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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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### **THE ENTERPRISE**

at

**Udvar-Hazy Center of the National Air & Space Museum located near Dulles Airport**

Last time around, I put out a request for ideas for a name for my newsletter column. Pete Durante responded with several ideas in classic Pete Durante fashion, some serious and some not, but you can't argue with a guy that provides the logo too! The graphic you see to the left comes courtesy Mr. Bob McClure, and when I first saw it, I laughed so hard that I was glad I wasn't drinking anything at the time. Many innocent keyboards have lost their lives when their operators were subject to spontaneous moments of absolute hilarity. I still can't look at the picture without laughing. We have a winner! Thanks Bob!



**President RCCR**

March and April will be busy months. We start out on the 12<sup>th</sup> of March at the Brighton High School Festival of Ideas. After two years straight of building AMA Cubs, we've decided to take things in a different direction. Event coordinators Dick Foster and Joe Somers are putting together a paper airplane building program where the students will get a rare opportunity to fly paper airplanes in a school gym. Awards will be given out for best distance. Among the featured demonstrations will be our own Devin "Hot Thumbs" McGrath performing his own brand of 3D with his famous ultra-light ShockFlyers.

The 19<sup>th</sup> of March brings both the annual CHIEFS auction and, more importantly, the big indoor flying session at the RIT Fieldhouse. Toledo is next, on April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup>. During April, the club will be putting on an indoor demonstration for residents of the Town of Hamlin. Next thing you know it'll be the first of May, and we'll be back out at Northampton on Tuesday nights...

We've received a couple of invitations since my last column. First is from the Town of Hamlin to their annual Wheel Festival on June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2005. We have been invited to put on a static display, and possibly do some flying demonstrations in the town soccer fields. Second is from the Rochester Red Wings. Details of this invitation are still being hashed out at this time, and I hope to have more information for the two March meetings. There is the possibility of our being able to do a flying demonstration during a Red Wings game this summer.

As I was pulling out of the parking lot from work the other day it hit me. No, not another car... the sun. For the first time in many months, the sun was peeking out over the horizon, which could only mean one thing: Flying season is not far away. Heck, if we went to daylight savings time right now, we could start training at Northampton again.

Frankly, I'm hoping we get some decent flying weather soon. So far this year my average has not been that great. As many of you will remember, on New Year's Day on its maiden flight, a good portion of the wing parted company with my Great Planes Stik. What you may not know is that I slipped out to Hasman during that streak of nice weather to test a set of Great Planes floats I built last summer. Everything was going great until I decided to try a roll. As the plane came back upright, the right float decided that it was afraid of heights, and bailed out. Yep, I'm 0 for 2 on the glow side.





Between Jerry and me, hopefully we've made enough live sacrifices to the airplane gods to satisfy their thirst for carnage this year, so the rest of you will have better luck.

