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## **Radio Control Club of Rochester**

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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

### **FOR THE LATEST INFO:**

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**Ledgedale Airport and RCCR Flying Field at Northampton Park**

Here is a view of Ledgedale with the Northampton flying field far left rear. We are looking east. The traffic pattern is left, so you can see that on final approach when the wind is coming from a westerly direction and we are using runway 28, we are far to the south of the field. When the wind is coming from an easterly direction and we use runway 10, then the crosswind and downwind legs can be pretty close on the north side of the flying field. Traffic will be somewhere around 1000ft AGL and descending at that stage. Until I took the picture I did not have a clear idea in my mind of our relationship with each other. Shirley

**I swear I just got done writing one of these... Where does the time go? Eh... At least it's warmer and the grass is growing.**



Since the last installment, we've come to find out that the local helicopter pilots have lost the use of "Pemberton's", an unofficial flying field located in the back yard of a Spencerport helicopter enthusiast, due to a neighbor's objections. Juan Rodriguez, a member of this group, approached Trevor Ewell about the possibility of using the Northampton Park field for his group's helicopter activities, at least some of the time.

Since the Northampton Park field is on publicly-owned land, Juan's group are all members of AMA, and R/C helicopters are certainly capable of flying within the rules we've established at Northampton Park, there is absolutely no way we can say, "no." Even so, because the flight profiles of helicopters and fixed-wing aircraft are so different, we formed a committee, headed by Trevor, with other members including our own resident heli pilot Scott Miller, to see about addressing how to share Northampton when "plank" and "eggbeater" types are present. I gave the committee the suggestion that the policy they come up with should focus on ways to share the field, not ways to "stomp on the heli

guys" and make them feel as if they're second-class citizens.

Most of what the committee came up with in their initial draft is stuff we already do as a normal part of flying when several people are at the field, or at least stuff we **should** be doing as safe and courteous pilots. I'm talking about common courtesy items like asking the pilots in the air if it's okay to take off before taxiing on the field. If you're the one being asked, and you don't feel comfortable with whatever's going to be sharing the airspace, you are free to say, "Could you wait a few minutes until I land please?" and the pilot on deck is obligated to hold until you are finished flying.

Many other items they came up with are already established field rules or plain old common sense. For instance no taxiing to or from the pit area. Wheel taxiing or hover taxiing, the plane is moving under its own power and could potentially get out of control behind the backs of unsuspecting pilots concentrating on their own planes.

Flying the pattern is another issue. We establish a pattern when there are two or more planes in the air for a reason, and that reason is to get everyone flying in the same general direction to reduce the chance for a midair collision. Unfortunately, "boxes" (how heli pilots share the field) aren't practical for airplanes, so when helis and planes are flying at the same time, a pattern must be established.

The one heli-specific safety item that I agreed we should establish is a dedicated helicopter "run up" area on the East end of the pit area. Airplanes have dedicated run-up areas in the form of the starting benches. If a prop blade fails during run-up, it's oriented in the vertical plane so there is only a limited "danger" area. We already have a de-facto safety rule of not standing in the "plane" of the prop. On the other hand, a helicopter's main rotor is oriented horizontally, and it could potentially throw a blade in any direction. There's no way to not stand in the plane of the rotor blade, unless you laid flat on your belly or stood on a picnic table... That said, having a dedicated helicopter run-up area at one end of the pits limits exposure.

Frankly, I see no reason why this can't or won't work. Remember that typical flights last less than 10 minutes, and most planes run out of fuel after 15. If you don't like what's in the air, you don't have to wait all that long. There's plenty of time and airspace for everyone. Abide by the safety rules, practice common sense, use common courtesy, and above all, **communicate** with your fellow pilots, and everyone will get along great.

On a less political note, we just pretty much wrapped up the "static display" season (St John Fisher being the only exception) with our annual appearance at the Rochester Wings aviation expo. I want to take this opportunity to send out a heartfelt THANKS to all the folks that put time and effort into these events throughout the spring. Take a break, get some flying in. The June Fun Fly is just around the corner.



Thomas Forsyth & eager beavers   Paul Weigand & Matt Kirsch   Mike Rotherford, Greg Kesel & Paul Weigand   Dick Peterson, Greg K, Paul W & Don Steeb



Speaking of the June Fun Fly (June 25-26), things appear to be shaping up well for the event. Ed Britton is running the show again this year, and he's going to need all the help he can get. If you want to know why, ask him. An organizational meeting should be announced at a meeting in the near future.

