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### BOY WE MISSED THIS!!!

For those of you who remember meeting at Red Bank Regional High School, that's the last time we had the pleasure of flying indoors as a club following our monthly meeting. That was a brand-new experience for most of us, and it started with some rubber-powered free flight models before we attempted to try some of the new smaller, lightweight electric foam models that were becoming available. Back then most planes used geared motors and the sound of coffee grinders flying through the air permeated the gym. That had to be well over a dozen years ago. Flash forward to February '25 and once again our members were chomping at the bit—hoping that I'd be a bit quicker in running the meeting so that they could break out their indoor planes and fly. And fly we did—the air was full of all styles of indoor planes, ranging from Stan and Tom's larger 3D-style planes to Mike C's micro creations.



We flew for the better part of 90+ minutes and I think by the end of the evening everyone had regained their indoor flying chops and were looking forward to the next session in March.

With the official start of spring right around the corner, we'll hopefully be in a position soon to get back to the field and enjoy some regular flying. A few JCSF faithful have been making treks out to the field when the weather has been cooperative, but the winds lately have been a real limiting factor. I guess I shouldn't be surprised—March is known as being a windy, turbulent time. But you can tell there's a change coming. I don't know about the rest of you, but I look forward to the clock change in March as suddenly the skies are staying bright until 7pm. A longer day suddenly feels more like warm weather is around the corner. Honestly, this March has been pretty nice compared to ones we normally have. That being said, I'll be very happy once we start seeing some 70 degree days with light, variable winds...

So, I hope we have another great turnout for this month's meeting at the **St. Mary School in Middletown**. The plan is to **start the meeting promptly at 7pm** so we can get in a nice session of flying. This month we'll have our Model of the Month contest, and we'll have a readout of the recent Lebanon RC swap meet. We'll see you all there!!!

## February 2025 JCSF Monthly Meeting Minutes

Minutes were recorded by Joe L.

For this month's meeting we had seventeen general members and five Exec board members in attendance.

### New Business:

- St Mary School Gym is here. Flying rules established including pattern and number of planes in the air at one time. 9:45 cut off time due to Fire Alarm beam.
- Upcoming Events:
  - 3/8 Lebanon Swap Meet
  - Adopt-a-Road on Saturday 3/29 10am @ Dorbrook
- Idea of instituting Raffles again based on meeting turnout.
- 50<sup>th</sup> 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 (March 4@Adams house).
- Possibility of a laptop at in person meetings to Zoom to the members that cannot attend (Indoor meeting only).
- Model of the Month was between Ray Merry's Sea Monkey and Mike Cripps mini F-22. **Winner was Cripps F-22.**
- Model of the Year was between Ray Merry's Clem 25 and Rob Kallok's Javelin. **Winner was Rob Kallok's Javelin.**
- Flying began at 7:45pm and went to 9:30pm with no issues and a good time was had by all the members.

### Model of the Month entries:



### 2024 Model of the Year entries:



Photos courtesy of Joe L.

**REMINDER!!!**

**MEMBER RENEWALS FOR 2025 ARE DUE NO LATER THAN**

**MONDAY MARCH 31ST.**

**PLEASE USE OUR NEW ONLINE REGISTRATION PROCESS TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP.**

**THANK YOU!!!**



## Photos from our first indoor flying session at St. Mary School...



## 2025 Lebanon RC Swap Meet

On Saturday March 8th we made our annual trek to the Lebanon Fairgrounds to attend the largest RC swap meet in the northeast. We had a nice turnout of JCSF members in attendance, and with the weather cooperating this year the facility was full of sellers and and, most importantly, buyers! A few of us met early at Heisey's Diner for breakfast, which is a real throwback and enjoyed by all. There were lots of great deals to be had, and I personally came home with a number of great items, including a nice OV-10 Bronco short kit. It's a rather long day as the drive each way is roughly three hours, but it's well worth it. After the show wrapped up most of us met at the local Ruby Tuesdays and compared our purchases for the day, before getting back into our cars and making the drive back to NJ. If you haven't had a chance to check out this show I highly recommend doing it next year— it's definitely worth it!



My swag!!!!



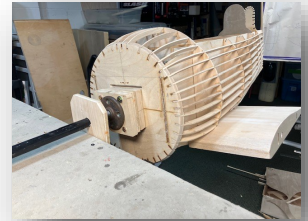
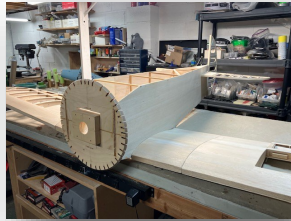
## Member Projects...

Last month I put a call out for folks to send me some info on what they're up to in their shops while we wait for the flying season to start. Happily I got a few responses— if you're interested in sharing your current project please send me some photos and information and I'll plan on getting you into next month's newsletter!

### Gene's 33% Hostetler Gee Bee Z

From Gene...

*94in wing span, Hostetler plans, wood kit from National Balsa, DLE 120 for power. I plan on using Ultrakote for covering.*



### HB2 Combat wing...

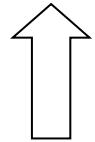
So this one is fun. Last year Dana H. flew a cool hybrid combat wing at NEAT during Lobster Combat. The plane has a 3D-printed fuse and vertical fin with a foamboard wing, and it performed extremely well. I can't say for sure that was the seed that started Jason C. and Dave M. on their individual paths, but it sure crossed my mind. Regardless these guys will both have their HB2 planes out this spring and hopefully we'll see both of them in our upcoming Streamer Chase contest in May!



Jason's HB2 combat plane



Dave's Green Goblin combat plane



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## First Class Mail



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### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Next Meeting** – Tuesday March 25th, 7:00 PM at the St. Mary's School  
in Middletown. Model of the month and indoor flying!

**Saturday March 29** – Adopt A Road cleanup, 10am (Dorbrook)

**Monday 3/31**— *Last day for club dues!*

**Saturday April 12**— Club Fly Day (all day @ Dorbrook)