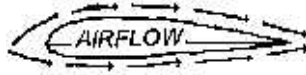


## January-February 2005



the official newsletter of the

# Radio Control Club of Rochester

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**Ed prepares Bob for the changeover**



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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.

**FOR THE LATEST INFO:**  
 RCCR WEB PAGE: <http://fly.to/rccr>  
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## The President's Column (temporary title)



Looking at the calendar, I can only ask myself, "Where did 2004 go?" To quote an overused cliché, it seems like only yesterday that I was sitting here writing my first newsletter article as president of the RCCR. Now here I am working on edition #7. I've learned a significant amount in my first year in office. First and foremost, that John Floyd and Bill Wegman are excellent indicators when a topic of discussion has gone on too long. If one is nodding off, it's time to wrap up. When both have nodded off, the horse is dead, and kicking it further will achieve nothing. Along with John and Bill, I would like to thank the entire RCCR for making my first year in office as painless and smooth as it was. Keep it up, and I may consider running for re-election.

Speaking of elections, I am pleased to announce some changes to the 2005 RCCR Officer line-up. Stepping down from the interim Programs Director position is Mike Rotherforth. Even though he had a conflicting schedule, and could only make half the meetings, Mike graciously took my place as VP when I was "promoted" (read: shanghaied) to the presidency. I would like to thank him for filling in for me, and completing my term. Also stepping down, but from the Membership Director position, is Ed Britton, but the step-down was only momentary, because Ed was almost immediately elected to the position of Programs Director. This left a position that could only be backfilled by one individual, Bob White, who was promptly elected as Membership Director. Both Treasurer Jim DeTar and Secretary Dick Brook agreed to sign on for an additional term at their respective positions. I am looking forward to working with this crew in 2005.

Winter has so far only given us a taste of things to come, so the hankering to go flying is still strong. Hopefully the annual Chilly Chili Fuhn Fly will cure that. If the frozen fingers don't do it, the upset stomach from all that chili should. Then again, several members went directly from the Olympia to Hasman to go flying last winter on many occasions, so upset stomachs may turn out to be an ineffective deterrent. As for the chili cook-off on January 1<sup>st</sup>, if you didn't vote for mine... Well, there will be consequences... Just give it 20 minutes or so. You'll see. ☺

The annual February Roast... okay, "Winter Banquet," is coming up faster than you might think. It's being held once again at Rick's Prime Rib House on Buffalo Road in Gates, on February 5, 2005. Randy Myers will be master of ceremonies once again, and I have it on good authority that Carjack the Ridiculous will be making a special guest appearance. Details are still being finalized, but at some point you will have to make reservations with Don Steeb, and pay up. I believe the cost was around \$20 per person last year, but I expect it to be a little higher this year. Randy will be having a pre-banquet meeting for anyone that wants to do a roast. Details on this meeting are listed in the December 8<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes, included with this newsletter. By all estimations, last year's roast was a trifle "lame," probably due to the 2003 roast running so long. Let's try to find a middle ground this year, and have some fun doing it. Remember, it's even funnier if the target of your roast is at the dinner, so encourage them to be there.

As the winter rolls on, we're going to have a few events to plan for. The Brighton High School Festival of Ideas, the St. John Fisher Science Fair, and our Hamlin indoor event are all scheduled during the late winter/early spring months. We will be finalizing plans for all three of these events in the next few meetings. Make it a point to pry your CA-coated fingers off the bench this winter and attend one of these events. I can speak from personal experience that these events are tons of fun. Working with kids that are truly interested in and excited about airplanes is one of life's greatest thrills.

As I close this edition of... Well, I still haven't decided what to call this column yet... Anyway, as I close this edition, I'd like to put in a plug for the Model Aircraft Forum, happening on January 29, 2005 at the Syracuse Ramada Inn. Ed Britton and I are one of the features of this "micro-Toledo," putting on live demonstrations of SPAD construction, and answering questions about R/C combat. They have great prizes, great food, and there's tons of neat stuff to look at.

Until next edition, try and come up with a name for this column, and let me know! Creativity is not one of my strong suits...

**Matt**

## WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 8

RCCR Meeting 7:30 p.m. at Salem Church,  
Bittner Street, just east of the Inner Loop exit at St. Paul Street.



From the RCCR website....

### Annual Members Meeting - Club Officers Election - Show & Tell Award Drawing

#### ROTHERFORTH DECLINED BRITTON REALIGNED WHITE ASSIGNED

**Mike Rotherforth**, in a predicted move, declined to continue service as the VICE PRESIDENT AND PROGRAM DIRECTOR. Having filled in for the past VP who could not continue his term of office, Mike performed admirably, arranging some great programming for the RCCR.

**Ed Britton** resigns his office as Vice President in Charge of Membership and wins race to capture the position vacated by Mr. Rotherforth. **VICE PRESIDENT AND PROGRAM DIRECTOR** for 2005 and 2006. The Vice President shall in the event of the absence or inability of the President to exercise his office become acting president of the organization with all the rights, privileges and powers as if he had been the duly elected president. The Vice President as Program Director shall plan, arrange and cause to be presented, after the business meeting has adjourned, programs containing information that is educational or of general interest to the membership.

