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the official newsletter of the

Radio Control Club of Rochester

AMA charter 465 since 1957



Anyone know about this plane?? Contact Dick Foster for details.....

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The purpose of the Radio Control Club of Rochester is to aid and encourage interest in the design, construction and safe operation of radio-controlled model aircraft, boats, and cars.

All visitors are always welcome at the Northampton Park Model Flying field and at regular meetings.

Meetings are scheduled for the second and fourth Wednesday of every month at 7:30 PM
At the Salem Church, 60 Bittner Street, just east of the Inner Loop exit at St. Paul Street.

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Hey,

The flying season turned out to be pretty nice during the summer after the wet spring start. All four of the flying fields have been in great shape thanks to our great ground crew. Hope you have been enjoying the fields because in a few more months the season will be over. As one of our old past presidents said "As summer turns to fall, it's now time to fly, fly, fly - before fall turns to winter."

The Electric Fun Fly at Bolling field was a success. We have over thirty flyers registered on Saturday and Sunday. Thanks to **Jerry Joseph** and **Peter Durante** for being the CD's for the event, **Pete Fiorentino** and **Ed Ortman** for helping with the events, **Bill Wegman** for helping with the sign-in, and a big thanks to **Dick Peterson** and **Al Sertl** for running the concession stand. Everything seemed to go smoothly. Also, thanks to **Jim Sample** for the use of his van to transport the tents to and from the event. **Jim, Phil Evans** and **I** set up the tents on Friday morning and about six of us took them down on Sunday after the event. Everything was back in place within an hour of the end of the event. This included putting the tents back up at Northampton and Hasman and putting the grills and accessories back into their winter storage positions. Thanks everyone, great job.

The next club event will be the year-end picnic at Northampton Ski Lodge on Sunday, October 13th beginning at noon. Bring a dish to pass and the club will provide the fire, hamburgers, hotdogs and soda.

The Interclub Fun Fly was held on Sunday the 25th of August not on the 20th as I reported in the last newsletter. (Goes to show how many people read this; I had no complaints). **Thanks to the members of the Genesee Valley Aeromodelers for a great day and a great lunch.** The GVAM field sets on the very top of a hill west of Honeoye Lake showing a great view of the hills to the southeast. If you missed the event you missed a good time. Next years event will be at the Phelps club or possibly hosted by the RC Gypsies.

The clubs training plane has been getting a good work out. The radio was changed so a buddy box could be used and the engine was changed to a quite OS LA 40. This equipment came from the unclaimed plane found last year. **Jerry Joseph** donated a gallon of his SW fuel and a transmitter case. **Ed Britton** donated a fuel pump and some fuel and **Bob Horn's** estate donated additional fuel, a voltmeter and a flight box. We have given flight demos to at least one person each training night since the plane was ready. It has generated some interest in the hobby and a few people have now joined the AMA and are in training.

Training night is going strong. Last week (Aug 20th) we had a head count of 70 people with 14 students, five instructors and preflight crews going continuously from 5PM to dusk. It seems this year we have more young students and their parents' involved. It is nice to see families are learning how to fly. Thanks to everyone who comes out to help. We have a very good training program because of your efforts.

This is an election year for the club. If you have an inclination to become an officer of the club now is the time to make your aspirations known. I have talked to the current officers and except for our treasurer, **Pete Durante**, who is on his sixth year, and our secretary, **Mike Mance**, who just accepted an evening position with Harris Corporation, everyone is willing to continue on for another term. I am in my third year and if someone would like to take over as president my feelings would not be hurt. It is good for the club to change officers every so often so that we don't get into a rut. So here's your chance. It is not a difficult job, because you have a great bunch of members for support and advice, but it does take some effort. The election of officers will be at the December 11th which is the last meeting of the year.

Also at the last meeting of the year we will be drawing for the Show and Tell winner. The winner will receive \$100. With each show and tell you get one chance to win. So get to the meetings with your show and tells and be at the last meeting of the year.

Dick Brook has volunteered to take over as secretary to finish Mike Mance's year. Thanks Dick.

We will be reviewing the field rules during the fall meetings. It has come to our attention that the rules need to be changed, updated, condensed and/or simplified. We will also need to update our by-laws as the AMA has requested that each club submit their by-laws with the next Charter renewal. There are certain AMA

requirements that must be met. I have asked **Pete Durante**, **Phil Evans** and **Greg Kesel** to review the by-laws and report to us on any changes that we may need to make. We will do all of this before the end of the year.

The final meeting at Hasman on August 28th was well attended. Many flew, many watched and the meeting was short. **Ron McGrath** gave us a nice demo of night flying with his lighted SIG Seniorita as the sun sank slowing in the west. This is the way all meetings should go, except for **Gene Edwards** whose fuselage and wing parted ways at about 200 feet. All parts were found and it will be ready by Tuesday. But he didn't say which Tuesday.

As I said in the opening statement the fields have been excellent again this year thanks to our expert ground crew. I am sure we will need to do a few things before winter sets in so be on the lookout for opportunities to help. I know we will want to seed Hasman field this fall to fill in some of the rough spots. I will put any announcements on the phone system. The number is FIX - RCCR (585) 349-7227. Check it and our WEB site <http://fly.to/rccr> frequently.

SAFETY FIRST AND FLY QUIETLY

Joe

RCCR Minutes Of July 10, 2002

Officers Present: Joe Somers, Ed Britton, and Mike Mance, Matt Kirsch.

New Members: None.

Guests: None.

Membership Report: We have 102 members paid to date.

Treasurer's Report: None.

Programs Report: Matt Kirsch is now Programs Director.

