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## WE'RE BACK BABY!!!

Well, it's official! The JCSF contest season officially started this past Sunday April 14th with one of our favorite games—RC Baseball!!! Stan Berger, the creator of this contest, again CD'ed the event and spent quite a bit of time and paint laying out the field. We didn't have a huge turnout—I suspect the wind gave some pilots pause, but we still had seven pilots plus a few spectators show up to kick things off. More details of the contest are later in this issue!

One of the cool things that happens at the field with the arrival of spring is the move of our monthly club meetings back outdoors to our beautiful Dorbrook Park flying field, starting at 7pm. One of the bonuses of having our meetings at the field is that we can fly both before AND after our meetings. Yes, night flying is back at Dorbrook! Once again the Park folks are letting us stay after hours to get in some after dark flying. Even if you don't have a night flyer (and I would suggest getting one!) it's worth staying for awhile to check out the fun. Night flyers just look awesome! As an added incentive to check out the outdoors meetings this year we'll be providing food. For this meeting we'll be grilling hot dogs at the park. Be sure to bring your own drinks but the food is on us! **So come on out this Wednesday April 24th at 7pm for fun, food, and flying (and bring a chair).** And the April meeting is special for one more reason—it's **Project Night**. We will have categories for both Sport and Scale planes. You can bring out a project in any phase of completion—from a set of plans to a fully built (but not yet flown) model. I particularly like seeing planes "in the bones" so don't be shy about bringing something that you've been working on. And once the plane is done and flown you're still eligible to bring it in for our regular Model of the Month contest. So come out and catch up with the rest of the club—you'll be glad you did! Outdoor meetings at Dorbrook Park will continue through the summer, with the last one in August, then we'll be back to the Eatontown Public Library...



On a personal note, it felt really good to get back to the field this past weekend, and I hope to get there more often this year, hopefully after work a bit once the weather gets better and the days a little longer. We often forget how lucky we are to have such a great flying field so let's all try to get out and enjoy it, and let the Park see how much we enjoy it. See you soon!!!

### March JCSF Meeting Minutes...

Well... there aren't any meeting minutes this month. Between Prez Dave not feeling well and some nasty weather we had a VERY light turnout, so we used the time instead to catch up and chew the fat. But we did have a special guest—Gary Swist made a nice cameo appearance! Hopefully we'll see more of him at the field in '24 ;)



### RC Baseball!!!

On Sunday March 14 we awoke to bright but breezy conditions, which might have scared off lots of guys yet still seven intrepid pilots showed up that morning to engage in a JCSF original—RC Baseball. From the fertile mind of Stan Berger, this contest is a staple on our calendar, and is a favorite low-stress event that's great for shaking the rust off after a long cold winter. Basically a glorified landing contest, the playing field is laid out as a baseball diamond, with scoring areas labeled within. Pilots get up to three passes (or strikes) to make a landing—when they do they can score anything from a single to a home run. However if you land outside of the diamond or in key spots on the diamond you will get an out (or a double-play if you're especially unlucky). We fly nine innings per side and scoring is counted just like a regular ballgame.

Adam and I took on the role of team captains, which basically gave us the responsibilities of picking team members and the batting order. Batting order for this contest follows the real thing, as putting your heavy hitters in key spots in the lineup maximize your scoring potential. Since we had seven pilots and we don't bat around in an inning, the contest moved at a brisk pace, which was like the breeze. Remember the breeze I mentioned—I should have said wind, and it wasn't even constant. Despite the windy conditions, I'm happy to report that no planes were damaged or lost during the course of the contest! It's always nice that guys can have a competitive contest and still have their planes in once piece afterwards. But as I mentioned before, this is a pretty plane-friendly event.

After a full nine innings Adam's team had taken a commanding lead, winning with a score of 5-1. However, from a Sport Fliers points perspective Adam took first place, assisted by a pair of home runs. Close behind in second place was Tom, and to my surprise your friendly editor took third! What a great way to start the season! During the seventh inning Jim Baye stopped by and offered to cook for the crew. Joe L. and Tom C. teamed up to bring out the food, beverages, and grill, and we had a delicious hamburger lunch. Afterwards a few of us tried flying a bit more, but the winds were just getting stronger so we all packed it up fairly early. Our next contest is **Streamer Chase on Sunday May 5th** so we hope to see you there!

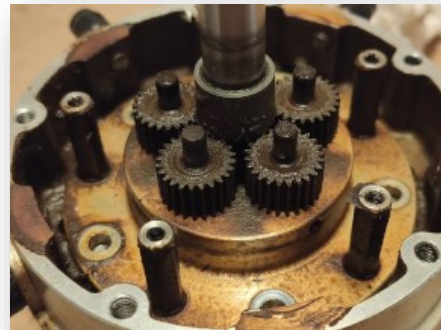
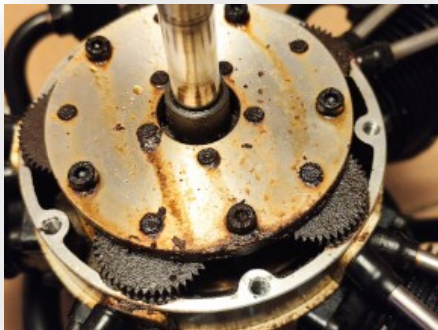


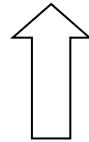
More pics from RC Baseball...



FROM THE PROJECT FILES...

In response to my call for project pics Tom C. sent me some cool photos from a rebuild he recently did on Frank B's Saito 325 five-cylinder radial engine. As part of the work he ended up replacing 14 bearings! Tom does some beautiful work...





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### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Next Meeting – Wednesday April 24th, 7:00 PM at Dorbrook. Project Night! Night Flying afterwards, plus hot dogs :)**

**Sun. May 5th – Streamer Chase 11am @ Dorbrook (Mike K. CD)**

**Sat. May 18th— Club Awards BBQ @ Dorbrook (3pm start)**