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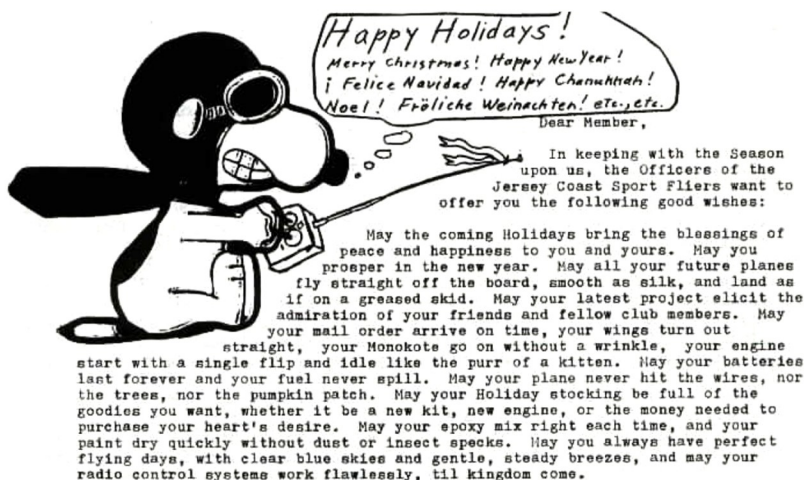
GOODBYE 2025— IT'S BEEN GREAT!!!

Does anyone not know that I like traditions? This month's greeting and well-wishes goes way back. A little something from Ed Runkel that I like to bring out for the holidays— despite changes in the hobby the message still resonates. I hope everyone has a wonderful holiday season— enjoy whichever one you celebrate with your friends and family. And despite our being on the cusp of winter, this is also the perfect time to start thinking about Spring '26 from a project perspective. I'll share with you what I'm up to later in this issue—what do you have up your sleeves? I know I've said this before, but I love Jersey for lots of reasons, but a big one is that we have four seasons. When the weather

turns nasty and cold, I can stay indoors and work in my shop without feeling like I'm missing out on anything outdoors. So I hope you have something you're planning to work on this building season, and please feel free to share with me your latest project. I'd like to include some pictures and details in an upcoming edition of the *Transmitter*.

Last month's club meeting was a bit bittersweet. As many of you know, Stan Berger is now a full-time resident of Florida. He left our great state the weekend after Thanksgiving. We spent a bit of time at the meeting getting nostalgic with Stan, talking about all the great things we've done as a club, and some of the "silly" things that we dragged him into over the years. Stan was our president for many years, and during some tough times. He left an indelible mark on our club, and we're all going to miss him desperately. He is a great friend, fantastic pilot and fierce competitor. We're hopeful that he'll find an excuse to come back and visit us when the flying season is in session.

So this month's meeting will be held on Tuesday December 16th starting at 7pm at the Saint Mary School. As this is our December meeting we'll have a little holiday party— we'll have snacks and drinks for everyone. If you'd like to bring something to share please do. We'll also have our Exec Board election, as well as our Model of the Month contest. And we'll wrap up with some flying in the gym afterwards. I hope we'll see you there!!!



November 25, 2025 Monthly Meeting Notes

St. Mary School 7pm

(recorded by Joe Lupo)

Members in Attendance:

- Rob Kallok
- Joe Lupo
- Eric Olsen
- Dave Mauger
- John Tomaino
- Adam Lilley
- Herb Volkert
- John McGrath
- Lee Stab
- Jerry Franco
- Ray Merry
- Jeanne Merry
- Stan Berger
- Mike Cripps

4 Board members and 10 regular members.

Old Business

- Adopt a Road and Club Fly Day cancelled due to rain
- Swap Meet was successful. Net profit was \$1400
- Swap Meet for next year is 10/24 with setup on Friday night
- Nominations for executive board at December meeting 12/16
- Turkey shoot was a wild, windy success.

New Business

- Santa's Training Mission set for 12/21. Secret Santa as well
- Brass Monkey set for 1/1 @ noon
- Elections will take place at the December Meeting (early 12/16)
- Model of the Month: Dave Mauger
 - a) Delorean Foamie
 - b) Stevens Aeromodel Demoiselle (**Winner**)

Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm with indoor flying afterwards.



Some thoughts on 2025...

