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## HMMM... WHAT THAT ON THE PAVILION???

Before I get into what exactly Dave, Joe and Jake are up to —a quick Public Service Announcement...

*For those of you looking forward to next year, and planning to renew your club membership, PLEASE wait to do this until January 2025. Even with our new system, renewing “early” will cause some headaches so it’s greatly appreciated if you hold off paying your dues until next year. Thanks!!!*

So, back to this month’s cover photo. Here we have our intrepid club installers mounting the first of our new solar panels on the club pavilion at Dorbrook. This project has been in the planning phase for a long time, but it all became very real when Joe L. showed up at the field with a pickup truck full of solar panels, wiring, and tools. Work is still ongoing, and we are looking forward to unveiling the finished product next year. But this will be a HUGE enhancement at our field—one that our members will really appreciate.



We’re officially in the part of the year where happenings at the flying field are winding down. We have two contests left as of this writing, and they are both a lot of fun. On Sunday 11/17 we have our annual **Turkey Shoot** contest, and our closeout event for the year— **Santa’s Training Mission**—is scheduled for December 15th. I hope you’ll try to make at least one of these events before old man winter shows up and puts our flying on hold until sometime in the spring of ‘25. Both start at 11am sharp :)

As happens each year, our November and December meetings happen a week earlier—the third week of the month versus the fourth. On top of that, we have a recurring conflict with another group for the third Wednesday night, so this month’s club meeting will be held on **Thursday November 21st starting at 7pm**. We’ll be meeting at the Eatontown Public library, and we’ll have our regular Model of the Month contest, so if you have something new to share please bring it! We’ll also be taking nominations for the Executive Board—if anyone is interested in running, or has a question about a particular position, feel free to reach out to me or any of the other Exec Board members. See you soon!!!!

## October 2024 Meeting Minutes

We had a light turnout for this month's meeting. We had eight members in attendance (five Exec, three general) and President Dave was unable to attend. Rob K. ran the meeting in his absence.

### New Business:

- We discussed the work going on at the field related to the new solar power installation. Joe L. gave status on the work, and the plan is to have the system up and running this coming spring.
- We had a discussion on the upcoming Club Auction on 11/2 at our new location—St. Mary School in Middletown.

For *Model of the Month* we had one entry— Rob K. brought in his recently completed **McTwist**. A twin-motored EPP delta, he reports it's an absolute blast to fly. The McTwist is also rigged for night flying so it's a fun day or nighttime flyer.



### **More photos from the solar panel installation...**



## 2024 JCSF RC Swap Meet

Our annual swap meet (former auction) went through a major evolution this year, as we moved locations from Croydon Hall to the **Saint Mary School**, which happens to also be in Middletown and only about five minutes from our traditional location. The new location, secured by Joe Lupo, is a huge upgrade from Croydon Hall. While Croydon Hall has a lot of nostalgia associated with it, the problem was that the folks running the hall were increasing the costs to use the gym each year, to the point that we were on the cusp of actually losing money. To complicate things further, they could not get us the revised costs until very late (September). Thankfully Joe was able to make arrangements for us to use the gym at Saint Mary School, which has many advantages over Croydon Hall, including a much more reasonable cost.

The night before the event Joe and I went to the church gym to set up for the following morning. The school staff was there to help us set up approximately seventy tables for the vendors. Even with their help it took over an hour and a half to get things ready, but it looked great!

On Saturday morning we welcomed our usual vendors and the public to our new facility. Due to a number of factors, mostly related to the late change in venues, turnout was lower than usual, but we were still able to make a profit for the day, and we explained to the vendors why things were off a bit, and how we were planning to address them for 2025. They were largely satisfied with our plans, and indicated that they were looking forward to returning. The Exec Board is looking at how we can expand our show for next year, including looking at alternate dates to avoid conflicts with other swap meet.

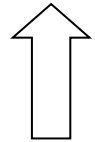
At this point our swap meet for next year will be held on Saturday October 25th. While we normally hold our event in November, there are other swap meets in the tri-state area that are also now using early November (mostly due to basketball season). By moving to October we'll avoid conflicts. We already have the gym reserved for next year so we'll be in a great position to start advertising next summer!!!



The ladies staffing the concession stand.



Our 50/50 winner—Stephen Baker from the 1990 Giants Super Bowl team!!!



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### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Next Meeting** – Thursday November 21st, 7:00 PM at the Eatontown Public Library. Model of the month.

**Sunday December 15th** – Santa’s Training Mission, 11am (Rob K. CD)

**Thursday 12/19**— Monthly Club meeting @ 7pm. Exec Board elections and holiday party! Model of the Month.

**Wednesday 1/1/25**— Brass Monkey!!! Noontime start