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HOPING FOR DRIER WEATHER

Well the flying event season is officially underway, kicked off with the traditional **Hole in the Woods** event at Adam Lilley's place. In case you didn't get a chance to check it out, a number of club members pitched a tent or camper in Adam's backyard the weekend of April 26th. I'll give more details later in this issue, but suffice to say the warm fire was greatly appreciated!

Speaking of warm, it seems that has been an infrequent occurrence this spring. Yes, there have been a few teases, but even the long-range forecast looks like we'll be lucky to see 70F for the foreseeable future. On top of that, it's been a bit, ahem, wet as well. So we're having a cool, damp spring, which while isn't surprising for Jersey it does tend to put a damper on lots of outdoor activities, including our flying events. This past weekend we had to change our club



contest from Streamer Chase to JCSF Bingo as paper streamers don't mix well with wet grass. However, despite the less than stellar weather we did get in that contest, and there will be more on that later in this newsletter.

As I mentioned, the RC flying event season is now upon us, and I strongly encourage members to check out at least one fly-in this season. Better yet, do it with a few other JCSF members as well and make a day or weekend out of it. There are so many cool events that are within easy driving that are worth checking out. We have a few major ones listed on our club calendar, or you can always check out the AMA calendar as well. It's cool to check out new places and maybe find something new to try.

This month's meeting will again be outdoors at **Dorbrook Park on Wednesday, May 22nd starting at 7pm**. I'm keeping my fingers crossed that the current forecast will hold. We'll again be serving hot dogs for members at the meeting, plus we'll be flying both before and after the meeting. If you have a night flyer please bring it out! The Park is allowing us to stay late on these Wednesday nights so it's a great opportunity to get in some flying after dark. We'll also have our regular Model of the Month contest so if you have something new to show off please be sure to bring it out. We'll see you there!!!

Minutes— April 2024 JCSF Meeting

We had a good turnout for our first outdoor meeting of the year, with eleven attendees (5 general members, 6 Exec). We served hot dogs fresh off of the grill, and everyone seemed to enjoy them.

- We discussed plans for our 2024 member event participation contest. Details will be shared shortly.
- John T. reviewed the current Treasurer's Report. If you want additional info please reach out to John.
- Prez Dave mentioned that it appears the Park folks have rolled the field!!!
- We discussed the recently completed first contest of the year, RC Baseball.
- We talked about upcoming contests and events for May:
 - Streamer Chase (May 5th)
 - Awards BBQ (Saturday May 18th @ 3pm). \$5 gets you lunch and a raffle prize.
 - "No Guts, No Glory" (May 26th) - bring out a plane or two that you rarely fly or are maybe a bit intimidated by. We'll have folks available to get those planes in the air, and we'll feed you too!
- Project Night:
 - Scale:
 - Joe L's Midwest Zero with an OS SF-40 glow engine.
 - Frank B's recently acquired Hellcat with an OS 91 engine.
 - Rob K's Top Flite P-47 (60-sized) with an AXi 4130 and Robart electric retracts (WINNER!!!)
 - Sport:
 - Jason C's electric airboat. 5lbs and 550W using a 9x6 prop and 3s5200mah LiPoly pack (WINNER!!)



Joe's Midwest Zero



Frank's Hellcat



Rob's TF P-47



Jason's Airboat

JCSF Bingo!

On Sunday May 12th we were scheduled to have one of our favorite contests— Streamer Chase. However, the equipment needed to run the contest (paper streamers) didn't play well with the weather forecast (wet) so we had to make some changes. So we decided to swap dates on the calendar and pulled up my "JCSF Bingo" contest to May and pushed combat back to July 21st, where hopefully the weather would be more cooperative.

"JCSF Bingo" is essentially a timed landing and taxing contest. The pilot needs to take laps around the field, land, and taxi over a letter on the field to spell out "JCSF". Once that's done, they need to take one last lap, land, and park their plane on the "X" placard on the field. Oh, and then you need to roll a single die to match the number you rolled before your flight. Time starts when you first start to taxi and stops when you roll your number at the end. We have two rounds, with the pilot's total time used to determine place.



