The Transmitter

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SWAP MEET SUCCESS!!!

As hopefully everyone knows, we hosted our annual **RC Swap Meet** this past Saturday 10/24 in the gym at the St. Mary School. Due to a some last-minute dropouts, we had a few less vendors than last year, but the turnout was strong regardless. Comments from vendors and buyers were generally positive, and lots of merchandise changed hands that morning. Personally I had a great day, selling 80% of what I brought with me, which I'll take every time! As with every event, there are tweaks we can make to improve things, and we'll be making some adjustments for 2027. But at the end of the day the club made some money, and since this is our only fund raiser for the year that's very important. We'll talk more about the swap meet at this month's club meeting.



As you hopefully noticed last month, we didn't have a newsletter. You can blame that on your Editor being at the NEAT Fair and getting back too late to have time to put one together. I'll be covering some September items in this edition ;)

It really feels like the year is getting into the final stretch. The summertime temps have been replaced with 50s and 60s, and next weekend the clocks change. Wow… The club calendar is also starting to wind down, with two events left on the docket. On Saturday November 7th, Mike Cripps will CD'd our traditional **Turkey Shoot** contest, which is always a lot of fun. And in December we wrap up the contest season with **Santa's Training Mission** on Sunday the 20th. I've got my fingers crossed that we'll get in these two final flying events of the year. The weather has been very rough on our club calendar this year, with many contests being rained out. I don't know if Jersey is still in a drought emergency, but with all the rain we've had this past summer I'd be very surprised if that was the case.

This month's club meeting is on Tuesday 10/27 starting at 7pm at the St. Mary School. We'll have our usual Model of the Month competition, plus we'll be flying in the gym afterwards. By the way, Exec Board elections are coming up in December, so if you have any interest in running for a position we'll discuss those options as well. I hope to see everyone there!

August 25,2026 Monthly Meeting Notes
Dorbrook Flying Field 7pm
Joe Lupo scribe

Members in Attendance:

- Rob Kallok
- Joe Lupo
- Adam Lilley
- Dave Mauger
- John Tomaino
- Jim Baye
- Herb Volkert
- Angelo Leone
- Jerry Franco
- Jason Cline
- Joe Durnya* *New Member*
- Ray Merry
- Jeanne Merry
- Mike Cripps
- Sandy Kuehl

John T Report
Savings $2290
Checking$140
CD $27,808
Petty cash $282
Paypal $142
Total $30,663

4 Board members and 11 regular members.

Old Business

- Open House 8/1 was big success. Nice turnout
- Golden Age Fly In. Adam maiden the Nieuport 11 went well
- Club Fly Day 8/23. Streamer Chase cancelled due to wet conditions

New Business

- Rhinebeck Jamboree 9/11-9/13
- NEAT Fair 9/13-9/20
- September meeting back indoors at St. Marys Gym
- St. Marys Golf outing. JCSF sponsored a hole for $200
- Parts and Pieces Contest set for 9/26. Tom C is CD
- Ad and preparation for October 24 Swap Meet
- Model of the Month had three entries
    - Jason Cline Strix Goblin
    - Mike Cripps modified UMX Extra 300
    - Rob Kallok TA Hobbies STOL-X with LED lighting

Tie between Mike Cripps and Rob Kallok

Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm with night flying afterwards







September 22,2026 Monthly Meeting Notes
St. Marys School 7pm
Joe Lupo scribe

Members in Attendance:
- Rob Kallok
- Joe Lupo
- John McGrath
- Lee Stab
- John Tomaino
- Steve Wuesthoff
- Jerry Franco

3 Board members and 4 regular members.

Old Business
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- September meeting back indoors at St. Marys School
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New Business
- Swap Meet in a month 10/24 with setup on 10/23
- 10/10 Adopt-A-Road
- 10/11 Club Fly Day

Project Night— Sport:
- Rob Kallok Pushy Kat (**Winner)**
- John McGrath Sig Tri-Star adapted with 55mm Ducted Fans

(There were no Scale entries for Project Night)

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm with indoor flying afterwards

NOTE: Sorry, we forgot to take pictures of the Project Night entries, so please enjoy this pic of our Adopt-A-Road volunteers from earlier this month...