Finally, we have changed the lock combination at Bolling and Hasman. If you're a paid member, you're entitled to these combinations. If you haven't been to a meeting to get the combination, why not, but you can still call myself, Bob White or any of the other "regulars" to get the combination. **Matt**

### **May to July 2005 Events**

**Tuesday evenings from 4 PM till sunset are reserved for training Northampton Field (May through September)**

**May 7-8 - Rochester Wings** is New York's largest General Aviation Expo! Free Admission Rochester International Airport May 7, 2005 7:00 AM - 4:00 PM May 8, 2005 7:00 AM - 12:00 PM <http://www.rochesterwings.com/index.html>

**11 - RCCR Meeting** 7:30 p.m. at Salem Church, Bittner Street, just east of the Inner Loop exit at St. Paul Street. **May 11-12** - Science Exploration Days 2005 St. John Fisher College • Rochester NY 14618 Central Western Section, Science Teachers Association of New York State, Inc. Grades 7-8 (9) **Thursday, May 12**, 2005 Time: 9:30 AM - 1:30 PM Grades (9) 10-12 **Wednesday, May 11**, 2005 Time: 9:30 AM - 1:30 PM <http://www.ggw.org/~cws/sed.htm> **May 11-14** - Joe Nall Open to all AMA members <http://www.joenall.com/> CURTIS YOUNGBLOOD - MATT CHAPMAN - MIKE MANCUSO **May 21-22** - RCX, Anaheim Convention Center, Anaheim, CA **RCX Home May 21-22** - Honeoye, NY (C) Chiefs Annual Float Fly. Site: Sandy Bottom Park. Andrew Eggleston CD, 7680 Boughton Hill RD Victor NY 14564 PH:585-924-5153 e-mail: [andy@rochester.rr.com](mailto:andy@rochester.rr.com) . Come join us for a day of flying and fun. \$5 pilot registration. Located at Sandy Bottom Park on the north shore of Honeoye Lake. Sponsor: CANANDAIGUA SKY CHIEFS *gypsies* **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 *gypsies*