**Bob White was elected to serve as VICE PRESIDENT IN CHARGE OF MEMBERSHIP** for 2005 and 2006. The Vice President in Charge of Membership shall assist the treasurer in collecting yearly dues from the members and issues RCCR membership cards.

The Vice President in Charge of Membership shall distribute club rules, regulations and an information packet to new or prospective members. New members get one small RCCR patch for free.

The Vice President in Charge of Membership shall compile and update the club membership and mailing list. The Vice President in Charge of Membership shall update the membership list that is sent into the Academy of Model Aeronautics for the RCCR Club Charter. This list must be updated according to the Academy of Model Aeronautics requirements.

**Matt Kirsch** continues to serve as **RCCR PRESIDENT** 2004 and 2005, giving him a full year to get his campaign in order for 2006 re-election. The remaining officers elected to continue their positions for the years 2005 and 2006. To date the changes in the Presidents Staff has been the selection of a new **Newsletter Editor** - **Shirley Hunter** taking over the task from **Dick & Judy Foster**.

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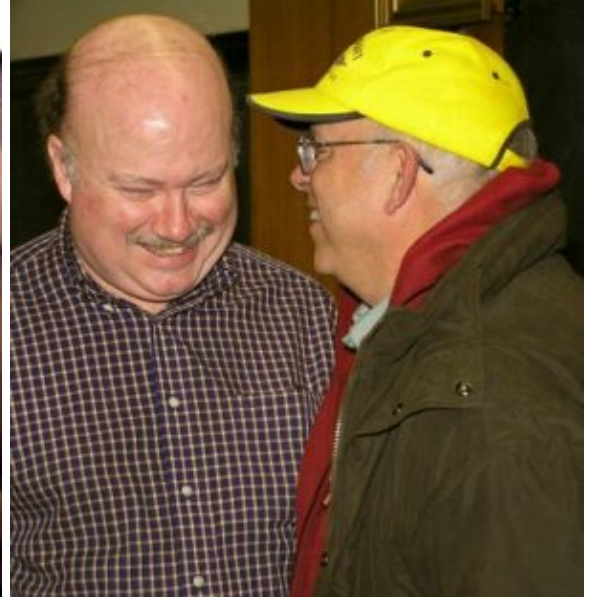
Are you awake Ed?



Do closed arms mean closed minds?



More goodies!!



That HAD to be a REALLY good dirty joke!

## Jan to March 2005 Events

Jan 1 RCCR Chilly Chili Fuhn Fly [Hasman Field](#) 9 AM. Fly your plane for Fuhn. Enter your chili in the contest.

Jan 9 [Aero Flakes](#) 1:00-4:00pm

There will be a \$10 fee for flying which will cover the gym rental and also put you into the monthly raffle.

This month we will be raffling off the following products:

Two FMA LV Flight Packs for 2-3 cell operation (FFP3-72LVF) includes M5, Super 9 ESC, PS-20 servos, and 2-cell Kokam 340mAh pack, Two (KOK340HC-2S-3MM) Kokam 2-cell, 340mAh packs

Jan 12 RCCR Meeting 7:30 p.m. at [Salem Church](#), Bittner Street, just east of the Inner Loop exit at St. Paul Street.

Jan 15 RAMS Indoor Fly-In 2005 <http://www.rcplane.com/Indoor/Info2004.html> Saturday, January 15, 2004, 8:30AM-1:00PM

Jan 26 RCCR Meeting 7:30 p.m. at [Salem Church](#), Bittner Street, just east of the Inner Loop exit at St. Paul Street.

Jan 29 Syracuse, NY (E) STARS-ARCS Model Aircraft Forum. Site: Ramada Inn on Buckley Rd. For info: Fran Worth PH:315-695-9924 or [fmworth@aol.com](mailto:fmworth@aol.com) . 10am to 4pm. All types of model aircraft for display for judging. Raffles and prizes. Forums and how to displays. Admission \$3. Sponsor: SYRACUSE THUNDERBIRDS AERO RADIO SOCIETY  
[http://www.amadistrictiistars.org/events/flyers/STARSMAlflyer2005\\_2.pdf](http://www.amadistrictiistars.org/events/flyers/STARSMAlflyer2005_2.pdf)

Feb 5 Mid-Winter Party & Roast at Rick's Prime Rib House. Cocktails 6:00 p.m. Dinner 7:00 p.m.

Feb 9 RCCR Meeting 7:30 p.m. at [Salem Church](#), Bittner Street, just east of the Inner Loop exit at St. Paul Street.

Feb 19 RAMS Indoor Fly-In 2005 <http://www.rcplane.com/Indoor/Info2004.html> Saturday, February 19, 2004, 8:30AM-1:00PM

Feb 20 Niagara County Balsa Dusters 40th Annual Auction, South Lockport Fire Hall. It is not too early to start cleaning out your workshop and thinking about that auction. This year we will be raffling off a stunning P40 Warhawk by World Models, Thunder Tiger Pro 46 engine and a six channel Futaba 6YG with a 5 servos, for dual ailerons, all expertly assembled by Dick Battaglia. If you are near Mantelli Trailer Sales on South Transit, stop by and see the P40 Warhawk, which is prominently displayed in the store.

