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SUMMER WIND DOWN TIME

Before I get to this month's cover photo, I just wanted to say sorry for not getting out the July newsletter. I know you all wait anxiously for it, and as it turns out I was away on my family vacation and totally forgot about it. Ugh... That being said, there will not be an issue next month, as I will be (along with a bunch of JCSF members) up in the Catskills for the NEAT Fair. This year's show is a week later than usual—due to the very late Labor Day holiday, and I will have very little time to get anything out before our next meeting. Thus we'll have a nice full newsletter for October...

So this month's cover photo is of Blaise and Cole of the Monmouth County Parks System doing major renovations on our information display. It was in need of a new roof, and they were making repairs as we were flying one recent Wednesday afternoon. As we were winding down our flying, a few of us came over to talk to them, and to thank them for doing this for us. Their reaction was quite grateful, and they commented that it's rare for anyone to thank them for what they do at the park. This is kind of sad to hear, as I think many people who use our parks take them for granted (i.e. we pay for this), but I'm confident that our group is an exception to that rule. We have a wonderful relationship with the park and the staff, and they go out of their way to ensure that our field is in top-notch condition. I've heard from many members that they try to show their appreciation by telling the rangers how much it means to us that they give us such a great place to fly. I'm a firm believer that showing other appreciation is the way to go. We should never take anything for granted, whether it be at the field or in life in general. And when it comes to the flying field, remember that there are SO many things that need to be done at the park it's incredible. The notion that the Park folks keep our field and facilities in such great shape is a really big deal.



As I mentioned above, summer is starting to wind down. It's now getting dark before 8pm, and we're only two weeks away from Labor Day weekend. All in all, we've had a pretty good summer of '26, despite the number of event rainouts that we've had. Overall we've had more nice weather than bad, and when it's been good it's been VERY good. I couldn't believe how many low-humidity days we had in July. So please enjoy this while we have it.

Our next meeting is this Tuesday 8/25 starting at 7pm at Dorbrook. I'm optimistic that we'll finally get in an outdoor meeting this summer. We'll be serving hot dogs and doing some night flying. In September we'll be back indoors at St Mary School...

June and July JCSF Meeting Minutes

As you might recall, we were unable to have our meetings at Dorbrook these two months (as well as May) due to bad weather. In June we were lucky to get our regular room at the St. Mary School (and flying afterward), but in July the gym was tied up and, with the specter of bad T-storms, we opted for a Zoom call. I was happily surprised that we had a great turnout for the Zoom call, and even had a special guest— Stan Berger dialed in from his home in Florida.

For some reason I do not have any notes from either of these meetings— not sure what happened there. But I do have photos of our Model of the Month winner for June— Dave Mauger with his McTwist. Since this meeting I've seen Dave fly his McTwist several times and he's having a blast with it!



Adam's Nieuport 17 takes flight!!!

On Wednesday August 12th a number of JCSF members showed up at the Golden Age Museum in Bethel, PA to bear witness to the maiden flight of Adam's 1/2 scale Nieuport 17. As many of you know, this plane has a very unique powerplant—a paraglider motor spinning a 36x12 wooden prop. Running on approximately 72V, Adam had been wrestling with several electrical gremlins, but seemingly had finally exorcized all of them. Adam spent the majority of the day assembling the huge biplane, and was shooting for a late afternoon flight. As planned, when the clock hit 5pm Adam started to taxi the WWI fighter out to the runway. While most pilots would pause and get mentally ready for the task at hand, Adam simply applied throttle and rudder and started his takeoff roll. After a scale rollout the plane started to lift, and she was airborne! I doubt I was the only one who was holding their breathe for a sizable amount of the flight, but once Adam did his first wingover we knew he was happy with how the plane was flying. A loop and a few low passes later, he brought the machine in for a nice three-point landing. The airfield erupted with applause, and Adam smiled and pumped his fist. He would end up flying the plane two more times over the course of the weekend. Next up—Rhinebeck and NEAT!!!!



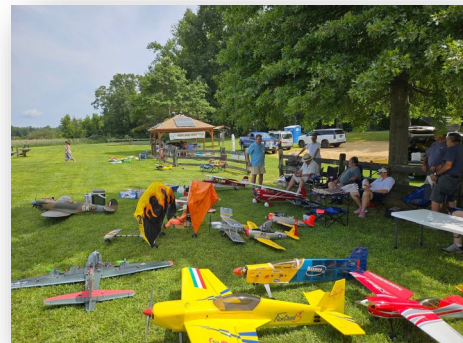
JCSF 2026 Open House

JCSF's answer to AMA's Model Aviation Day, our annual open house has only gotten bigger and better over the years. Scheduled this year for Saturday August 1st, we had a fantastic turnout from both the club and the public.

As I drove up to Dorbrook shortly before 10am, I looked at the road signs that Dave Mauger had made up years ago. Situated on Rt 537, these signs go up about ten days before the event and get a lot of eyeballs on them. We've tried news articles, radio announcements, and other ideas, but nothing has come close to getting attention like these signs. Most visitors tell us that the signs are what got them to the event. So that's what we go with— period. Dave has the signs updated each year with the new event date, and we're good to go.

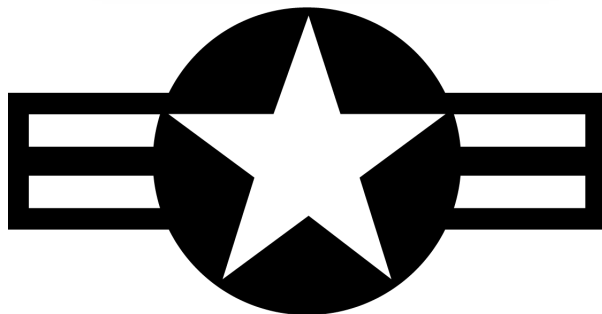
As I pulled into the parking area I was happily surprised to find that I had to park away from my usual spot as there were so many cars already there. The pits were full of pilots and airplanes, and we had both our local guys as well as the Staten Island contingent present. And then there were the spectators—a bunch of them! Honestly, I didn't get in my first flight until well into the afternoon as I was talking to so many people, but that is the whole purpose of this show. To get positive attention for our club. And our members kept the sky full of planes for the duration of the show.

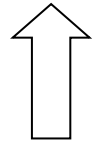
We really lucked out with the weather. It was forecast to be hot, but it turned out that the humidity was low, and so it was very comfortable. I figured we'd all be fried by 2pm, but as 4pm rolled around we were still flying. The number of families had dropped by that time, so we were just flying for the fun of it. Overall I was extremely pleased at how well the event went, and how well our members represented both the club and the hobby.



JCSF Club Picnic

As it turns out, we all have schedule conflicts, and mine was being on vacation down in Cape May over the weekend of our annual Club Picnic. Held on Saturday July 25th, I found that over twenty-two pilots were in attendance, and Joe L. was busy most of the day manning the grill. I understand that everyone had a great time! I did take a few peeks of the action via our field cameras, and both the parking lot and pits looked full. Hopefully next summer I won't have a conflict and will be able to make it in person :)





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UPCOMING EVENTS

Next Meeting – Tuesday August 25th, 7:00 PM at Dorbrook. Model of the month and night flying afterwards. Hot dogs to be served!

September 11-13: Rhinebeck Jamboree (Rhinebeck, NY)

September 12-20: The NEAT Fair (Shinhopple, NY)

September 26: Parts and Pieces Fun Fly (Tom C. CD)

October 24: JCSF Swap Meet (St. Mary School gym)