We had six pilots starting the contest, which honestly wasn't bad considering the forecast. After the first round we were down to four as technical issues hobbled two of the pilots. In the end, and to no one's surprise, Adam took first place with Tom in a VERY close second place. When I say close, I mean by five seconds! And oh, yours truly took third. Dave pointed out that this was the same finish as we had in our prior contest. Regardless, both Adam and Tom are starting out hot this year!

Normally we have lunch following our contests, but with the nasty forecast we opted to skip on lunch this time around. As I mentioned in my opening, I sure hope we have some nicer weather sooner rather than later ;)

Pilot	Rolled #	Round 1 time	Round 2 time	Total	Place
Rob K.	2	3:47	3:40	7:27	3rd
Dave M.	6	DNF	---	---	DNF
Stu K.	2	8:14	6:47	15:00	4th
Tom C.	4	2:08	2:06	4:14	2nd
Joe L.	6	DNF	---	---	DNF
Adam L.	2	2:03	2:06	4:09	1st!!!



Who the heck are these guys you ask? Well... these are some of the Pigs and Pirates from NEAT Fair! Adam and I were invited to hang with them one recent Friday night to catch up a bit and do some planning for the upcoming 25th anniversary of NEAT. Adam and I drove out to Mark C's house on Long Island, which was a long trip but well worth it. If anyone from JCSF is interested in checking out NEAT this year just reach out to me and I'll give you the details—thanks!

'24 Spring Hole-in-the-Woods

For more years than I can recall, Adam Lilley has graciously hosted a kick-off event for the flying season at his home in Manchester Township. Dubbed the **Hole-in-the-Woods**, Adam hosts a large group of friends who camp in his backyard, crash in his house, or for a select few, get to use his personal camper for the weekend. Folks begin showing up late Friday morning, and we stay there until early Sunday, when we get our traditional breakfast at Sandy's (I recommend the chipped beef on toast...).

Now, it's probably not a surprise to most to know that Adam has a backyard that you can actually fly models in. I'm talking smaller electric planes, but still—we can fly in his yard! Now, when we first started getting together his yard was much more crowded, with lots of trees trying to (and oftentimes succeeding) snag our planes as they flew by. But over the years, a combination of storms, soft soil and shallow rooted trees has dramatically opened up his yard. You still need to pay attention when flying, but there's a LOT more room nowadays than we used to have.

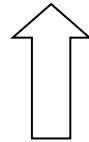
I mention flying, but that's only one part of the activities at HiTW. RC cars also take center stage during the weekend, mostly of the stadium truck variety. We've also done a lot of rock crawling over the years, but the stadium trucks have really caught on. Adam has also opened up a trail behind his yard, and in some years we've had a few guys bring minibikes (both electric and gas) and run them through the course. There's also a paintball range that we've used— yes, there's a lot to do at the HiTW...



Naturally an event like this is very weather-dependent, and last year we had lot of rain that got in the way. We actually had THREE HiTW last year—trying to find a weekend where it was dry, and all three times it rained (and a LOT!). As a matter of fact, there was enough water in Adam's backyard that he was able to fly his Twin Otter on floats off of it and around his yard! So for this year we were all very nervous, but thankfully the weather was much better. We did get some light rain later on Saturday afternoon, but it was very hit and miss and really didn't impact us at all. However, this year the temps were lower than usual, so the fire felt really good. And honestly, you're always better off camping when it's a bit cooler than too hot...

The highlight of the weekend for me was taxing Adam's Volksplane around his yard. A full-scale ultralight, a friend gave Adam the Volksplane all built sans covering (so she won't be flying) as a conversation piece for his backyard. Complete with a Volkswagon engine and prop, the plane can fire up and Adam let me take her for a spin around the yard. Thankfully he recently bled the brakes as you need all of them to turn at the ends of his yard. And I'm proud to say I didn't hit anyone or anything while taxing around :)

So we all had a great time as usual— we ate lots of snacks, flew, drove and generally relaxed. Adam always extends an invite to JCSF members so when the Fall version of the HiTW rolls around I suggest checking it out!



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Next Meeting – Wednesday May 22nd, 7:00 PM at Dorbrook. Model of the month and hot dogs will be served.

Sat. May 18 – Awards BBQ, 3pm (Dorbrook)

Sun May 26— “No Guts, No Glory” 11am (Dorbrook)

Sun June 9— Balls Fun Fly 11am (Tom C. CD)

Sat June 15— JCSF Electric Fly-in 10am (Rob K. CD)