*Matt*

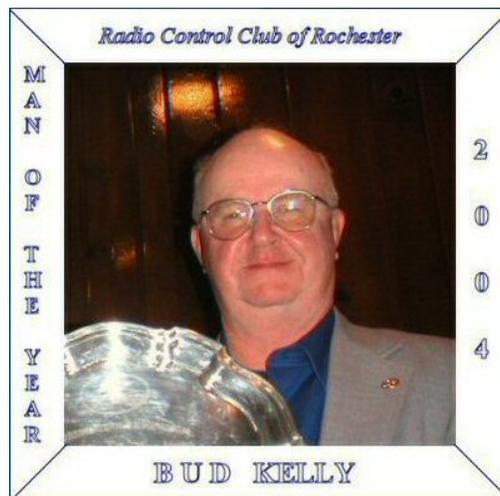
**March to May 2005 Events**

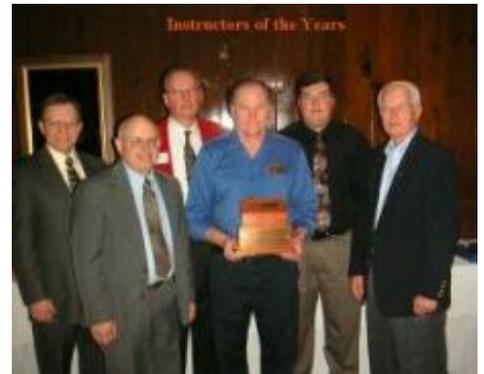
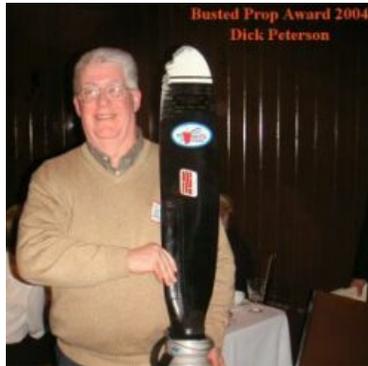
**March 9** - RCCR Meeting 7:30 p.m. at **Salem Church**, Bittner Street, just east of the Inner Loop exit at St. Paul Street.  
**March 12** - Festival of Ideas, at Brighton HS **March 12** - RAMS Indoor Fly-In 2005 <http://www.rcplane.com/special.htm>  
<http://www.rcplane.com/Indoor/Info2004.html>  
**Saturday, March 12**, 2004, 8:30AM-1:00PM 12 Central Penn Aeromodelers Association - R/C Flea Market Lebanon PA 9:00 am - 3:00 pm  
<http://www.cpaas.us/> **March 19** CHIEFS Auction doors open 10 AM - auction starts at noon. **March 19** RIT Indoor Flying Festival 1:00-5:00pm in the Gordon Field House [http://www.gregcovey.com/rit\\_indoor.htm](http://www.gregcovey.com/rit_indoor.htm) **March 20** CHIEFS R/C Rubber Rally  
**March 20** - RC Aircrafters 41st Annual RC Auction Doors open 12 noon, auction 1 pm Shriners Center, 1600 Southwestern Blvd, West Seneca NY David Decker 716 741-4798, Rich Bishop 716 681-9146 **March 23** - RCCR Meeting 7:30 p.m. at **Salem Church**, Bittner Street, just east of the Inner Loop exit at St. Paul Street. **April 1-2** Electric Tournament of Champions 7:00 pm Harrison R. Waite High School, 301 Morrison Drive, Toledo, Ohio <http://www.tnlandinggear.com/store/shop/ETOC.htm>  
**April 1-2-3** **The Toledo Show** At the SeaGate Centre 401 Jefferson Avenue Toledo, Ohio 43604 Show hours: Fri/Sat 9am to 5pm - Sun 9am to 3pm Handicap parking available - Tickets readily available at the door! Admission is \$7.00 per person per day, and new for our 51st R/C Expo - kids 12 and under are FREE! **April 13** - RCCR Meeting 7:30 p.m. at **Salem Church**, Bittner Street, just east of the Inner Loop exit at St. Paul Street.  
**April 12-18** **Sun 'n Fun Fly-In** **April 27** - RCCR Meeting 7:30 p.m. at **Salem Church**, Bittner Street, just east of the Inner Loop exit at St. Paul Street. **May** Tuesday evenings from 4 PM till sunset are reserved for training Northampton Field (May through September) **May 11** - RCCR Meeting 7:30 p.m. at **Salem Church**, Bittner Street, just east of the Inner Loop exit at St. Paul Street. **May 11** - 14 - Joe Nall Open to all AMA members <http://www.joenall.com/> CURTIS YOUNGBLOOD MATT CHAPMAN MIKE MANCUSO **May 21** - 22 CHIEFS Float Fly, Sandy Bottom Creek, Honeoye NY **May 25** - RCCR Meeting 7:30 p.m. at **Salem Church**, Bittner Street, just east of the Inner Loop exit at St. Paul Street. **May 28-29-30** CHIEFS Camp & Fly

**The RCCR Winter party and awards banquet 2005**

Thanks to Randy Meyers for this report! If you have anything you would like to add, send me an e-mail!.....

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For the second year the RCCR held its party at Ricks Prime Rib in the town of Gates. The food and service were excellent as usual. Your MC (me) opened the program reflecting on some of the events of the past year and honoring some of the members and friends who have past on.

After dinner we were treated to a return visit by Carjack the Ridiculous who did an amazing ESP demonstration poking fun at the some of the members. There were the usual Goof up awards and Jerry Joseph was again targeted. He was given a special trophy depicting the events of the previous weeks happenings, including falling on Trevor's airplane. I can't list all the others but you know who you are, and you know that the longer you are in this club the better your chances are of getting it, roasted that is.

There were some serious awards given out as well. They are as follows:

The RCCR Man of the Year 2004----- Bud Kelly

Most improved flyer Devin McGrath. Special Recognition Bob White. Trainer Cord Dick Foster. All this awards were well deserved. We should give a special THANK YOU to the roast committee and to Don- Carolyn Steeb and Cheryl Kesel for the Door prizes for the ladies of RCCR. If I have forgotten anyone I apologize, I hadn't planned on being a reporter as well. All in all the party was a success, you should plan to attend the next one.

*Thanks, Randy*

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**Quotation**

"Courage is doing what you're afraid to do. There can be no courage unless you're scared."

Eddie Rickenbacker (1890 - 1973 US W.W.I aviator & businessman

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## EVERYONE HAS A STORY



**DICK BROOK**

**Do you think you know Dick Brook? This is what he has to tell us about himself. Let's see if he can surprise us.... Dick has always been intrigued with flying.**

"My father joined the US Army Air Corps in the latter part of W.W.II. He became a fighter pilot and flew P47's in France. He never showed any interest in flying as I was growing up, and never encouraged me to take full scale flying lessons or join the CAP, but I always had a strong desire to fly.

I first took up building and flying model airplanes in the early '50s. My brother and I used to fly Cox airplanes, in our yard, using nylon lines. Sometimes we would spin around so fast that due to lack of space and short lines we would get dizzy and fall down.

