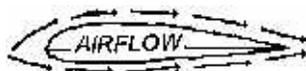


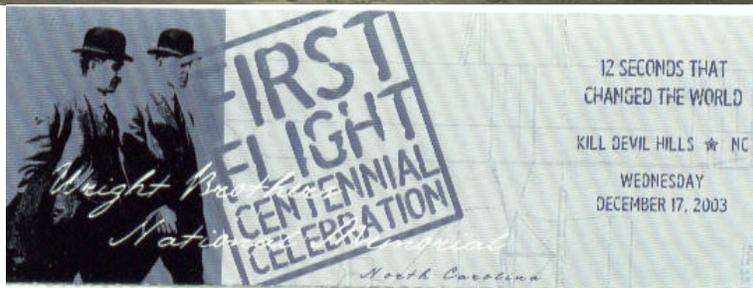
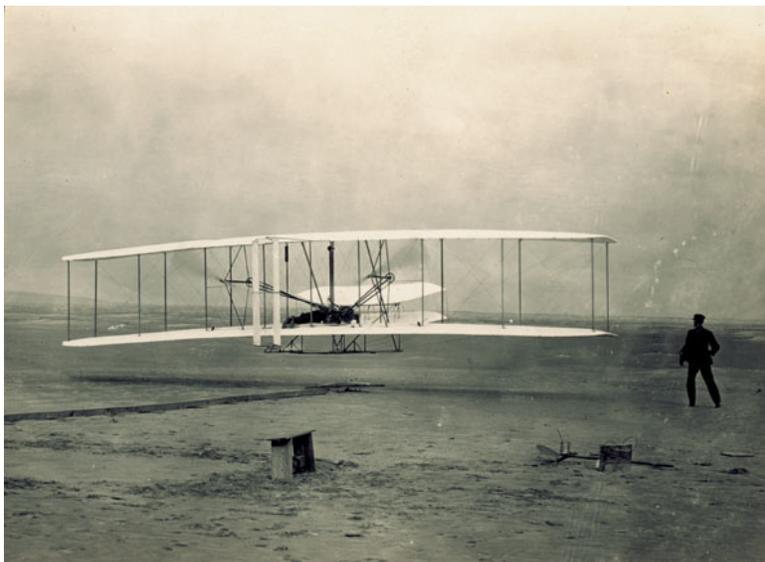
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The purpose of the Radio Control Club of Rochester is to aid and encourage interest in the design, construction and safe operation of radio-controlled model aircraft, boats, and cars.

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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You might have read about or heard of a white-haired gentleman doing cartwheels down Bittner Street in the city, shouting, "Freedom!" back on December 10 of last year. That was Joe Somers, as he was celebrating the fact that his tenure as President of RCCR had finally come to an end. It was at that meeting that I was railroaded, I mean, ELECTED to be the club's next President.

In all seriousness, Joe has done a great job, and I'd like to take this opportunity to publicly thank him for everything he's done as President. He's been the driving force behind many of the club's activities, and has taken it upon himself to do some of that "dirty work" the rest of us would rather not do. We all owe him a great deal for his hard work, diligence, and leadership, so the next time you see him, give him a hearty slap upside the head, I mean, pat on the back and say, "Thanks."

My move over to the President's seat means that the VP Programs Director position is open. As former Programs Director, I can tell you that this is probably the easiest job of all the officer's positions. The main duties include scheduling entertaining/educational programs for the meetings, running the 50/50 raffles at the end of every meeting, and publicizing the major club events, such as The Ray Edmunds Memorial Fun Fly and The Great Electric Fun Fly. With the job come free club membership, the club VCR/TV, and a library of airplane videos. If you're interested, let me know at the next meeting.

I've been interested in R/C aircraft for as long as I can remember, but never really had the resources to do it the right way until the summer of 1998. That's when Great Planes Real Flight came out. I bought a copy, and proceeded to destroy approximately \$2,000,000,000 worth of R/C aircraft before I got the hang of it. A couple of visits to the Batavia club's flying site at GCC to watch the real thing, and I could stand no more. Two weeks later, I had a brand-spanking-new Easy Sport ARF ready to fly. I got one lesson from Ken Velez in Batavia, then discovered Northampton Park and Tuesday training night. A friendly fellow by the name of Joe Somers stood by for my first two flights there. On that second flight at Northampton, flight #3 total, I took off, did a rough touch-n-go, and landed.

Since then, the whole thing has mushroomed nearly out of control... I now have 20-odd planes in various states of repair, I fly R/C combat, I train new pilots on Tuesday nights, and now I'm President of the RCCR in my third year as a member. I'll fly anything with wings, as evidenced by my eclectic collection of aircraft ranging from a 5 oz indoor flier to a 13-pound, 1/4-scale CAP232. There are R/C airplanes in nearly every room of my apartment.