**June 4 - Rochester, NY (C) RCCR Combat Contest. Site: Hasman Flying Field. Peter M Durante 69 Spring Lane Rochester NY 14626 PH:585-225-7394. SSC Combat five to seven rounds. Registration 9am \$5 fee. Combat rounds start at 10am food and drinks. Sponsor: RADIO CONTROL CLUB of ROCHESTER** **June 5 - Geneseo Airport** (D52) Fly-In Breakfast (or drive in) 8 AM-11 AM: 1941 Historical Aircraft Group. Phone: 585-243-2100 SEE: [www.1941hag.org](http://www.1941hag.org) for more details **June 5 - Pine Hill Airport** (9G6). 7:00-Noon:All you can eat Pancakes, Sausage, Eggs, Apple Juice, Pink Lemon Aid, Coffee. \$5.00 adults \$3.00 children under 12. Vintage Aircraft Group. 4906 Pine Hill Road, Albion, NY. [www.vintageaircraftgroup.org](http://www.vintageaircraftgroup.org) **June 8 - RCCR Meeting 7:30 p.m. at Hasman Field, 1 mile west of Union Street (hwy 259) behind Abe's restaurant, north side of Ridge Road (hwy 104), entrance is directly across from the KwikFill.** **June 11 - Norwich, NY (C) 4th Annual Airport Appreciation Day. Site: Warren Eaton Mun Airport. Donald Corbett JR CD, 10 Shepherd Ave Oneonta NY 13820 PH:607-433-2185 e-mail: [Corbett@dmcom.net](mailto:Corbett@dmcom.net) . All size aircraft welcome - your choice of unobstructed side by side grass/paved runways. Many full Scale aircraft on static display - we will be the air show for this event. Camping is available from Friday evening - no hook ups. Sponsor: ONEONTA RC FLYERS** **June 11-12 - ESL International Airshow 2005** featuring the USAF Thunderbirds Demonstration Team **June 11-12 - Burlington** Float Fly, Burlington Ont. Ca. *gypsies* **June 18 - Canandaigua, NY (C) Chiefs Annual Electric Fun Fly. Site: Club Field. Andrew Eggleston CD, 7680 Boughton Hill Rd Victor NY 14564 PH:585-924-5153 e-mail: [andy@rochester.rr.com](mailto:andy@rochester.rr.com) . All electric aircraft and pilots welcome. Club field is 3 miles east of Canandaigua NY off Rtes 5 & 20. Follow the signs. \$5 pilots registration includes lunch. Sponsor: CANANDAIGUA SKY CHIEFS *gypsies* **18-19 - Mayville** Bluegrass Festival <http://www.mayvillebluegrassfestival.com/> . **June 22 - RCCR Meeting 7:30 p.m. at Hasman Field, 1 mile west of Union Street (hwy 259) behind Abe's restaurant, north side of Ridge Road (hwy 104), entrance is directly across from the KwikFill.** **June 24-27 - Geneseo, NY (AA) Great Grape Gathering for 102-104, 101C, 120, 124, 140, 142 (JSO). Site: 1941 HAG Airfield. Brooks Goodnow CD, 22 Lakehurst Dr Auburn NY 13021 PH:315-252-9170 e-mail: [tigger33@thumpernet.com](mailto:tigger33@thumpernet.com) . Nost 1/2A, ABC, 1/4 com., 020 replica, rubber. FAC: Golden age civilscale, 2 bit old timer, Embryo, OT Gas rep electric, rubber power: small and large and Fuset Richard Morgan Wake, Sam comm.. rubber; classic wakefield, diesel event, Senator Postal, Bob Gordon Mem, Unlimited towline. 6 SAM events 4 electric and 1/2A scale, 1/2 A Texaco. Sponsor: WESTERN NY FF SOCIETY** **June 25-26 - Syosset, NY (A) 35th Empire State Soaring Classic for 444(JSO). Site: Stillwell Woods Park. John Hasff CD, 150-11 8th Ave No2 New York New York 11357 PH:718-767-1369 email: [tankman58@aol.com](mailto:tankman58@aol.com). Man on Man format, winches will be supplied by club. Sponsor: LONG ISLAND SILENT FLYERS** **June 25-26 - Rochester, NY (C) RCCR June Fun Fly. Site: North Hampton Park Flying Field. Ed Britton CD, 4734 Lyell RD Spencerport NY 14559 PH:585-352-6463 email: [eplane@rochester.rr.com](mailto:eplane@rochester.rr.com) . A great weekend get together at one of the best flying sites in the state. Open flying - no entry fees - prize raffles for pilots and spectators. FREE Saturday night picnic for all pilots Campers welcome no hookups GPS coordinates 43:11:08N 77:53:86W Sponsor: RADIO CONTROL CLUB OF ROCHESTER *gypsies*** **July 1-2-3-4 Dave Landers "4th" Blow Out, Arkport NY *gypsies* July 9-10 STARS Scale Rally, Olean NY *gypsies* July 13 - RCCR Meeting 7:30 p.m. at Hasman Field, 1 mile west of Union Street (hwy 259) behind Abe's restaurant, north side of Ridge Road (hwy 104), entrance is directly across from the KwikFill** **July 16 - 17 CHIEFS Air Show *gypsies* July 23-24 - RAMS Scale Fly-In & Open House, Macedon Field July 23-24 Sky Rovers Air Show, Phelps NY *gypsies* July 23-31 OSHKOSH Air Venture [www.airventure.org](http://www.airventure.org) *gypsies* July 24 Fly-in breakfast at Hendershot Airport in Hilton, N.Y. from 8-12a.m. 34NY on the Detroit sectional, monitor 122.8 It is sponsored by the Hilton Rotary and by EAA Chapter 44. Eggs, pancakes, danish, sausage, coffee, juice will be served. The Mercy Flight helicopter will be on display. For information call 585-392-5379** **July 27 - RCCR Meeting 7:30 p.m. at Hasman Field, 1 mile west of Union Street (hwy 259) behind Abe's restaurant, north side of Ridge Road (hwy 104), entrance is directly across from the KwikFill****

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## Quotation

**Flying may not be all plain sailing, but the fun of it is worth the price. Amelia Earhart (1897 - 1937)**

*US aviator*

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Patience required...There are several irons in the fire for **EVERYONE HAS A STORY** but nothing for this issue.

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## Definition of Bravery:

**True bravery is arriving home stinking drunk, after a very late night out with the boys, being met at the door and assaulted with a broom by your wife, and still having the guts to ask:**

**"Are you cleaning, or were you flying somewhere?"**

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## A Good Time was had by All

*by Judy Foster*

**Question:** What do you get when you put a gym full of big boys with a bunch of kids? The answer; a great deal of fun. On Saturday, March 12, 2005 a few members of the RCCR joined forces to show some Brighton school children a good time, and that they did.

The Festival of the Ideas is an event held annually at the Brighton High School. This event is for Brighton students between the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades. Each year a child can choose to participate in 3, 50-minute sessions. The kids get to choose from rock climbing to scuba diving, from chocolate making to flying, and dozens of options in between.

The RCCR had from 8 to 14 kids per session. The kids first learned the theory of flight from Ed Britton. Joe Somers showed them how the different control surfaces of the plane cause it to turn, with his assistants Ed and Matt Kirsch.