I lived on Penfield Rd, half way between East Avenue and Panorama Plaza. We would strap our planes to our backs, put fuel and batteries in the baskets of our bicycles, and ride to either Indian Landing School (my grammar school), Ellison Park, or Corbet's Glen.

My brother lost interest in model planes very early, but I had another friend who used to fly with me most of the time. We would fly all year round. In the winter, we used to bring a coffee can and a propane torch. We would put the can over the engine and heat it with the torch. The hot air would warm the engine and make it easier to start.

Because we had no mufflers, we would get occasional backfires. At the least, it would sometimes cause small grass fires around the plane. Once, the plane caught fire in the air.

I tried Free Flight, but my planes would either fly away or crash, so I stuck with Control Line. In 1959, my 8<sup>th</sup> grade science teacher, who owned a hobby shop at the corner of East Main St and Winton, took me out to the Penfield JR High baseball diamond and let me fly a 40 size airplane with 60' lines. I never went back to the small stuff.

I went to Penfield Sr. High School, from 1960-1964. We had a model airplane club at Penfield. We used to fly on the baseball diamonds behind the school.

I spent 2 years in the US Army, from 1968-1970, in Tokyo, Japan, as a Medical Corpsman. It was a small 500-bed hospital. I built a T-Square flying wing control line airplane, in the hospital, and I was the only one ever to fly a model airplane on base." **There's dedication for you!**



Jerry Joseph

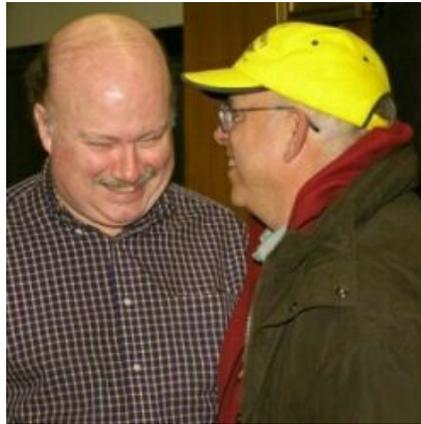
In 1970, I received an Honorable Discharge from the US Army and returned to Rochester. I started working at Kodak Park and went to Evening College at RIT. I continued to fly control line airplanes until 1978. I had just graduated from RIT and now had my nights free.

I bought a 6 channel Futaba radio. I first joined the RCCR in 1978. My first R/C plane was a Half-A Skylane that I had built years before as a Free Flight plane. I converted it to R/C and learned to fly on that my first year. Jerry Joseph was my tutor." **Currently Dick is the club secretary, which is quite time-consuming. (See the minutes!)**

**Dick makes sure he's warm!  
member**



**He has a rich sense of humor!**



**He's a very active club**



**Dick is a dynamic competitive sportsman.**

"After I started with Kodak, in 1970, I got involved with softball. I have been playing in a Kodak Softball League for the past 34 years and I will continue as long as I can. In 1991, I tore a cartilage in my left knee and had to have Arthroscopic Surgery. After 3 months of physical therapy, my Orthopedic Surgeon said I could get involved in any sports I wanted to. No limits. I jumped from 1 to 4 nights a week softball and took up mountain biking. I now bowl in leagues 3 nights a week in the winter, and play softball 2 nights a week in the summer. I play volleyball 3 nights a week year round. I have played Steel Tip Darts competitively in a league. I like to Ice Skate and Roller Skate, but I never got involved in Ice Hockey because no one I knew played it. In 1973, however, I went out one night with one of my wife's brothers, who played hockey for RIT. We jumped the fence at the Edgerton Park Skate Rink at midnight when it was 20 degrees out and played hockey with some kids from Aquinas High School. I sprained my leg going for the puck when one of the kids checked me into the side boards. I missed a week of work due to that incident, the only time off due to sickness in 31 years at Kodak."

**Did you know, or would you guess that Dick has an adventurous, spirited and dauntless side?**

"I was never much of a daredevil when I was a kid, but I did like the outdoors. I went hunting, fishing, swimming, diving, camping and horseback riding. I did take up **SCUBA Diving** in New Hampshire when I was a teenager. I used to like to **explore caves**. I would go **hunting for rattlesnakes** in Honeoye but there weren't many around. I used to **race motorcycles** for a while. **I jumped off a 75" railroad bridge** into a canal that connected with one of the Finger Lakes. My mother was an alumna of the U of R. I used to get tutored in diving, at the U of R pool. I have gone **White Water Rafting**, in the Adirondaks. I would love to try a Colorado River trip some time. I have gone **Bunjee Jumping** in Charlotte, and tried the **Sky Coaster 4 times**, both at Darien Lake and Florida. This is Bunjee like Free Fall ride where you are strapped to a cable and **dropped from a tower 200'-300' high**." **How about that for intestinal fortitude!!!** My latest desire is to go **Sky Diving** this summer, and to learn to fly a full size plane."

