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SAFETY BY CHOICE NOT BY CHANCE

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.

FOR THE LATEST INFO:
RCCR WEB PAGE: <http://fly.to/rccr>
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I don't know about you, but for the last couple of weeks I've noticed a change in the weather. That distinct smell of spring is in the air, even when the temperature dips below freezing, and the temperature itself is below freezing less and less as the days go on. All this means only one thing: Flying season is quickly approaching. Time to break out the trusty old Monokote iron and put the finishing touches on the winter projects. Time to "nut-n-bolt" all the old birds to make sure they're ready and safe to fly.

That's not to say we've been sitting around doing nothing. Roughly sixty of us gathered at Rick's Prime Rib house for our annual February roast. As he has for the past few years, Randy Myers did an excellent job hosting the event, and his evil twin Carjack the Ridiculous (or is Randy the evil twin?) was our special guest speaker. Congratulations to our Man Of The Year, Dick Foster, and many thanks to him for his tireless efforts. Former RCCR president Joe Somers became the first two-time recipient of the Trainer Cord Award for his extraordinary efforts in organizing last August's Celebration of Flight event and repeatedly rebuilding the club trainer. As always, thanks to Don and Caroline Steeb, Don for organizing the event, and Caroline for purchasing and wrapping all the gifts for the ladies.

Speaking of training, and educational programs for that matter, we've got a few coming up. Don Steeb and I are planning on doing an educational program at the Neil Armstrong School on March 11, and as our club has in years past, we're doing a hands-on program at the Brighton High School Festival of Ideas on March 13. Jerry Joseph, who normally organizes this event, will be out of town for the Festival of Ideas, so we can use all the help we can get. We'll be assembling AMA Cubs, donated by our AMA District II VP Dave Mathewson, with the kids again this year, so bring your odorless CA and UHU glue sticks.

By the time the next newsletter comes out, and weather permitting, we should be well into our Tuesday night training sessions for 2004. The first session is tentatively scheduled for May 4, 2004. It's quite a bit of work, but a fun time and a great excuse to get out and enjoy the weather. We can always use help with instruction, safety inspection, and yes, even in the infamous Peanut Gallery.

As the weather improves you'll probably be tempted to head out to one of the fields to get in some early-season flying. The gate combinations have been changed, so only paid-up members of the RCCR can get access to Bolling and Hasman fields. Make sure you get your dues in to Ed Britton ASAP, and you'll get the new combination. When you get to the fields, remember that the frost is coming out, and the ground is going to be SOFT. Hasman field has been damaged two years in a row. Let's not make it three. Use common sense when driving out to the fields. If you think it might be too wet to drive out, it probably is. Even if you don't think it's too wet, it probably is. Park your vehicle on hard ground and carry your plane in.

Once again, the AMA has awarded our club Gold Leader Club status. This distinction recognizes our continued efforts in operating a safe club, maintaining positive public relations, and encouraging participation in the hobby through educational programs and public events. Great job guys, and let's do it again in '04!

I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome our new interim VP and Programs Director, Mike Rotherforth. We'd be all set if we could get him to give up scuba diving... Anyway, Mike's only able to make every other meeting due to prior commitments, so we're still looking for a permanent VP that can be at most meetings. For now, I'd like to institute a "Program Director of the Day" system. If you provide a program for a meeting when Mike isn't present, you get the honorary title of Program Director for that meeting along with the customary extra chance at the prize in December. Don't worry; you don't have to do anything except put on your program.

Well, that's it for this edition. I'm still looking for a creative title for this "column," so if you have any suggestions, let me know. "Hey Joe" doesn't work for me for some reason.

Until next time, fly safe and be a good neighbor.

Matt "*The Prez*" Kirsch

STORY IN TAMPA BAY NEWSPAPER

Will we still be the Country of choice and still be America if we continue to make the changes forced on us by the people from other countries that came to live in America because it is the Country of Choice????? Think about it.

from the U.K.

THE CODE OF PRACTICE - NOISE SOLUTIONS

http://www.bpam.freemove.co.uk/noise_code.html

note: google cache is

http://216.239.39.104/search?q=cache:iT3QmmNYjPkJ:www.bpam.freemove.co.uk/noise_code.html+&hl=en&ie=UTF-8

The Noise Pollution Clearinghouse is a national non-profit organization with extensive online noise related resources.

<http://www.nonnoise.org/>

"Good neighbors keep their noise to themselves."

