



THE TRANSMITTER



THE NEWSLETTER OF THE

JERSEY COAST SPORT FLIERS

50TH ANNIVERSARY 1975-2025

AMA CLUB #1265, EST. 1975

WWW.JCSPORTFLIERS.ORG

ROB KALLOK—EDITOR 732-804-6082

EMAIL— ROB.KALLOK@COMCAST.NET

ADDRESS—18 BAMPTON PLACE, WEST LONG BRANCH, NJ 07764

FEBRUARY 2025

WELCOME TO SAINT MARY SCHOOL!!!

Well, it's finally time— time to move to our new home for our monthly indoor meetings and (*drum roll please*) **indoor flying!!!** Yes, the details have all been worked out and our club has received permission to start meeting at the **St Mary School in Middletown**. Starting this month we'll meet at the school at 7pm—you'll park in the main lot and enter through the doors at the end of the parking lot. The meeting room is on your right once you enter, and the gym is on the left. For those of you who couldn't make our club swap meet last November our cover photo shows where we'll be flying, and it's a nice big space!!! Once our meetings are finished we'll move to the gym for some flying. We have a hard stop of 9:45PM so last call will be around 9:35 to give guys time to finish their last flights and clean up. Planes will be limited to small UMX-type "box planes" running on 1s or 2s batteries, and small foamy 3D planes. We're extremely fortunate to have this new space to use, and we want to be good caregivers when we're using this space. The address for the school is:



538 Church Street, Middletown, NJ 07748

Another very important point is that **all club meetings will now be on Tuesday nights!** The school had conflicts with Wednesdays (CCD) so we were given Tuesdays instead. As a result we've shifted all club meetings to Tuesday, including those we hold at Dorbrook Park once the weather gets nice. The club calendar has been updated to reflect this— please update your personal calendars accordingly. It's a small price to pay for our new location. All meetings will held be on the fourth Tuesday of the month, except December when it'll be on the third as the school will be closed for Christmas. I think everyone will really enjoy our new location, and we look forward to having a great relationship with the school. The principal has already asked if parents and their kids can watch us flying in the gym, to which we enthusiastically said please do! I look forward to seeing a strong turnout at this month's meeting as we kick off a new stage in the life of our club. **Please don't forget that this month we'll also have the runoff for the 2024 Model of the Year, so if you won MOM last year be sure to bring your model in this month!!! We'll see you there!**

January 2025 JCSF Monthly Meeting

Due to the extreme cold we were having in January the Exec Board made the decision to try something new— to hold our monthly general meeting via Zoom. This worked out pretty well as we had a better turnout than normal. As the notes indicate we're looking into continuing this for our indoor meetings—details will be shared when available. Thanks go to Joe L. for taking notes while I was running the meeting.

+++++

We had our monthly meeting on Wednesday January 22nd at 7pm, with the meeting being held via a Zoom video call. We had eleven members in attendance (4 Exec, 7 general).

Meeting minutes:

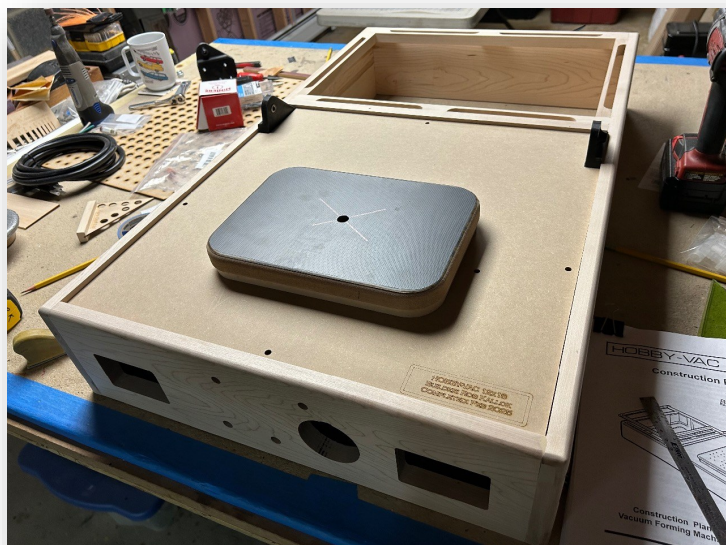
- St Mary School Gym status is pending. Waiting for principal to give us dates
- Upcoming Events: 2/8 Atoms RC Swap Meet, 3/8 Lebanon Swap Meet
- 50th Anniversary celebration set for 6/28 (rain date 7/19) Ideas for Mugs, sign on Pavilion, old club pictures. John T. suggested a sub committee be formed to handle the details of the event. Will discuss further at next board meeting (2/4@ Joe.L house)
- Possibility of a laptop at in person meetings to Zoom to the members that cannot attend (Indoor meeting only)
- Meeting began at 7:00pm and ended at 7:40 pm due to Zoom time limit

Shop time...

While I'm not a huge fan of winter, it does give me something that I don't get much of the rest of the year—a solid excuse to spend lots of time in my workshop. Call it a benefit of living in the northeast, but outside of winter I feel guilty spending an afternoon in my shop when the weather outside is nice. But when it's windy and freezing I don't have those issues, and I can spend time making a mess in my shop.

This year I'm doing something different than building an airplane—I'm making a tool to help make airplane parts! This winter's project is a vacuum forming machine—one that can make parts up to 11"x17", which is pretty darn big. You see, I like to scratch-build, but if I have a design that needs a canopy or other glasswork, I'm stuck trying to find something that's commercially available that maybe does the job. With the vacuum former I can now make parts that I couldn't get before, which is especially important for some of the scale projects I'm planning. You see, I recently added a CO2 laser to my shop, so I'm planning to do a lot more designing and building over the next few years. This tool will allow me to cover a missing base that I've been struggling with.

So, what are you working on this winter? Please send me an email with a picture or two of what you're up to, and an explanation of what you're doing. I'll include this in an upcoming newsletter. Let's have some fun with this, and we'll see what we have for next month!



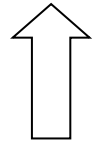
2024 Model of the Year Candidates

With February being the traditional meeting where we cast votes for MOTY, it's always good to remember who's up for this prestigious award. Following are the planes and builders who won last year—please bring your plane to this month's meeting to be eligible for the vote. And please remember—to be eligible for MOTY the plane has to have been flown at least two (2) times. Hangar queens are not allowed ;)

- January: Dave Mauger's ***Diablo***
- February: Rob Kallok's Old School Model Works ***Javelin***
- March: None
- April: None (Project Night)
- May: Jason Cline's ***Sea Fury***
- June: None
- July: Rob Kallok's ***Frankenstick***
- August: None
- September: None (Project Night)
- October: Rob Kallok's ***McTwist***
- November: None
- December: Ray Merry's ***Klem 25***



Summer dreaming...



First Class Mail



Rob Kallok
18 Bampton Place
West Long Branch, NJ 07764

UPCOMING EVENTS

Next Meeting – Tuesday February 25th, 7:00 PM at St Mary School.
Model of the Month, Model of the Year, and raffle. Indoor flying afterwards!

Sat. March 8 – Lebanon RC Swap Meet (Lebanon Fairgrounds, PA)