Feb 23 RCCR Meeting 7:30 p.m. at [Salem Church](#), Bittner Street, just east of the Inner Loop exit at St. Paul Street.

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March 9 RCCR Meeting 7:30 p.m. at [Salem Church](#), Bittner Street, just east of the Inner Loop exit at St. Paul Street.

March 12 Festival of Ideas, at Brighton HS, on March 12

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### **"She'll go faster"**

Howard Robard Hughes, Jr. (12/24/1905 to 4/5/1976)  
 Aviator, movie producer, billionaire, hypochondriac.



### **Howard Hughes in front of his Boeing Army Pursuit Plane**

"The Aviator" which is currently showing in theaters throughout town, is Martin Scorsese's story of Howard Hughes' life, centering mostly on his involvement in aviation, the impact he had on the development of that industry, and the Hollywood scene. The flying sequences are amazing, and the depiction of Hughes' gradual descent into madness is very gripping. The movie has not received universally outstanding reviews, but I thought it spellbinding, and did not notice that it ran for two hours and thirty-five minutes. (**Shirley's** review)



**The "Spruce Goose", Hughes' H-4 Hercules**

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## Everyone has a Story

I was hoping to tell the story in this edition of an army buddy friend who flew a B17 in W.W.II. He told me that he had three hours of training before he was on his own. It will have to wait however, as I have not been able to interview him since the initial short conversation in which he revealed this staggering fact. But it does introduce the concept that we all have stories to tell. This is something I have noticed since I became a member of the RCCR and started to talk to other members. Over the next months (and years maybe!), I hope to find out what your story is, and give you space in the newsletter. You have been gracious enough to let me steal your souls photographically speaking, and I hope you will share your story with us too! **Shirley**

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## January 1<sup>st</sup> 2005 Chilly Chili Fuhn Fly



Back row: Don Phillips, Joe Somers, Shirley Hunter, John Floyd, George Hartman, Bob Gear, Greg Kesel, Mike Mance, Phil Evans, Kevin Ward, Pete Fiorentino, Matt Kirsch, Bob White, Trevor Ewell, V-sign, Andre Blanchard, Scott Miller, Jim Sample, Bill Stauber, Len Britton, Ed Wingate, Charlie Sample, Dick Peterson, Dick Foster

Front row: Julius Helbling, Dick Brook, Ed Britton, Gerry Merz, Devin McGrath, Pete Chapman

There are 30 people on the group photo, but at one time 37 attendees were counted, including members of **RC Aircrafter** from Hamburg (Buffalo). Ron McGrath, Don Steeb, Jerry Joseph, Jim Warner, Ken Braun, Bill Wegman, Pete Durante, Mike Brose, and of course ET were present but not in the picture. It is generally believed however, that Ken Braun was the maker of the V-sign behind Trevor Ewell.



For more pictures go to Shirley's ClubPhoto site <http://members13.clubphoto.com/shirley631377/guest-1.phtml> or click on the baboon on the RCCR website.

The weather was remarkably cooperative, so that everyone had a great time without getting too chilly! The first to fly Electric were, 1. Bill Wegman 2. Jim DeTar and 3. Pete Fiorentino. The first to fly Combat were, (surprise surprise), 1. Jim Warner and 2. Joe Somers. The first to fly Gas Ground TA were, 1. John Floyd 2. Phil Evans and 3. Andre Blanchard. Matt Kirsch gave everyone a thrill with a spectacular aviation disaster making his "Great Planing Bigsticks" into a "pile of big sticks" (per Matt). It was only a "junker beater plane anyway" he commented. He graciously posed with the remains for a picture, which was graciously not displayed in the newsletter. There were eight entries into the chili competition. Not all the chefs owned up to their demonstration of culinary expertise, but all entries were very much enjoyed, and warmed the cockles of everyone's hearts. The winners of the chili competition were, 1. Matt Kirsch for his bold and enduring rendition 2. Pete Chapman 3. Mike Brose. Shirley Hunter won the "Dynamite" prize for her low-carb version. That was probably the booby prize! Thanks to Dick Foster, Joe Somers, Dick Peterson and all who made this event such a wonderful success!

**Shirley**

**DON'T FORGET ABOUT THE ANNUAL MID-WINTER PARTY & ROAST**  
**Rick's Prime Rib House...**

898 Buffalo Rd.  
Rochester, NY 14624  
Phone: (585)235-2900  
[get map](#)

**is the location again for this years banquet and roast.**

**Saturday February 5, 2005.**

Cocktails from 6:00 p.m., and dinner at 7:00 p.m.

Menu is Steamship Round Buffet.

Only \$21.00 per person.

Send your check (payable to RCCR) to:

Jim DeTar, 26 Talmora Trail, Brockport, NY 14420 ***to arrive at least a week before the event.***

The organizers need numbers by then! Include your name and the number attending.

Bring cameras and camcorders to record the festivities!