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SWAP MEET TIME!!!

What— swap meet—don't you mean auction time? Well... just in case you missed it before, the club (for many reasons) is moving to a swap meet format for our big event starting this year. And with a little less than a week before the event we are almost sold out of spaces! Yes, we had forty-eight spaces available and those are mostly spoken for, and we may actually use the overflow area that we have if other sellers show up on **Saturday November 11th**. We're cautiously optimistic that our first foray into an RC Swap Meet will be a success, and you can help this become a reality by coming out to buy, sell, and/or just plane help (pun intended). **Setup on 11/11 will begin at 7am at the Croyton Hall gym, with the hall opening to sellers at 8am and buyers at 9am.** This is our clubs one and only fund raiser so we appreciate all of the help we can get from our members. Despite the format change we will need help getting tables set up, staffing the admission table, and selling food and beverages. Please come out and spend a few hours with us on Saturday November 11th— thanks!



So now you're thinking—what's up with this month's cover photo? Well, yours truly was one of the cooks at this weekend's Club Picnic and Open Flying event, and by the time I wrapped up cooking hot dogs everyone was back to the flightline. So I did what any good newsletter editor would do—I took an "after" picture of lunch. I won't spoil the details here but suffice to say that we had a great time at this field—more details and photos are later in this issue.

I hate to admit it, but the flying season is definitely winding down. It hasn't helped that at least one day over the past eight weekends it rained, which put a kibosh on a lot of things we had planned. We only have two events left for this year — our **annual Turkey Shoot on November 19th** and our other traditional event— **Santa's Training Mission on December 10th**. Please try and come out to the field for these events. Winter will be here before we know it.

This month's club meeting at the Eatontown Public Library is a week earlier than usual due to Thanksgiving, on Wednesday November 15th starting at 8pm. We'll have our regular Model of the Month contest and we'll also be taking nominations for Executive Board positions. Please come out and spend the evening with us!!!

JCSF October 2023 Club Meeting Minutes

We had our monthly meeting on Wednesday October 25th at the Eatontown Public Library. We had nine members in attendance (four Exec Board, five general).

John Tomaino gave the Treasurer's report. If anyone has any questions feel free to reach out to John.

Dave gave a quick report on the new pavilion at the field. With construction by the park now done, Dave is looking into the additional upgrades that we'll be making in 2024, most notably the solar power setup and related gear. Dave also mentioned that he will be reaching out to the AMA to see if we can get a partial reimbursement for our outlay through their field enhancement fund.

Old News:

- Dave and Adam gave a readout on the recently completed LVRCS Electric Fly-In. The two had a good time, and for next year they may camp onsite.
- We discussed the recently completed RC Bingo contest from Sunday 10/15. While dry, the winds were very strong and we opted to fly a single round, which Stan Berger won.
- Our planned fall Adopt-A-Road event was rained out.
- The third Hole in the Woods, again hosted by Adam L., was once again the victim of a rainy weekend. In its place we had a get-together at the Mustang Bar on the opening night of the HITW, October 20th. Those in attendance had a great time, and we appreciate Adam's hospitality!!!

New News:

- The club picnic has been rescheduled to Sunday October 29th, which will be combined with our previously planned Club Fly Day (Editor's note—due to bad weather again we moved both events to Sunday November 5th).
- The club swap meet is on for Saturday November 11th at Croyton Hall gym. As of the meeting we had thirty of forth-eight spots reserved (Editor's note—as of today 11/5 we only have at most two aisle spots still available).
- The next club meeting is a week earlier than usual—Wednesday November 15th.
- The annual Turkey Shoot will be held on Sunday November 19th starting at 11am. Mike Cripps is the CD for the event.
- Mike brought his 8 ohm battery load to show and discuss. He uses it in conjunction with his charger for more efficient battery management.

Model of the Month!

We only had one entry this month—Rob's **BigEyes** monster nightflyer. Made from MPF, balsa, and 3d printed parts, the scratch-built plane spans 50" and uses a Hacker motor on a 3s 1400mah LiPoly pack. The eyes and mouth glow via LEDs!!!

(Editor's note: my plane made it into the AMA's "Spooky Builds" article! You can check it out at [Halloween Builds - Academy of Model Aeronautics Blog \(modelaircraft.org\)](https://www.modelaircraft.org/2023/10/25/spooky-builds/))



2023 JCSF Club Picnic and Open Fly Day

Well, I guess three times is the charm! When the Exec Board put together this year's calendar we thought that we'd try something different for our club picnic. It seemed that if we picked a traditional summer date that it would be the hottest weekend of the year, and folks would be baking. So this time we thought—let's try early fall. What we didn't count on was the extremely wet fall we've been having, and the need to reschedule it multiple times. But as I said earlier, the third time was the charm!

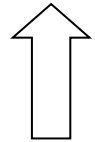
For the first time in eight weeks we had a dry weekend, and on Sunday November 5th the conditions were perfect—sunny with some mixed clouds and a light breeze. The air was very smooth and when you added it all together the flying conditions were perfect! We had a really good turnout for the event, which turned into a mix of our previously scheduled Open Flying Day and Club Picnic. What this really meant was more food and desserts, which no one minded.

I believe we had about twenty members in attendance at one point or another during the course of the day, but the vast majority came early and stayed fairly late. Late was relative as this past Sunday was the first day of Daylight Savings Time, and with the clock change the sun started shifting to our left fairly early and dusk was setting in about 4:30. But that didn't stop folks— with the light fading Gino took out his Avanti jet and EFX Racer and tore up the sky. I took a more subdued path, flying my Skimmer in the fading light. But the conditions were perfect and we really didn't want to leave.

Don't take my focus on the end of the day as meaning the flying was light earlier on, as it was anything but. The only time the air wasn't full of planes was during lunch, and that was even for only a short time. Joe L. and I brought out our small grills and split up cooking duties, with Tom flipping burgers and me handling the hot dogs. Folks brought lots of snacks, side dishes and desserts to share, and everyone had a great meal.

After all was said and done, everyone had a great time, and we all counted our blessings that we fit this in. We likely won't be having such nice weather much more this year, so we were sure to enjoy it.





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UPCOMING EVENTS

**Next Meeting – Wednesday November 15th, 8:00 PM at the
Eatontown Public Library. Model of the month contest.**

ONE WEEK EARLIER THAN USUAL!

Saturday 11/11— Club Swap Meet @ Croydon Hall. 7am setup time.

Sunday 11/19— Turkey Shoot contest. Mike C. CD