Anyway, I'm looking forward to working with all of you in 2004 and beyond. The RCCR is a great club full of great people that work hard to make this hobby fun !



Hey

To the Members of RCCR,

It's been a great pleasure to serve as the President of RCCR for the last four years. I thank all of you for your help especially the Officers, the members of the Board and all who maintain our fields.

Two of the Clubs many strong points are the training and static display programs. Please continue to support them. The Celebration of Flight event held this year in conjunction with the Monroe County Greater Rochester International Airport was very popular and we should consider using it's theme in future events.

Where, how and what we fly is always a concern. We must continue to monitor ourselves and make the necessary changes to safeguard our fields and hobby, so let's support the Field Monitoring Committee and its work.

Congratulations to our new President, Matt Kirsch. I know that you will give him the same support that you have given me.

Joe Somers

YEAR END REPORT FOR 2003

We had 102 members down from 111 members last year in 2002.

We Lost; Norm Neal, he passed away on January 1st. Norm was a long time member of RCCR.

Jim Warner, he announced that he tied the knot, in Nashville, with his fiancé Carol.

We welcomed Jim DeTar, Treasurer, Matt Kirsch, Vice President and Program Manager, Ed Britton, Vice President of Membership, and Dick Brook, Secretary.

EBay Connection: Ed Britton and Matt Kirsch: To date, the EBay connection has earned about \$1500 for the club. The latest sale was a turbine-powered jet kit which netted the club \$350.

Last fall we discovered that Bolling field was infested with grubs. A work party spent about six hours raking and spreading three truckloads of soil and then seeded and rolled the runway and field.

The Chili Fuhn Fest was a success. We had over twenty members and a couple of spectators at the Hasman hanger on New Years morning. The flying started just before nine when Pete Fiorentino took off with his electric SIG Rascal. There were about 15 planes and only one was damaged due to reversed ailerons. There were nine entries in the Chili Contest and Dick Foster was the winner.

The February Roast was a success again this year with 60 people attending. Randy Meyers was the MC. Pete Durante is The Man of the Year for 2002. Matt Kirsch received the Trainer Cord Award for 2002.

The Bylaws were approved at the February 12 meeting. The Field rules were reviewed and updated. Bob White, a new member this year, has made frames for the field rules and field photographs.

Ed Britton obtained Contest Director Status.

Bud Kelly and John Floyd spent a good part of a day moving maintenance equipment into place for the season and they built four new AMA style startup tables for Northampton. It was a slightly wet spring this year. I think it rained every Saturday from the beginning of May through most of June. We had to cancel the first combat meet on May 24 because of the rain. The June Fun Fly location was change from Northampton to Bolling because Northampton was a swamp for most of the spring.

The Brighton High School Student Fair was a success. This year we decided to have the students build and fly the AMA Cub. Jerry Joseph received a letter from the Brighton Festival of Ideas committee thanking the club for participating in their event. A \$100 check to the club was included with the letter. The Club also participated in the Celebration of Flight event at the Rochester Museum and Science Center, the St John Fischer College Science Fair, EAA static display at the Piedmont hanger at the Rochester Airport, and the Celebration of Flight event at Northampton Park.

The June Fun Fly at Bolling was successful again this year. Even though the weather kept spectators away on Saturday the weather on Sunday was great and we had a good turn out. Thanks to everyone who worked the event. The Electric Fun Fly was also successful. Thanks to Jerry Joseph and Pete Durante for CD-ing the event, to Dick and Judy Foster and Dick and Gail Peterson for running the concession stand.

The new fence installed last fall at Northampton is working well.

Tom Forsyth donated to the club, among other things, a Bushnell Range Finder, a Sig Cavalier which was auctioned off to Bob White, and a Telemaster which was purchased by Bob Knyrim. Due to a proposal presented by **Al Serti** and the generosity of **Ed Granger** the club is now owns an altimeter which can be mounted in a plane and transmit the planes elevation to a receiver on the ground.

The club purchased a **Global Position System** receiver to help find planes lost in the high grass and bushes around our fields. Bob White donated a compass to be used with the GPS system.

Bob White constructed a banner for towing behind Bob McClure's Sig Kadet Senior. It is made from nylon sail cloth, with large RCCR logo and "RCCR" lettering.

The Club posted a sign at Ledgeale Airport which identifies the location of Northampton flying field to encourage full scale pilots who use the airport, to avoid flying over our flying field, especially when they takeoff to the East. The sign is adjacent to the fuel pumps at the airport. Bob White led the effort to have the sign made and installed.

