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G'BYE WINTER!!!

I'm happy to report that **Spring 2026 officially starts on Friday March 20th at 10:46AM EST** (*most likely you are reading this after the fact and it's already Spring*). I think we can ALL agree that this was one rough Jersey winter that we went through, and I'm sure we're all ready for some warmer (and hopefully dryer) weather in the upcoming weeks. Ok, I'll get greedy—maybe a little less windy too while we're at it. It was cool for awhile having some snow around, and as you can see from this month's cover photo Tom and I had some fun in February getting in some flying off of the snow. Conditions were perfect at the field—the snow was frozen over and we were able to use both skis and wheels on the surface. But the snow overstayed its welcome and I'm happy to see the turf again. The trees are budding— daffodils are starting to poke out of the ground— it's that time again. And boy am I ready!!!



Winter not only was a bit of a pain this year, but it also wreaked havoc with our club meetings. Our January meeting went virtual because we were in the single digits and the school needed the gym for make-up basketball games— we figured no one would make the drive so we Zoomed it instead. I was pleasantly surprised with the turnout. In February everything looked good, then a blizzard decided to dump 18+ inches in our area, closing the school and keeping us away another month. We just cancelled that meeting as nothing new had happened since January. It's funny—I've been working on a new indoor plane that I got for Christmas, and every time I got close to finishing it the weather would get bad and I'd work on something else. But I'm very optimistic that this month's meeting will really happen, we'll get the use of the gym, and I'll have my new plane ready to test fly that night :D

As you hopefully noticed, there was no February newsletter last month. The reason was simple—it was the same reason there was no meeting. Nothing new happened. But... that's about to change! We have our first club event of the spring coming up on Saturday April 11th— a Club Fly Day. Nothing too complicated— just come out and fly. We'll provide lunch— you just come and have fun. Sounds like a great day to me!

So, barring anything unforeseen, we'll meet this **Tuesday night 3/24 at the St. Mary's School at 7pm**. Please bring something for Model of the Month. Then we'll fly in the gym afterwards. I hope we'll see a bunch of you there!!! **And if you haven't renewed your membership yet, please be sure to do so by Tuesday March 31st— thanks!!!**

2026 Lebanon Swap Meet

Last Saturday March 14th was the annual Lebanon Swap Meet. As is tradition, a number of JCSF members started our trek to the show at 3:30am as we're vendors, which allows us to get into the show at 7am (and start shopping). The doors open for the general public at 8:30am.

Before we head to the show a bunch of us meet up at Heisey's Diner at 6am, which is a very old-school place about ten minutes from the convention center. The food there is excellent and the prices are nostalgic. With our stomach's full and our energy restored we then head over to the show.

From our club we had Adam, Jason, Joe, Mike K. and yours truly. We also meet a lot of folks we know from the fly-in circuit, including Jim Reid from RA Cores and a bunch of guys from the SEFLI club. The past few years I was sensing that this show, which we look forward to all year, was perhaps declining a bit. Fewer vendors, fewer buyers—likely an after effect of COVID. But this year felt different— it felt more like the old shows. It seemed there were no empty tables, and I found myself having to sneak through crowded aisles like I used to in the past. It appears that Lebanon is on the rebound, and it felt good.

I think it's fair to say we all snagged some good deals. I was looking for electric retracts and a smallish P-47 to toss in my truck—I found both plus a number of other cool things. If you haven't checked out the Lebanon swap meet I heartily suggest doing so next year. It's definitely worth the trip and a great way to kick off the season!



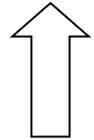
Spring fever at the field...

Well, it was actually still winter, but last week (3/9 thru 3/11) we all got a taste of what we hope this spring will feel like. Sunny, mid-70s, and reasonable winds. With that forecast in mind, a number of us got together on that Tuesday to enjoy the opportunity to get in some flying. We had a very decent turnout— I hope I don't forget anyone but Tom, Ray and Jeanne M, Eric, Gerry, Dave, Joe, and John T. (and yours truly) showed up at one point or another and had some fun. On top of that we had a BBQ lunch which everyone enjoyed. Unfortunately the weather went back to winter on Wednesday but it was a good reminder of what was to come in a few weeks. I hope spring is as nice as those three days were!!!



One last winter flying pic— until next time...





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UPCOMING EVENTS

Next Meeting – Tuesday March 24th, 7:00 PM at the St. Mary's School. Model of the Month and flying afterwards in the gym.

Sat. March 21 – Adopt-A-Road 10AM @ Dorbrook (Dave M. CD)

Tuesday March 31— Club membership renewal due date!!!

Sat. April 11— Club Fly Day 11AM @ Dorbrook