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WHAT A GREAT CELEBRATION!!!

I have to admit— I'd been stressing out about this one. We'd been planning this one for months, everyone was on board, but Mother Nature had been making a total wreck of our club calendar. Most events this year have either been cancelled or rescheduled, and with this one we had to make commitments to the caterer and folks that we had invited outside of the club. So yes, I was very relieved when the weather turned out quite nice for our 50th anniversary celebration. I'll have more on this later in this issue, but suffice to say that everyone had a really good time, and no one left hungry.

I'd say that the theme for this summer remains the weather. As you'll recall, last summer we had an amazing stretch of nice, dry weather, which was



also not too hot or humid. It was one of the nicest summers I can recall in some time, and we all knew it wasn't quite right (turns out we were in the midst of a bad drought). So this year seems to be making up for that, with hot, humid and generally wet weather. The plants are loving it, but it's not good for a lot of outdoor activities. I'm "hopeful" that the end of the summer will be more cooperative, but time will tell. We have managed to get in two scheduled activities lately, which is great news. But we have quite a few more coming up next month, including our **Open House on Saturday 8/2**. Speaking of the Open House, we really need our members' participation as usual to make our yearly public event a big success. We will be putting out the event sign on Route 537 in the next week or so, and we expect a strong turnout from the public again this year. What we need from the members are their participation— bring planes to show off and fly. Or just show— static displays are great too. But we want to keep the air full and active during the event's hours. I really appreciate your help with this!

Our next meeting is this **Tuesday 7/22 at Dorbrook Park starting at 7pm**. The forecast looks great, and we will be doing some night flying afterwards. I'll be grilling up some hot dogs— be sure to bring a chair and a cold drink. And let's see who has some cool stuff for MOTM. I'll see you there!!!

June 24, 2025 Monthly Meeting Notes

Zoom 7pm

Members in Attendance:

- Rob Kallok
- Joe Lupo
- Mark Nettlingham
- Tom Abate
- John Tomaino
- Adam Lilley

4 Board members and 2 regular members.

Old Business

- Balls Fun Fly 6/8
- Annual Electric Fly-In 6/14-Cancelled due to rain
- 50th Anniversary Club Celebration 6/28. Rain Date 7/19
- Proposal to increase exec. Board non approval spending limit from \$200 to \$1000
- Model of the Month: Jason Cline RA Cores Yak 55 with led lighting
- Meeting adjourned at 8:07 with night flying afterwards until 9:30pm

New Business

- 50th Anniversary Club Celebration 6/28.
- RC Baseball 7/6 @ 11am
- Awards BBQ 7/19 @ 12 noon
 - *Editor's Note: this was a mistake on my part— 7/19 was actually used for our re-scheduled Streamer Chase contest.*
- New member Dan Murphy

Meeting adjourned at 7:30. Zoom was used due to excessive heat day.

Jersey Coast Sport Fliers

Fiftieth Anniversary Celebration

I'm happy to report that on Saturday, June 28th, the club's planning and Mother Nature's mood aligned and we held our 50th anniversary celebration as planned. It was a great event, with old (and some new) friends, fantastic food, and lots of flying and socializing. We had a delicious spread from a local Italian caterer, who provided a cornucopia of different dishes for us to enjoy. Members also brought food and desserts to share, which were truly appreciated.

I was extremely pleased when I pulled up earlier that morning to see the parking lot was already overflowing—thankfully someone had the forethought to lay out flags in the parking area to corral the cars. Folks were parked two-deep to make enough room for everyone. And happily many members also brought along their families to share in the fun. Dennis Spatcher from the Pine Barren Modelers joined us for the day, which was truly appreciated. Eric Williams was planning to attend as well, but late on Saturday he had a family emergency and had to bow out.

