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QUIET TIME...

There are lots of reasons I love living in New Jersey, but one of them is that we have four distinct seasons. Winter, spring, summer, and fall, or as I often think of them, building, finishing, flying, and project collection seasons. When the weather is nice I don't like to be inside, but when we're having a very traditional winter as we are experiencing this year, I can't wait to get downstairs to my shop. I opted to try something different this winter and decided to finish up a bunch of in-progress projects versus starting another new one. As a result I have three planes ready to go and one more that will be ready for later this spring. The past few winters I was focused on my Falcon wagon restoration, so I'm really enjoying making lots of balsa dust. I hope everyone is also taking advantage of indoor season and are either putting something new together, or perhaps addressing some needed repairs so that you're ready to hit the field when the weather starts to turn in our favor.



Speaking of projects, or just having a fun day out with a bunch of similarly-minded guys, in two weeks the **Lebanon RC Swap Meet** is happening. Held at the Lebanon Fair Grounds, this event has almost everything you can imagine for sale—new or used. I like to say it's like Christmas morning as you never know what you'll find there. I often use it as an opportunity to stock up on building stuff like servos and hardware, but more often than not I'll also find some well-priced motors, or an airframe. If you're looking for something new, perhaps a new contest plane, or just want to get out for a bit, I highly recommend checking it out. A number of JCSF members make the annual trek out to Lebanon so if you need any info feel free to reach out to me, or just come to this month's club meeting where we'll definitely be talking about it.

As you might imagine there isn't a heck of a lot happening this time of year. I hope everyone had a chance to look at this year's Club calendar on our website, and updated their personal calendars accordingly. As you might have noticed we added some additional Club Fly Days this year, which seemed very popular last year. Please come out to join us and catch up at this month's Club Meeting at the **Eatontown Public Library on Wednesday 2/28 starting at 8pm**. We'll see you there!!!

January 2024 JCSF Club Meeting

<NOTE: the editor was on a business trip—thanks go to Joe Lupo for taking notes and MOTM pics>

There were thirteen members in attendance— nine general and four Exec Board members.

Dave welcomed new club member Albert Mustillo to the club. Welcome aboard Albert!!!

Old Business:

- John T. gave the treasurer's report. If anyone has any questions regarding club financials please reach out to John.
- President Dave spent some time talking about Ed Runkel's recent passing, his funeral, and how much he did for the club over the years. As the newsletter editor he sent out over 70,000 newsletters back when they were printed and sent out via snail mail.
- Dave spoke about the new club membership process, and how well it was working. We really appreciate all of the hard work that Stan and his friend did to make this happen for the club, and all of the help that Dave and Joe did in testing and providing feedback.

New Business:

- The members discussed the upcoming **Atoms RC Swap** meet in Hillsborough. It's always a good time and a great kickoff to the spring swap meet season.
- Dave won the Model of the Month with his recently completed **Diablo**. Electric-powered, it should be a great flyer and possible contest plane.
- For the 2023 Model of the Year we had two entries:
 - Ray's scratchbuilt **AT-6**
 - Rob's scratchbuilt **Big Eyes** Halloween plane.

There was tie for first place, but then Dick Sarpolis arrived and cast the deciding vote, which went to Ray's plane. Congrats Ray!

- There was a lively discussion about the plans to add charging stations to the new pavilion at the field. More to come on that!
- Joe spent some time on reviewing the various ways both new and current customers can pay for their dues.



Since it's building season I thought I'd share some ongoing project work that members are doing. If you're up to something—share! Send your project photos to rob.kallok@comcast.net and I'll include them in an upcoming issue!



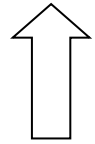
Adam's 1/3 scale P-51 build



Jason's Park Scale Models Mini Stick build



Rob's 60-sized Top Flite P-47 build



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Next Meeting – Wednesday February 28th, 8:00 PM at the Eatontown Public Library. Model of the month and raffle.

Sat. March 9 – Lebanon RC Swap Meet (Lebanon Fairgrounds, PA)