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OUR SWAP MEET MAKES THE GRADE!!!

I have to admit—I was a bit nervous about this year's swap meet. Not that we hadn't done our homework and gotten the word out, but with this being our second year with the new format and location it was very important that we showed progress from last year—to show some momentum. And the results were very positive! As we outlined during last month's general meeting, we increased our table sales and overall turnout. The vendors were happy, and sellers who had conflicts last year came out to our event as we addressed those event overlaps this past winter. I really want to thank everyone who helped out to make this event so successful, but I want to call out Joe Lupo who was our Tablemaster this year. Joe did the sales and coordination of our tables and was our primary contact. He did a fantastic job and when you see him please be sure to say thanks for all of his hard work.



It's hard to believe that November is winding down and that next week is Thanksgiving. We only have six weeks left for 2025, but there's still fun to be had with our club. For one—indoor flying. Having the ability to fly in the St. Mary's School gym after our meetings is great considering the weather we've been having lately at the field. Speaking of the field, we have one more event left for this year, our traditional **Santa's Training Mission**, which will be held on Sunday 12/21. Even if you're not in the mood for flying, I suggest stopping by, having a snack and hanging out with the guys once more before the calendar changes. It's a very fun event and also scores high on the tasty snacks scale.

So this month's General Meeting is on **Tuesday 11/25 starting at 7pm at the St Mary's School**. We'll have our usual Model of the Month contest, and once the meeting wraps up we'll shift to the gym for indoor flying until around 9:30pm. Before we head to the gym though we're going to get a report from Adam L. on the recent maiden flight of his 1/3 scale P-51, so be sure to check that out!

September 23, 2025 Monthly Meeting Notes

St. Marys School 7pm

(Courtesy of Joe L.)

Members in Attendance:

Rob Kallok
Joe Lupo
Mike Boernhoft
Dave Mauger
John Tomaino
Adam Lilley
Herb Volkert
John McGrath
Lee Stab
Tom Cerqua
Ray Merry
Jeanne Merry
Stan Berger
Jason Cline
Mike Cripps

4 Board members and 11 regular members.

Old Business

- Rhinebeck was good. Adam gave an update on the construction
- NEAT Fair was well attended by JCSF members and all had a blast

New Business

- Limbo Contest 9/27 @ 11am
- Adopt-a-Road set for 10/11@10am
- Club Fly Day 10/12 @11am
- Swap Meet 10/25 @ St. Marys School. 8Am Vendors 9am Buyers
- Swap meet advertising ideas. Social Media and other ideas to be discussed at next board meeting
- Project Night consisted of two entries
 - Jason Cline's 3D printed **Glo-Stick** from Lofted Aero (WINNER)
 - Joe Lupo's **Blufo** with LED Lighting

Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm with indoor flying afterwards.



October 28, 2025 Monthly Meeting Notes

St. Marys School 7pm

(Courtesy of Joe L.)

Members in Attendance:

Rob Kallok
Joe Lupo
Mike Mokris
Larry Larsen
John Tomaino
Jerry Franco
Jason Cline
John McGrath
Lee Stab
Tom Cerqua
Mike Cripps

3 Board members and 8 regular members.

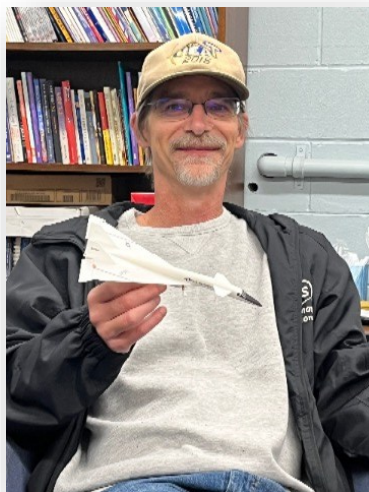
Old Business

- Adopt A Road was cancelled due to weather
- Club Fly Day on 10/12 was cancelled due to weather
- Swap Meet on 10/25 was successful. Club netted \$1400 profit

New Business

- Swap Meet for next year is set for 10/24 with Friday night setup
- Several new ideas for next year including updating the form, new parking location for the vendors, and more advertising ideas.
- Turkey Shoot set for 11/1@ 11am. Hot dogs and snacks
- Nominations for 2026 set for November meeting 11/25
- Santa's Training Mission set for 12/21@ 11am.
- December Meeting one week early 12/16. Holiday party meeting.
- Model of the month:
 - Mike Cripps ***XB-70 Valkyrie*** (mini) (WINNER)
 - Jason Cline ***Funder and Lightning***

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm with indoor flying afterwards.



Limbo!!!

On Saturday September 27th we had one of our old-school (and infamous) contests— Limbo. To the CD's credit, he has managed to massage the format of this former airplane killer to cause a lot less carnage, although it probably is still in a pilot's best interest to leave the balsa planes home for this contest...

Adam has designed this contest in three phases— high, medium and low. On the pilot's first attempt the limbo line is at its max height, and the pilot gets as many chances as needed to get under and score 15 points. In the second round, the limbo line is at its mid-height, and you get two shots. If you get under it on the first pass you get 15 points— on the second you get 10 points, and if you don't make the second attempt then you're done for the round and the contest. On the third round you again get two shots at the lowest position, which gives you 15 or 10 points if you're successful on the first or second pass respectively.