Despite my better judgement, I opted to give a quick speech to commemorate our club's significant goal. The key thing that I stressed that although we are a flying club, we are also a social club, and oftentimes the airplanes are an "excuse" for us to all get together and enjoy each other's company. A club that does not have a strong social component will find it difficult to stay together, but thankfully that isn't the case with the JCSF. I doubt I'm alone when I say that some of my closest friends are members of this club. After rambling on for a few more minutes, I realized that everyone wasn't paying attention to me, but rather the delicious smelling spread next to me. I wisely wrapped up my speech and invited everyone to eat!

I want to thank the Executive Board for planning a wonderful event, and give a special thanks to Steve W. for volunteering to make up the commemorative mugs that everyone got at the luncheon. If anyone did not get one, please let someone on the Exec Board know and we'll get you one. You'll just need to come to the field to pick it up :)



Streamer Chase!!!

Well, I'm happy to report that we were able to get in a club contest this month! Although the weather didn't cooperate 100%, we were able to get in the competition, despite the fact that water and crept paper don't mix...

On Saturday July 19th we held our rescheduled Streamer Chase. When I arrived at the field it was pointed out to me that the grass was wet, which is normally a no-no for this contest. But conditions seemed to be improving, as it was a bit breezy and that was helping to dry out the grass. I did a quick drag test with a streamer to see if it would get too wet—the results were good and we decided to move forward as planned.

We had a total of seven pilots ready to engage in battle. As I was covering for Mike K. in the CD role (he had to work), I offered up to the pilots a rules change. Normally for combat we fly up to four planes at a time, but today I was feeling frisky and suggested we fly all seven planes at once. Typically this is not an option, but this Saturday we had the park all to ourselves, so that took away a major risk factor. On top of that, despite the forecast the sky did look a bit threatening, so shortening the event wasn't a bad idea. The pilots looked at each other, shrugged their shoulders, and said why not...

As it turned out shortening the contest wasn't a bad idea, as after the first round we started to get a light on and off drizzle. Not enough precipitation to halt the contest, or ruin the streamers, but enough to let us know more rain was likely on the way. We held three two-minute rounds of combat, which was definitely more fun for both pilots and spectators with more planes in the air. After the third round I collected the score sheets and tallied the results.

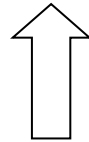
Not surprisingly, Tom C. took top honors, making three cuts with the only glow-powered plane in the contest. In a very strong second place was Dave M., who made two cuts, with one via a rather small foamy P-47. Dana H. took third when he made a cut in the final round with his HB2 combat plane. I mentioned at the field that there were no casualties in the event, but I did overlook Stu's plane having its elevator clipped during the contest, and ending up near the weeds. However it did return for some post-contest action.

With the contest complete we moved over to the pavilion and had a nice lunch of Jersey Mike's subs and sodas. Shortly afterwards the real rain showed up, and we quickly packed up our stuff and hit the road. It felt great to get in a contest, and I'm hopeful that we'll get in a lot more as we move into the second half of this summer.

	Round #1	Round #2	Round #3	Total	Place
Tom C.	240	276	134	650	First!!!
Dave M.	240	240	120	600	Second
Dana H.	140	125	240	508	Third
Rob K.	80	240	140	460	Fourth
Jason C.	116	176	140	432	Fifth
John M.	140	40	88	268	Sixth
Stu K.	40	120	DNF	160	Seventh

Photos from Streamer Chase!!!
(courtesy of Stephanie H. and Rob K.)





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UPCOMING EVENTS

Next Meeting: Tuesday July 22nd, 7:00 PM at Dorbrook Park. Model of the month, hot dogs and night flying!

Saturday August 2nd: JCSF Open House 10am (Dorbrook)

August 14-17: Golden Age Fly-In (Bethel, PA)

Saturday August 23: Haverstraw Air Show (Haverstraw, NY)

August 22-24: AMA District II Fly-In (Palmyra, NY)

Sunday August 24: Awards Luncheon and Club Fly Day 11am (Dorbrook)