As I'm trying to think of a way of describing this year, it's hard to nail down a single theme. It was a year of milestones, and extremes. It was a year of accomplishments and upgrades. But with the possible exception of the weather, it was a very memorable year. I will say, the weather in the early part of the season was problematic (and extreme)—I can't recall when we had to cancel so many contests and events due to bad weather. We even had to cancel our Electric Fly-In because of rain. And once we got past the rainy season (into early June) then the temps and humidity soared. We didn't get our normal period of "nice" weather, which was frustrating. But then when we thought we'd get our socks knocked off in August, suddenly the temps and humidity dropped, and it felt like fall made an early appearance. So thankfully late summer and early fall were wonderful, and we managed to get in lots of time at the field. But honestly, it didn't really feel much like summer once the weather changed, which was odd...

I believe most would agree that hitting our 50th anniversary was a huge milestone this year for our club, and a lot of work went into the planning and execution of the celebration. We lucked out that the weather was wonderful for the event, and it was a fun day for everyone. I can't say enough about the food, and we had a great turnout from the club. Excellent food, flying, and souvenirs—it was hard to beat!

Our anniversary celebration was timed to coincide with another major accomplishment—the completion of the solar power station in our club pavilion. I hope you've had a chance to take advantage of this great upgrade for our field and club. I can't say enough about the work that Joe L. and John T. did to make this happen, and I'd be remiss to not give credit to Dave M., who envisioned this and did a lot of the initial research for this project. And the great part is—it's not done yet! There are additional enhancements coming in 2026 that I'm sure our members will enjoy using. But getting the ability to charge our batteries was a big deal in 2025.

This year marked our first full year of having access to the Saint Mary School for our club meetings, and— indoor flying! What a game-changer this was. Our monthly meeting attendance has jumped up significantly, and I'm hoping we'll continue to see more members making our meetings in '26. There's a very good chance that when the Exec Board makes up our club calendar next month, that we'll opt to hold more meetings at the school and reserve our outdoor meetings at Dorbrook to the summer months (June—August). If you haven't tried the indoor flying at the gym yet I strongly suggest doing so. And if you want to pick up a plane for indoor flying feel free to reach out to me or one of our Exec Board members for suggestions.

Speaking of the Saint Mary School, we had our second swap meet there this year, on our new date of the last Saturday in October. As I've mentioned before, I was rather nervous going into the event, as we needed to show the vendors and buyers that we could build off of last year's event. Thankfully we did so, and in fine fashion. Going into 2026 we're getting a lot of positive press on how our swap meet went, and I'm looking forward to an even better turnout next year.

Before I start to bore anyone, I think it's fair to say we had a great 2025, and I'm very excited about next year. I hope we'll see all of you at the field and at our meetings. This club is nothing without you, and it's because of you and all of our members that we are so successful. Thanks for everything you do!!!

Rob

PS: please don't forget our closeout event of the year—Santa's Training Mission, on Sunday 12/21, and our traditional Brass Monkey at noon on Thursday, January 1st. Don't forget the Brass Monkey is on as long as we can get to the field ;)

So, what are you working on this winter???

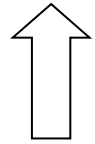
Yes, it's that time of year again. I want to hear what you're up to in your shop this season. Are you building something new, repairing damage from last season, or just pondering your next move? Please drop me a line at rob.kallok@comcast.net with some pictures and a description of what you're doing, and I'll include it in an upcoming edition of the newsletter. In the meantime, I'll get the ball rolling...

This winter my time will be split between the shop and the garage. On my bench I have a vintage **Aeronaut F7F Tigercat** that I picked up from Mike K. It's a kit that I've fawned over for a long time, so I decided to pull the trigger and pick it up from him at our swap meet. I'm still going through the instructions as it's a translation from German, and some of it is a bit cryptic, but the more I read the more get at what they're trying to get across ;) It should be an awesome build—or assembly, as these Aeronaut kits have a lot of prefabricated parts, but they're still a bit of work to get airworthy. We'll see how long this takes.



Oh, and I did mention the garage too, right? Well, I plan on splitting my time between the shop and the garage this winter. In the garage is my latest automotive project, a Factory Five 289 FIA roadster (aka Cobra). I took delivery of the kit just before Thanksgiving, which consisted of the body on frame and 40-odd boxes of parts. I've got everything inventoried, and just got the body off of the frame this week, so now it's time to start getting my hands dirty. This will be a fun and challenging project, and I'll keep folks up to date if you're interested :)





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UPCOMING EVENTS

Next Meeting – Tuesday December 16th, 7:00 PM at the St. Mary School in Middletown. Holiday party, plus Exec Board elections and Model of the Month. Flying in the gym afterwards until 9:30PM!

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

Thursday January 1, 2026 – Brass Monkey, noontime (Adam L. CD)