Dick Foster has received permission from Norm Hasman to use one a tractor to plow the driveway this winter making the hangar area available for flying.

A condensed version of "The Story of a Marine Aircrew Man in WWII" was in four issues of the 2003 newsletter thanks to Editor Judy Foster and the Marine/writer Gerry Merz.

Training for the Edison Tech RC class began on Wednesday April 30th. Trevor Ewell, Charlie Leichliter and Bob Guay transported the students from the school to the field and back again

Training on Tuesday night did very well again this year. According to Dick Foster's records, we have had up to fourteen trainees a night this year when the weather was good and a eleven trainees have joined the club. The Celebration of Flight event in August helped. The Club Trainer was a popular ice breaker.

The year end picnic, at the Ski Lodge on October 12th, attracted 40 members and guests.

The Interclub Picnic Fun Fly was held at the Skyrovers Ford Field on McBurney Rd, Phelps, NY on August 31st. The Skyrovers did a great job with the field, the food, and the weather. RCCR had about 10 members at the event.

A Committee has been formed to review field procedures.

The election for President will be held at the General Meeting on December 10th.

Joe Somers -- RCCR President

Chilly Chilli Fuhn Fly

I want to thank everyone who came out January 1, 2004 for the Chilly Chilli Fuhn Fly. It was a great success.

I believe we had between 27 and 30 members out to fly or watch and have some great chilly afterwards.

We had a little contest starting at 9am. for the first plane in the air from a hand launch. After reviewing all the tapes and pictures in my head I have to declare a tie between Bill Wegman, Matt Kirsch, and Ed Britton.

For the ground launch Jack Butler was declared the winner after Joe Somers plane stalled on takeoff. Joe ended up third while Phil Evans got off 2nd.

As for the best chili, they were all good but "Booster Beano" by Phil Evans was voted best and "R.I.P." by Dick Peterson was second with "BAM BAM" by Joe Somers, "Ranch Style" by Hal Ulirckson, "Hail to the Chief" by Matt Kirsch, and "Kitchen Kombat" by Jim Warner all tied for third place. Thanks to all our chili cooks for the chili.

Next year maybe we should have a Lemans start where you have to run 25 to 50 feet start you engine and take off, and a separate contest for gliders and electrics. Let me know your thoughts.

Thanks again, Dick Foster

P.S. – I have awards to be given out at this years Roast February 7th. So come out and join your friends where it should be a little warmer and have a great meal.



The Wright way to celebrate

One hundred years ago two brothers with an amazing collective brain did something that all others only dare to dream. They did it on the sands of Kitty Hawk at 10:35 a.m. December 17, 1903... Orville and Wilbur 'discovered' that man could fly. One hundred years later the benefactors of that day paid homage to these brothers. The celebration of the life and accomplishments of these two bicycle builders was truly one that I will not soon forget.

If you haven't been to Kitty Hawk, and you're at all interested in flight you need to go. It's amazing to stand at the stones that mark the 4 flights of that day so many years ago, and reflect on just what has happened since. But to do it with 40,000 others while the President of the United States flies in on Marine One, well that's special!

This celebration was the end of 5-years of planning by most likely hundreds of people. It was the National Parks Department's finest hour. They had dotted all their I's and crossed all their T's, nothing was left to guess work, nothing that is but the weather that morning. And although the flight didn't happen 100-years later it didn't matter. Just the thrill of seeing Senator John Glenn, hearing Lee Greenwood sing God Bless the U.S.A., and having fighter jets blow the color out of your hair as they went screaming over head was good enough for me.

Orville and Wilbur would have been proud and probably a little embarrassed over the fuss that was made in their honor, but it was well deserved.

So even though all the fan fair is over go to Kitty Hawk, see the replica plane that will reside there thanks to a generous fan of the Wright Brothers. Stand on the rails that took them into history. Marvel at what was accomplished that day... that cold windy day.

As for the plane that didn't get off the ground December 17, 2003? You can travel to Dearborn, Michigan to see it. It will be on display with the rest of what those brothers left behind, their home and bike shop, and the imagination of thousands. – j f



Pictures from Chilly Chili Fuhn Fly



Rick's Prime Rib house...
is the location for this years banquet and roast.

Come join us of Saturday February 7th
Cocktails from 5:30 dinner at 6:30
Menu is: Steamship Round Buffet
Only \$20.00 per person.

Please send your check and the reservation slip below to:
Jim DeTar 26 Talmora Trail – Brockport, NY 14420