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THE SEASON IS KICKING INTO GEAR...

Ah, April. April is the month where things start happening outdoors for the club. Not too busy, mind you. But real things are on the calendar. This month we had the spring version of our Adopt-A-Road volunteer cleanup, plus our first flying event— a Club Flying Day that was just what we needed to shake the rust off our fingers. No contest, just bring a few planes to the field plus get some lunch courtesy of the club. I was quite happy when I pulled up to the field on Saturday 4/11 to see the parking lot full! I wish I had pictures to share, but I instead opted to be the grill master for the day, and that kept me busy for quite some time. And we learned an important lesson—make sure we have TWO grills for the contests going forward. The grill we keep in the pavilion is great, but not big enough for 15+ hungry people.

So, about this month's cover photo. An unofficial aspect of the Adopt-A-Road is finding cool stuff. Here we have Tom sporting a very nice Land Rover wheel center emblem, plus a perfect plastic banana. Yes, the pickings were pretty odd this year, and I'll share a few more things we found later in this issue ;)



With April moving into the rearview mirror, May will be here before we know it. May brings quite a few things for the club. For one, we have our first contest of the season on **Sunday May 3rd—Streamer Chase**. This is another fun contest that doesn't require a lot of precision— just try to cut the other guys' streamer while protecting your own. As usual, contests this year will start at 11am sharp, so please try to come out a little earlier. The following **Saturday, May 9th, is our "No Guts, No Glory"** event. This is a cool variation of our Club Fly Day, complete with a BBQ. The idea is to bring out a plane that you need help with. Maybe it's new and you're a little uncomfortable with it. Or it's a new style of aircraft, say a warbird, that you need help getting into the air. We'll have a number of seasoned pilots available to help you get that plane up in the air and you behind the sticks. And to close out the month we'll have our **Awards Luncheon on Saturday May 30th** starting at 3pm. We'll again be catering this event, so it's well worth attending. We'll have open flying afterwards.

This month our **club meeting will be on Tuesday April 28th starting at 7pm at the St. Mary's School**. It's Project Night so be sure to bring a sport or scale project to share. We'll also be flying in the gym afterwards. Starting in May, we'll be back at Dorbrook for our monthly meetings (weather permitting). Plus we'll be doing night flying afterwards— hot dogs will again be served!

March 24, 2026 Monthly Meeting Notes

St. Marys School 7pm

Members in Attendance:

- Rob Kallok
- Joe Lupo
- Eric Olsen
- Dave Mauger
- John Tomaino
- Adam Lilley
- Herb Volkert
- Ray Merry
- Jeanne Merry
- Jerry Franco
- George Tepper
- Carl Gubkin
- Tom Cerqua
- Stan Berger
- Gary Swist II
- John McGrath
- Mike Mokris

4 Board members and 13 regular members.

Old Business

- ◆ Lebanon Swap Meet was well attended by membership
- ◆ Members did some snow flying and regular flying as well
- ◆ January meeting was Zoom, February meeting canceled due to snowstorm
- ◆ Adopt-a-Road had some members turn out

New Business

- ◆ Club Fly Day set for 4/11
- ◆ New Pilot Prizes for contests have arrived
- ◆ Club Dues are due by 3/31
- ◆ New Windsock, Cameras, Weather station and Wi-Fi set for April
- ◆ Model of the Month had four entries:
 - ⇒ Dave Mauger **Ares Jet** from Twisted Hobbies
 - ⇒ John McGrath **Impulse** RC Mini Drone
 - ⇒ Rob Kallok Twisted Hobbies **Bucker Jungmeister**
 - ⇒ Gary Swist II Scratch Built **Micro biplane** (**Winner**)

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



Spring Adopt-A-Road

On Saturday March 21st we had the spring edition of our traditional Adopt-A-Road cleanup event. Many years ago the JCSF adopted a large chunk of Route 537 that starts at the entrance to the park and stretches to the west towards Route 34. We schedule a spring and fall cleanup, but sometimes we only get in one cleanup as the weather often interferes with our good intentions.

On this particular morning, I got an early call from Dave Mauger, who is our road cleanup lead. Dave had a bad case of the crud, and would not be able to make it this time. So that made things a little more complicated, as Dave runs this event extremely well, and we typically follow his lead. But we'd have to proceed without him this time.

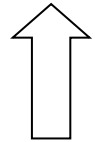
When I arrived at the field, the weather was looking pretty good, but the turnout was a little light. Thankfully shortly after 10am a few additional members came out, and they were also new to the cleanup activity, which was great. I tried my best to play Dave and explained to everyone how we run the cleanup, which basically consists of two teams—one starting at the park and moving west down Rt. 537, and the other taking a vehicle down Rt. 537W to the far end of our section of roadway and proceeding easterly back towards the park. The idea is to have the two teams meet in the middle, cross the road, and head back from where we started. Somehow this time our signals got crossed, and we never met in the middle. Stuff happens, and that was the case on this Saturday. Unfortunately we normally take the group photo after the event wraps up, and with the two teams being out of sync we never managed to get together and take the photo.

As I mentioned earlier, we make the cleanup more interesting by trying to find cool stuff along the roadway. I managed to find two wheel emblems in great shape— one for a BMW and one for a Land Rover. But my biggest find is something that I believe hasn't been found before—money! Not that I believe folks are throwing bags of money out of their cars, but you always kind of hope that you'll find something. Well, this time I saw a piece of paper sticking out of some mud on the side of the road, and I opted to pick it up. Low and behold—it was a VERY dirty \$5 bill. Score!!!

If you want to give back to the club and community, and also get some exercise, I suggest checking out the fall edition of the Adopt -A-Road. It's a nice way to start your weekend!



SCORE!!!!



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Next Meeting – Tuesday April 28th, 7:00 PM at the St. Mary’s School.

Project Night and flying afterwards in the gym.

Sunday May 3 – Streamer Chase, 11am. Mike K CD (Dorbrook)

Saturday May 9— “No Guts, No Glory”, 11am (Dorbrook)

Saturday May 30— Club Awards Luncheon, 3pm (Dorbrook)