Old Business:

- Field Reports: Northampton Park-the bare areas have been hydro-seeded; Hasman Field has had 8 yards of dirt spread out to cover up ruts; Bolling Field & Black Creek Park are both okay.

- Joe Somers read letter from Wes D.

New Business:

- Discussed 400ft rule at Northampton

- Aug 10 & 11 is the annual RCCR Electric Fun-Fly held at Bolling Field.... Jerry Joseph is the CD and needs some volunteers for the freq. impound area, food concession workers, registration desk, etc.

- Dave Mathewson our District II VP from the AMA sent us a photo of our brick at the AMA Headquarters Walk of Fame.

- AMA District II 1st annual fly – in will be Aug.31 & Sept. 1st at the STARS Field at Phoenix, NY(north of Syracuse)

- Ray Forman donated to the club an AT-6 Texan; it has been suggested that we set up a mini swap meet at the Electric Fun-Fly in

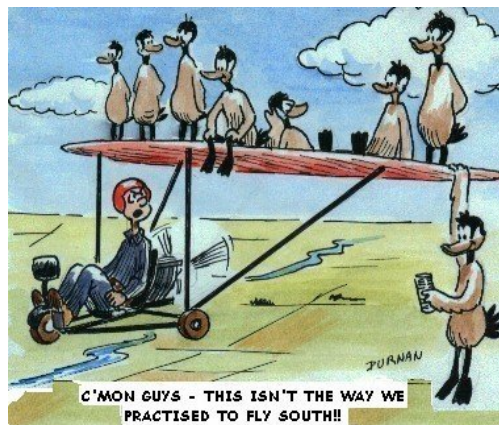
August.

- Next meeting is July 24th at Hasman field.

Show & Tell:

- John Floyd brought in a new Tiger II that he had built; it weighs 6 lbs., it uses a Saito .56 4- cycle for power, nice covering job on model.

- Tom Forsyth brought in a FMA Co-pilot to show. He hopes to demo this at our next meeting.



The Best Place to Lose a Plane

By Judy Foster

Let's face it there is no getting around gravity. Gravity is a natural law, it states that what goes up must come down. Now for the fine folks that fly RC planes the hope is that when 'it' comes down 'it' does it on 'its' wheels. But occasionally 'it' comes down in the most unlikely of places.

After spending some quality time getting poked, scratched, bit, and stabbed by a wide verity of flora and bugs looking for Dick's glider I was inspired to write this. I thought it might be helpful for the lucky few that haven't dealt with the RC's own form of gravity to know the best place to loose a plane.

Bolling Field:

A field full of choices, dump your plane on the West Side of the runway and you'll be crawling through brush, high grass, and small trees. Hoping of course that you don't run into the coyotes that live in the woods. Drop your plane on the south and East Side and you're at least in the beans. With any luck you'll come away with minimal damage. Drop into the runway or north of it and remember just one thing...dirt hurts!

North Hampton Field

The best part of watching your plane dive towards the earth at warp speed is that you are usually not watching alone. There is always someone there to share in your grief. Heck if you lose your plane in the woods several will point out exactly where it landed. Too bad they appear to be a bad impression of the scarecrow in the Wizard of Oz. There are even a few that will gladly climb through the briers to help you find what's left. And a few more that will stand over the plane with you and give you sound advise as to what went wrong. This always reminds me of rubber-neckers on a highway after a crash.

Black Creek Park

Now here's a place where even the gliders cannot so gracefully glide to the ground. Although the runway is narrow there are plenty of places to land. Most require long pants, deet, and a very large machete.

Hasman Field

With no woods and no shrubs to close you just get to watch your plane plummet to the ground, kind of in slow motion, your planes life flashing before your eyes. That fear in the pit of your stomach when you realize it ain't going to be pretty.

But it's not just the RCCR's fields that can bring a grown man to tears, no sir. You dump your plane to early over at **Macedon** and it lands in the corn. I just have one question...don't dead baseball players live in corn?

In any case remember this from me to you. Don't pay twice. For whatever reason gravity takes a hold of your plane, find it, fix it, or throw it away. But don't get upset over it. Remember it's only a plane, and there is nothing you can do about those laws of nature, Because gravity happens.



For Sale

Futaba Digital/ Proportional control system - 6 channels, 4 servos, Two functional trainer planes - Air Core 40 and a conventional plane w 60" wingspan Engine for trainer planes, P470 Thunderbolt - frame complete & almost ready for skin, Field tool box w built in pump & power supply, A couple of smaller planes also partially completed,

William Gottermeier – Home Phone 624-4251 or Day 453-4529

For Sale

From the Bob Horn Estate; SIG Four-Star 60. Plane is built & has flown. Selling minus Engine & Radio. Motor mount is set up for a .91 Surpass.

Proceeds from this sale go to the club.

Contact either Matt Kirsch @ (585) 317 - 3752 or Ed Britton @ (585) 352 - 6463

Members Corner

Ed Britton
VP Members

Well, Here we are near the end of what has been a fantastic flying season. We have definitely enjoyed some of the best weather this year, and nowhere was this more evident than on Tuesday night training.

Tuesday night training has definitely been our greatest way of introducing this hobby and our club to both individuals and entire families alike.

Our membership has grown to 109 members since the beginning of this year; here are the newest members of our club:

Javier Lasuen

Isaac Asher

The Entire Kendig Family:

David

Pamela

David III

Matthew

Look for them at our fields to help them along or just to say *hey!*



Great Electric Fun Fly



Big Electric



Landing



Tiger takinoff

JJ

Float Fly at Greg's



What is it?



It's a Lighted Plane !



Perfect Training Night 8/27/2002