Per Ray Stacy, RAMS, anyone who owns or is interested in the MRC Super Brain 969 battery charger, should read the web pages of discussion at

<http://www.rcgroups.com/forums/showthread.php?s=&threadid=156352&highlight=mrc>

Upcoming Events

March 13: Brighton High School Festival of Ideas will be held this year on Saturday, March 13, 2004, from 1:00 until 4:20 PM.

March 13: 24th Annual RC Flea Market – Lebanon, Pa. Site Lebanon Expo sponsored by Central Penn Aeromodelers – Info: www.cpaa.us or Call 717-960-8170

March 14: Aero Flakes – 12:00 – 4:00pm sponsored by [Dynamic Web Enterprises](http://www.dynamicwebenterprises.com)

March 20: Canandaigua Chiefs Auction

March 20: RAMS Indoor Fly-In 9:00AM-Noon http://www.gregcovey.com/CHIEFS/Events/Events_Auc.html

March 27-28: East Coast Hobby Show – Fort Washington Expo – Just off Exit 339 Pa. Turnpike

Contact: Call 800-252-4747 or www.hobbyshow.com

April 2,3,4: The Weak Signals R/C Club Presents 50th Anniversary R/C Model Show "The Toledo Show" At the SeaGate Centre, 401 Jefferson Avenue Toledo, Ohio 43604

May thru September: RCCR Tuesday Training at Northampton Park – 4pm to sunset (reserved for training)

May 22-23: CHIEFS Canandaigua Honeoye Float Fly: Sandy Bottom

May 29-30-31: Canandaigua CHIEFS Camp & Fly, Canandaigua

Volunteering

As with any organization it takes volunteers to keep the organization running. RCCR is fortunate to have many good volunteers who dedicate their time and effort toward the operation of the club. Many members may not be aware of what it takes to keep a flying club working so that members can enjoy the sport of flying. I thought in this article I would try and point out some of what it takes to keep RCCR running smoothly. Please forgive me if I have not covered an event or work that you may be involved with. If I have missed anything, send in an article and I will include it in the next newsletter? Keep in mind these figures are approximate estimates based on feedback I received from many of those involved.

I'm going to lump some functions together to save space.

Officers - (5) -----	250 hours
Field Maintenance (3) - Mowing, fertilizing and rolling of 3 fields -----	350 hours
Extra field work (3) -- field repairs, building benches, brush hogging, servicing mowers, etc. ----	180 hours
Training Tuesday Night -----	450 hours
June Fun Fly Setup -----	80 hours
June Fun Fly Operation (2 days) -----	180 hours
Combat Events (per event) -----	50 hours
Electric Fun Fly – setup and operation (2 days) -----	160 hours
Newsletter – gathering information, formulating, printing and mailing (6) -----	50 hours
Web Site - Bob says he has so much fun he loses track of time – fantastic web site -----	???
Summons & answering complaints of noise at fields --- (This is just an estimate for last year) ----	80 hours
Roast ---- No estimate available just a great time - Thanks	
Other events – Display Shows, Science Fairs, etc. ---- No Estimate -----	???

The end result is it takes over 2000 hours donated by members to keep us flying and do something in the community to help others enjoy flying. Also judging by some of the figures, we donate over a third of our time to helping others learn about flying. That's great.

For those that donate so much of their time, THANKS! For others who would like to donate some time we could sure use more help. Don't be afraid to step up and ask what you can do for the club and others. It's also a great way to get to know others who enjoy the same things you do and have fun doing it. ***I do.***

Rewards

Here's a little story of a reward I received last summer while helping out on training night.

We had the Club model out for training and several adults and youngsters were lined up waiting their turn to try flying. A mom had brought her two sons out so her older son could try flying. Her older son was 12-14 years old.

She also had a younger son with her, while the older brother was getting ready to fly, the younger son about 3 feet tall came over to me and asked how big you had to be to try flying. I backed away and held my hand to about the height he was and said "this tall" he walked up under my hand and touched it with his head.

The smile on his face as he looked back to his mother will be my reward for volunteering for a long time to come.

Note: Front cover picture is an extra large model of a B-17 owned by Tom Forsyth. Work is in progress to have it ready to fly this spring. I'm looking forward to seeing it fly.

Ed Barrows 1945 - 2004



RCCR banner flying high!



This spring... leave nothing behind
but your memories.