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### THAT'S ALL FOLKS!!!

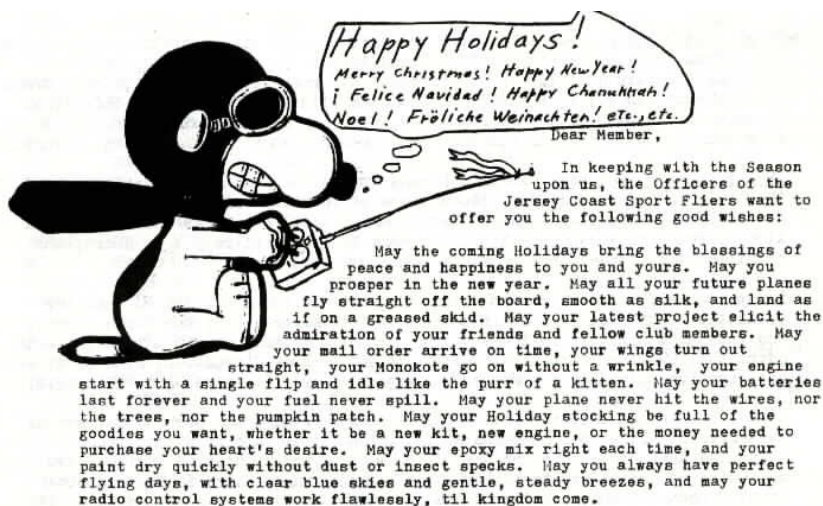
Well, it's that time again—the year is winding down, the days are getting really short, and the holidays are upon us. I tend to look back on the year and think—how did we get here so quickly? I guess it's true—the older you get the faster time goes. But I also look back and think—boy, that was fun! With all of the things we do with our time, a lot of my fondest memories go back to what we did together as a club, or with fellow club members. Whether it be a contest at our field, away at an event such as Delaware or NEAT, or just spending some quality time at Dorbrook getting in some stick time, we're fortunate that we can enjoy this great hobby with good friends. It's amazing how

over time a lot of us have developed an extended family of sorts—pilots that we may only see once a year at a particular fly-in, but with whom we have a strong rapport and as a result we look forward to those yearly reunions. I've found over the years that while the flying is what got us into this hobby, it's the people that keep bringing us back. I hope you feel likewise, and are grateful for it.

This month's cover illustration is an oldie but a goodie. As it was told to me our former newsletter editor Ed Runkel first started using this in the 70s, definitely predating my membership in the club and likely the same for many of you. While some of the wishes may be dated, the premise still holds. I love traditions, and this is one of the best. Enjoy this time of year and whatever holiday you celebrate.

We have two events upcoming for everyone to check out. First, due to bad weather **Santa's Training Mission** has been moved to **Saturday December 16th starting at 11am**. We'll have a grab-bag afterwards so please bring a small wrapped present. And our rain or shine (or snow or wind) **Brass Monkey** is set for **Monday January 1st starting at noon**. I hope we'll see you there!!!

**Our last club meeting of the year is this Wednesday 12/13** starting at 8pm at the Eatontown Public Library. We'll have the Exec Board elections plus our regular Model of the Month contest. We'll see you there!!!!



## Turkey Shoot!!!

On Sunday 11/19 the club held its traditional Turkey Shoot contest. CD'ed this year by Mike Cripps, this contest's roots go far back into JCSF's history, and the format has evolved over time. Mike has tweaked the contest so that a combination of skill and/or luck can bring a win for the pilots competing in this contest. Besides the normal concentric circle scoring, Mike has also incorporated additional targets into the mix that give pilots a chance to leap-frog their competitors if they are able to take advantage of them.

This year we had beautiful weather and a strong turnout of pilots. We flew two rounds of the contest, with the only difference being that pilots had two minutes to drop bombs in the first round, which we subsequently extended to three minutes based on pilot feedback.

One of the things that I really like about this contest is how Mike added a creative element, specifically in regards to the bomb drop devices themselves. For years we had the club bomb drop "devices", which was a piece of wood with two nails in it, which was rubber-banded to top of the plane. A piece of broom handle with two holes would slide onto the top of the device, and the pilot would drop the bomb by giving their plane down-elevator over the target, which would cause the bomb to come off the device. But it was temperamental and too often the pilot got discombobulated and had to recover their airplane. Mike changed this by introducing a servo-actuated bomb device that was an option to the pilots. This led to a general relaxing of the bomb drop device rules, and the pilots could devise their own if they wanted to. All of a sudden there were all kinds of new devices out there, with guys tweaking their own designs and "borrowing" ideas from the other pilots.

After the dust settled Stan B. took first place, with our CD Mike C. taking second and Tom C. scoring third. Tom's home-brewed bomb drop had a few malfunctions that cut his total, yet he still managed to take 3rd because the bombs he did drop were extremely well placed. Once we completed the contest we had a nice lunch of hot dogs with Halloween candy for dessert. With the weather so beautiful most of us stayed well after the contest to get in more flying as these kinds of days are the exception versus the rule this time of the year, and before we know it winter will be upon us. Everyone had a great time and it was a fun way to end the contest season!!



Misfire on Frank's plane



Ouch—time for some tape!!!

## More Photos from the Turkey Shoot!

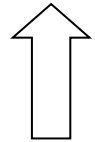


Photos by Stan Berger

## Farewell George....

*For those of you who didn't get the news, long-time member and good friend George Kowalewski passed away earlier this month. It was very sudden and took everyone by surprise. George was 70 and was taken from us much too early. For anyone who's been a member of the club for any length of time you know George and his love of anything mechanical that moves, be it planes, trains or cars. Most of us knew of George's love of military aircraft which he flew almost exclusively. At George's wake a large number of JCSF members paid their respects, with family and friends telling their "George" tales. It was nice to share these wonderful stories and a few laughs as we celebrated George and his life. RIP George—you'll be missed....*





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## First Class Mail



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Next Meeting – Wednesday December 13th, 8:00 PM at the  
Eatontown Public Library. Model of the month and Exec Board elec-  
tions.**

**Sat. December 16 – Santa’s Training Mission 11am (Rob K. CD)**

**Monday January 1, 2024— Brass Monkey, noontime**