police Drone Team used our field to conduct Drone practice exercises for their members of the Drone Team. Tom C. and myself made arrangements to fly forgetting that the Drone team would be there that day. It was a beautiful day for flying. Sunshine and very little wind (2mph) made the conditions ideal for some RC plane flying. When I arrived at the field around 9:30am the Captain of the NJ State Police was already there. His name was Jordan and he was very interested in the model airplanes I had in my truck. We chatted a bit and he told me it was ok to fly as they would not be in the air until 11:30am. I told him I would like to hang around and be a spectator to see what they were going to do. I was also there to keep an eye out and report back to Dave Mauger as last year they had a problem with Earle radar. The team was very friendly and accommodating to Tom and myself. They let us inspect and photograph the drones with the laser IR cameras. They even showed us the amazing resolution and versatility of the drone cameras. At one point I mentioned that I had lost a plane in the brush and was unable to locate it. The team immediately directed all their drone flying into a search and recovery mission to find my missing plane. They looked at it as a challenge and gave a valiant effort using multiple drones and different camera techniques. They searched for hours but unable to find my lost plane. I thanked them immensely for their effort and time and invited them in to visit our field on a social occasion. Many of them were interested how we fly RC planes. All in all it was a great day at the field even though we didn't fly. It was a great experience meeting the team and learning about the technology used by the NJ State Police.

Joe Lupo



Photos by Joe Lupo

JCSF Bingo!

With the nasty weekend weather we've been having for the better part of the past two months I had my doubts that we'd be able to fit in another contest this fall, but to my surprise the weather on Sunday October 15th was actually dry! But Mother Nature wasn't quite done with us, for although she turned off the spigot she turned on the fans, and we had strong gusty winds at the field, but at least they were down the runway versus coming in over the trees.

And so I gathered up my supplies and headed off to the field to CD my contest—JCSF Bingo. It's actually a very straightforward landing and taxiing contest. You have four pieces of coroplast, each with a letter on it to spell out JCSF. There's a fifth piece of coroplast marked with an "X" that we use as the final parking location for the plane. The clock starts when you start taxiing away from the "J", take off and proceed to make a lap, land, and taxi over the "J". You then take back off again, make a lap, land, and taxi over the "C". Rinse and repeat two more times, then take off one more time, land, and park one of your main wheels on the X and you are done. Oh, but I forgot, there's the dice roll. Since I like to try and even the odds with our pilots I added a dice roll to the contest. Before you take off you had to roll two dice (using my phone app) and record the number. Then at the end of your flight you needed to roll the same number again, and only once you did that would the timer stop. This adds the chance component to the fun.

We had six pilots sign up for the contest despite the blustery conditions, and with the winds we opted to fly one round for a winner-take-all approach. We had three guys roll snake eyes, which as you'd imagine largely wreaked havoc with their times. Tom C. started the contest with a great flight time, but it took him over a minute and a half to roll snake eyes, and honestly the app made it quicker than if we had physical dice. From there we moved our way down the list, with Stan being the second to last pilot to fly. Stan had also rolled snake eyes earlier and so we figured we'd see a repeat of what the others went through with this combo. Stan had a great flight, and when done he jogged over to the pits to start rolling the dice. One throw, and he nailed snake eyes!!! Honestly, as much as I trust Stan I might have had given him some grief if I hadn't seen it for myself, but damn it was for real. Stan snagged an overall time of 3:12, easily besting the previous best time of 3:57 which was done by Mike C. After that Dave opted to bow out as the wind was getting worse and there was just no catching Stan at that point.

We had a great time, and no planes were lost in the contest. Jason did manage to knock the motor off of his Stick, but that was after his round was complete and he was horsing around. Because the conditions were so questionable we didn't have lunch this time around, but it was still a lot of fun!

Pilot	# rolled	Time	Place
Tom C.	2	3:58	3rd
Mike C.	2	3:57	2nd
Jason C.	10	4:28	4th
Joe L.	6	5:48	5th
Stan B.	2	3:12	1st
Dave M.	8	—	6th

Photos from JCSF Bingo!

(courtesy of Stan Berger)



The weather is starting to get chilly— the flying season is beginning to wind down. Who else is getting ready to move indoors and get some building done? Let me know what you're up to and I'll include it in an upcoming newsletter!



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 (sold out!!!)

Tier II: Wall—\$20/space (sold out!!!)

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:

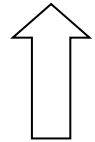
Dave Mauger 5 Long Road, Freehold, NJ 07728

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 October 25th, 8:00 PM at the Eatontown Public Library. Model of the month and raffle.

Sunday 10/29: Combo Club Fly Day/Club Picnic (11am start)

Saturday 11/11: JCSF RC Swap Meet (Croydon Hall)

Wednesday 11/15: Club Meeting (one week earlier)

Sunday 11/19: Turkey Shoot. Mike C. CD (11am start)