As you might suspect, the chances of having a tie are pretty strong, and if that happens then there is a runoff between those competitors. Each pilot gets 60 seconds to make as many successful passes under the limbo line as they can. If you break the limbo line then you're done for the runoff.

For this day we had a really good turnout—eleven pilots signed up to compete. With the exception of one pilot everyone made it through the first round with 15 points. In the second round eight pilots made it under on their first pass, with one making it under on his second. Then came the third round... In the third round we had three pilots score 15 points, with the remainder scoring 10 or zero. But we had a three-way tie for first, and thus the runoff was going to happen.

So the runoff is a lot of fun to watch, as everyone has a different strategy on how to approach this. Chance also plays into this—if you inadvertently snag the ribbon and break it then you're out. The runoff was between Stan, Frank R. and Adam. Frank went first and set a very strong pace with a score of 16. Adam then went next. Adam was looking good but got a little overconfident and was pushing very hard, but snagged the ribbon on his fourth pass and also took the nose off of his plane. Then came Stan. He knew the score to beat, and he managed to set himself into a quick but manageable pace. His focus paid off and he tallied a score of 19!

Afterwards we had a nice BBQ lunch and a bunch of guys continued to fly as the weather was pretty darn nice on this late September weekend. We did have a bit of carnage but nothing too serious, and everyone had a great time.

Pilot	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Total/Finish
Dave	15	15	0	30
Stan	15	15	15	64 (First)
Tom	15	15	0	30
Rob	15	15	0	30
Jason	15	10	10	35
Frank	15	15	15	61 (second)
John	DNF	0	0	0
Joe	15	0	0	15
Nick	15	15	10	40
John W.	15	15	10	40
Adam	15	15	15	48 (third)

Turkey Shoot 2025 Contest Report

by Mike C.

On Sunday, November 1st, Thanksgiving came early for the annual Turkey Shoot contest. The Turkey Shoot is a long-running bomb drop contest where pilots try to drop their pickles on (or as close as possible) to a metal turkey basket. Concentric rings are painted around the turkey with different point values awarded for hits in each ring, with extra bonus points for hitting the turkey, or even better – landing in the basket. For those with less than perfect aims, extra “gravy boats” were painted around the main target to award bonus points for those lucky enough to land in them. Each pilot gets 3 minutes per round to drop as many bombs as possible using any electronic dropping device, or the classic nails-in-a-board gravity release droppers, which are still preferred by old-school pilots like Stan B. and Adam L.

As is typical these days, the winds were forecast to be ferocious, so I was pleasantly surprised at the calm conditions in the early morning. Of course, as soon as I stepped out of the van at the field, I was hit with a gust that would put the wind tunnel at NASA Ames to shame. And naturally, it was a crosswind, blowing right into our faces. Despite that, we had a surprisingly good turnout of 7 pilots and a handful of spectators. The winds hampered accuracy, so point totals were lower than in the past, though once again Tom C. crushed it with his quick-load, vertically oriented drop-in payload release device.

I offered to shorten the contest to a single, longer round, but enough of the pilots felt confident enough that we flew two rounds. Typically, there is a disqualification rule for crossing the flight line, but that was impossible to enforce, and for the first time since I joined the club, we had “bombs” being blown so far by the wind that some actually bounced across the flight line.

Despite the less-than-ideal conditions, there was surprisingly little airplane damage other than a couple of broken props, and some shocking abuse to Adam’s Tundra tires. At the end of two rounds, the standings were:

1st – Tom C.: 63 points

2nd – Rob K.: 38 points

3rd – Stan B.: 36 points

4th – Mike C.: 35 points

5th – Adam L.: 20 points

6th – John M.: 14 points

7th – Jason C.: 6 points

There were some memorable moments this year. Adam’s Tundra was very entertaining to watch as it waddled around trying to take-off after one of the wheels went askew after a few hard landings. After his own bounced landing, Tom somehow managed to drop his battery instead of the bomb, yet continued to try to fly the unpowered plane as it blew into a tree. And John M., who flew the first round with a glow-powered ugly-stick type plane (for the challenge), abandoned it in the 2nd round for a flat-foamy EDF jet, which worked surprisingly well. I think this marks the first time an EDF has ever been used in a fun-fly contest, at least since I joined the club.

This is a fun and (usually) a fairly low stress contest, so I encourage everyone to attend next year. Even if you don’t have a plane with a bomb drop device, I have self-contained units that can be velcroed or rubber-banded onto any plane, with or without a spare receiver channel.

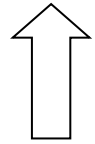


Pictures from Limbo....



Pictures from the swap meet...





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UPCOMING EVENTS

Next Meeting – Tuesday November 25th, 7:00 PM at the St. Mary's School in Middletown. Model of the month. Indoor flying after the meeting!

Sunday December 21 – Santa's Training Mission, Rob K. CD (11am @ Dorbrook)