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## SUMMER IS WINDING DOWN...

You know, after sixty years you'd think I'd be used to this, but it never ceases to amaze me how once summer kicks off in June, the days suddenly start getting shorter, and that only gets faster the further into summer we go. Back in late June the sun would just starting setting around 8:30pm, now in late August it's getting dark about an hour earlier. Wow! It just means that summer is getting closer to transitioning to fall, so my suggestion is to take advantage of the time we have and get in some fun at the field. Earlier this summer it was pretty brutal with the high heat and humidity, but August has been a lot kinder to us, and we've had a bit of more temperate and drier weather—a little hint of what fall will be bringing in a few weeks. So let's have some fun!

As hopefully everyone noticed, we did not have a club newsletter last month. The reason for that was simple— not a whole lot happened last month! Through a combination of bad weather and extremely high temps the majority of our planned events were either cancelled or rescheduled. Speaking of rescheduling, be on the lookout for a new date for our Club Picnic later this fall.

This month's cover photo is courtesy of Tom C., who took this photo of the pits at our recent **Open House** on August 3rd. I was away on vacation so I missed the event, but I understand we had a fantastic turnout from the public. It seems the signage on Route 537 got the job done, and there was a steady stream of visitors that Saturday. I want to thank all of the JCSF members who came out, flew, and supported the club. And I want to especially thank Tom C. and Joe L. for spending time with the kids and the buddy box. Time well spent!!!

This month's meeting at Dorbrook will be our last outdoor session of the year, as we'll be moving back indoors come September. As previously mentioned, we're moving up our start time for our monthly meetings to 7pm at the Eatontown Public Library. We're hoping that the earlier start time will help members make more meetings. In the meantime we'll have night flying after this month's meeting so bring out a plane, a chair, and check out what's going on with our club. See you there!!!



## July 2024 Meeting Minutes

We had our monthly club meeting on July 24th at Dorbrook Park. We had eleven members in attendance (six general, five Exec). We continued our new for '24 tradition of cooking up some hot dogs for the members before the meeting. Everyone ate well and there were no leftovers. Thanks go to Joe and Tom for bringing out the food.

### Old Business:

- We discussed the recent Club Fly Day. These events have gotten quite popular so I suggest checking them out if you haven't done so already. It's a low stress day of flying with food provided by the club.
- Warbirds over Delaware— Adam gave a nice report on the event. The cool surprise was the weather— it was really good! The past few years have seen some nasty storms roll through Lums Pond and thankfully this year it was hot but not stormy. Adam noted that attendance was off significantly because the forecast was not good, which scared off some folks. But thankfully the forecast didn't come true, and the attendees enjoyed some great weather.
- Our rescheduled Streamer Chase was held on Sunday 7/21. A lot of fun was had— please see the article in this month's newsletter for more details.

### New Business:

- We discussed the upcoming JCSF Open House on Saturday 8/3. Members were encouraged to bring out planes to show and fly for the public.
- Pine Barren's Float Fly— Dave and Adam recommended checking out this cool event scheduled for Saturday 8/10.
- Golden Age Fly-In— this highly regarded event is scheduled for the weekend of 8/15 in Bethel, PA. Adam is making the trek out for a few days of flying. I expect we'll get an excellent report at our August meeting.
- Club Fly Day—our next Club Fly Day is scheduled for Sunday 8/25. This has become a club-favorite event, as it's a relaxing day of flying coupled with a BBQ provided by the club. Bring out your planes and appetite and spend the day with us at the field.

### Model of the Month:

We had two entries this month:

- Rob K's bashed **MasterStick** (aka FrankenStick). This MasterStick is the result of combining two trashed MasterSticks (donated by Adam and Dave) into one flyable model. The resurrection uses a Hacker outrunner and Hitec servos, and sports Snoopy as its fearless pilot.
- Jason C's **Twin Stick**. Jason picked up this rather cool twin conversion via a NEAT connection on Long Island. Jason has the plane fairly well dialed in and is reporting that it's a solid flyer.

The MOM win went to Rob and his FrankenStick :)



### Streamer Chase!!!

On Sunday July 21st we held our rescheduled Streamer Chase. The event, originally planned for the spring, had to be moved due to forecast wet weather (and streamers don't do well in wet weather...). This time around we had nice, abet hot, weather, so the conditions were great for one of our favorite contests.

For this year's contest we had a total of six pilots, who came ready to give it their best. As I was the CD I made the executive decision to make a small change to the contest format. Normally we only fly four planes at once, but because we had six pilots this would have normally meant two heats of three pilots each per round. That didn't seem like as much fun as we'd like, so I recommended to the pilots that we waive the pilot count restriction and put all six planes up at once. To my (non) surprise, everyone thought it was a great idea, so everyone prepped their planes and got ready for the first round!

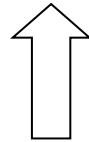
We flew three rounds, and it was a blast for both pilots and spectators. Dana, who drove all the way from PA to make the contest, had some electrical gremlins in the first two rounds (I think it's called survival response from his plane). Despite that, when he flew in the final round he made up serious time in making a key cut. If he had been able to fly in the earlier rounds it may have been a VERY different contest outcome.

As it turns out, Tom C. took the top slot, with yours truly coming in second and Adam in third. On top of that Adam nudged Frank R. out of third by a very slim margin of two points! We had an excellent time, and afterwards we took advantage of the shade that our pavilion provided and had a nice lunch of hot dogs and hamburgers. Once again I want to thank Tom and Joe for bringing out the food and BBQ for the event. I think everyone had a great time, and no planes were lost (at least during the actual contest ;)).

Pilot	First Round	Second Round	Third Round	Total	Place
Tom C.	120	140	290	550	First!!!
Rob K.	140	132	140	412	Second
Adam L.	140	192	40	372	Third
Frank R.	140	90	140	370	Fourth
Jason C.	80	140	76	296	Fifth
Dana H.	DNF	DNF	240	240	Sixth

Photos from Streamer Chase!!!





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### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Next Meeting – Wednesday August 28th at 7pm. Dorbrook Park.**

**Model of the month and night flying!**

**9/5 thru 9/8— Rhinebeck Jamboree**

**9/7 thru 9/15— The NEAT Fair (aka NEAT Week). Shinhopple, NY**

**Wednesday 9/25— Club Meeting at the Eatontown Public Library.**

**7PM START! Project Night!!!**