NEAT Fair 2026

(aka NEAT Week)

It's hard to believe that NEAT wrapped up over a month ago, but it's true and what a time it was! I think it's fair to say that everyone had a great time, and to no one's surprise, we're already making plans for next year's event.

As most of you know, NEAT started back in 2000 as a three-day event, but over the years people have arrived earlier and earlier, and now the show is officially a week long. That doesn't stop some folks (present company included) from coming up the weekend prior, or even the preceding week. NEAT is as much a social gathering as a flying event, so folks want to take advantage of this once-a-year reunion to catch up and have fun.

The joke about the weather at NEAT is to not talk about it, else you might curse yourself. The early years of NEAT featured lots of wet weather, but as time has passed we've been blessed with some rather nice conditions. In '25 we had near perfect weather, and we knew we were really pushing things. So naturally this year we had a mixed bag—not as bad as early shows but definitely not perfect. Some rain, some wind, but honestly most of the week was nice. We're very lucky to have our Big Top, which keeps us out of the elements. And for a change it didn't get terribly cold at night, so we didn't have to break out the propane heaters.

Our tent, formally known as the Killer Rabbits but also informally referred to as the Jersey Boys, hosted a variety of fun events again this year. We had our traditional Vapor Games contest on Thursday night, and hosted a night flyer contest on Friday night too. During the daytime hours we had our second running of Dana's One Design Combat event, which was a blast. And we provided airspace for our friends in the Northern Alliance to hold their Carrier Landing contest behind our tent. And not to be forgotten, we hosted an Italian dinner on Tuesday night where we invited about forty of our closest friends in the valley. Woof!!!

While we had our usual suspects attending NEAT, it was great to have some new guys join the fun. Joe Lupo and John Tomaino came up for a few days of fun, arriving on Wednesday, then heading back on Friday. Joe brought us some of his famous ribs and sides for lunch, and we all ate heartily. Joe and John also got to see firsthand some of the silly stuff we do…

When it comes to silly stuff, it's hard to beat Wednesday night's Tent Crawl. For the past several years, we've picked themes for the tent events at NEAT, such as *Alien Invasion* and *Halloween*. This year's theme was *Comic Books*, and our tent picked ***Batman*** as our theme. So, for the Tent Crawl we decorated our tent with a Batman motif, and most of us dressed up for the occasion. Jeanne, Ray, and Adam made up some fantastic decorations, and we hosted the kickoff for the crawl. Joe and John must have thought we'd lost it, but it was a total blast.

One of the big things at this year's NEAT was Adam's Nieuport 17. After debuting the model at Rhinebeck, he put on quite the show with it at NEAT. It was the largest electric airplane ever flown at the show, and the response to it from the other modelers was amazing. Adam has gotten very comfortable flying the Nieuport, and he's not afraid to put it through its paces. He was also quick to credit Dana Hagar with the exquisite work he did on the LeRhone engine and the Lewis gun. As a result of the workmanship on the Nieuport, Adam won the **Best Military Scale** award at this year's NEAT, which is a huge honor.

This year's NEAT ended on a bit of a whimper, which was weird and bit sad. For the first time in NEAT history, they were calling for rain on the last Sunday of the show. As you might imagine, packing up in the rain is not fun, so most everyone in the valley started breaking down their camps on Saturday afternoon. By that evening, about half of the pilots were gone. Most of our guys also took the opportunity to get out early and beat the rain. Adam and I decided to stay until Sunday morning to leave, so we had a quiet night talking to the few folks who were left and burning the remaining firewood we had until the drizzle started. We woke on Sunday to wet weather, so we quickly got our campers ready for the trip and hit the road to Liberty, where we grabbed lunch at Pizza Hut.

There are changes afoot for NEAT '27. The CD, Tom Hunt, announced that he'll be stepping away from running the show in two years, so a number of folks will be cooperating to pick up the workload. We'll know more about this over the next few months, but Tom has been doing this for over 25 years and it's understandable that he's getting a bit burnt out.

I know I say this a lot, but if you haven't been to NEAT I suggest checking it out. It's a great flying event, and the antics that take place during the show are a lot of fun. Feel free to reach out to me if you'd like to learn more about the show and coming to see what it's all about.

Photos from NEAT Week ‘26...

























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UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Sat. November 7 – Turkey Shoot— 11am (Mike C. CD)