The kids then got to build their own paper airplanes with the help of Judy and Dick Foster, Bill Wegman, Bob White, and Ed, Joe, and Matt. Shirley was never far away capturing each moment with her handy cameras. Then the kids competed to see whose plane would fly the furthest, and trust me there was a lot of help and encouragement from the build team they were awed by some demonstrations. Devon McGrath and his dad Ron took to the skies to show them just what could be accomplished with hard work, and dedication. Devon even took one of his planes and climbed a wall with it. I have to admit it was pretty darn cool!!

The kids, both young and old enjoyed each others company, and the pleasure that planes bring to all. It was a great day, and one that everyone will look forward to next year.





# TOLEDO WAS AT LEAST A TRIP AND A HALF!

From Bob White:

Shirley, here is a summation of the journey home.....

We left Toledo at 9am and arrived in Rochester at 9 PM. The rain started shortly after leaving and as we went east it gradually turned into wet snow. It was particularly slushy approaching Cleveland and up to Erie PA. We saw a number of cars in the median, we guessed from hydroplaning. We got some gas on the outskirts of Cleveland and got back on 90. After we went for about 1-2 miles Tom suddenly said, "We have no power!" in his usual elevated tone. You could not feel it as a passenger. Doing a great job he got us off the road and onto the shoulder. Warning lights all over the dash. The car book said, "Do not drive the car, get it to the shop". An Onstar call was made by Tom, and a tow truck arranged as well as a car repair shop. Tom had informed them that 5 people were in the car. After about an hour a regular tow truck arrived with just a small cab. Not big enough for 6 people. Joe, Trevor and I ended up laying low in the van while it was towed (on shoulder) to the next exit where there was a convenience store. We were deposited there and Tom went with the tow truck operator to the dealer (about 15 miles away). **We all had to eliminate some body fluids but it turned out the store was out of water (no well, they truck it in by the tank full) so we had to go outside behind the dumpster being careful not to drink or use the wet yellow snow for washing!!** A taxi was called to take us to the dealer. It arrived, an old one with 350K miles on it. We got there okay and after a delay of 2.5 hours, we were on our way again, keeping the speed down because of the road conditions. The dealer had lent Tom a car to use while he left the van there. Trevor with his long legs was allowed to sit up front with all kinds of room while Joe, Bud McDermot and I were packed in the back like sardines. Tom advised us there would be no more talk about car troubles. We had all figured the car problem had developed because of Tom's tendency to floor the accelerator when starting up from a stop! The book said that that behavior could set off some of the error lights. As it turned out, water had gotten in the computer box, shorting it out. We had a nice supper at Tom Evans in Erie Pa and when we crossed into NY, the snow stopped and it was just rain. Tom went back yesterday to recover his van. Case closed. Bob. Those are pretty much the facts, but of course they could and should be exaggerated for reporting purposes!!

From Joe Somers:

Trevor Ewell, Bob White, Bud McDermott and I rode in Tom Forsyth's new 2005 Chevy 15 passenger van to Toledo. The trip out was great. The trip back was not. The vehicle broke down this side of Cleveland on the way home and we had to be towed to a Chevy dealer and rent a car to complete the trip. We all learned how well Onstar works and also found out that four large adults cannot fit into the front seat of a tow truck with the driver. The fifth adult didn't try. Four of us were taken to a gas station to wait for a taxi while Tom and the tow truck went to the dealer. **This was fine except the stations only toilet was out of order. The dumpster out back was visited frequently!** All in all it was not a bad event. We were back on the road in two and one half hours in a cramped Oldsmobile. We beat the storm that shut down the Thruway and we made it home safely. Attached are some pictures of the event. The first one is on the way out the rest are of the breakdown. There is also a good story of the guys that came back on Sunday. Scott Miller and his father and Jack Bartlett were stuck on the Thruway for seven hours without moving...

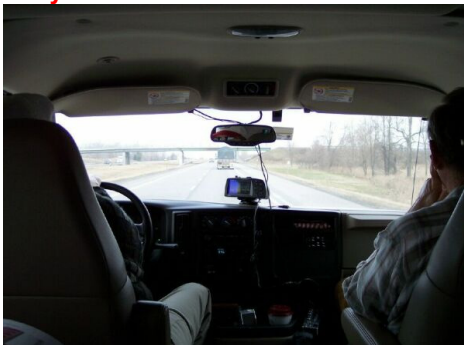
And from Scott Miller:

Yes my dad and myself had an interesting trip home. We were past the Erie exits when the traffic came to a standstill. I had one chance to get off on an exit but at that point the traffic was moving faster than they were on the off ramp so I stayed on Rt 90. Mistake!! It took us about 6 hours to go 1 mile!! By talking to others we found out that there was an accident up ahead and the road was closed from state line to state line till it got cleaned up. When we did make it to the next exit it was blocked by trucks stuck in the unplowed ramps. The problem I had is that I am diabetic and my blood sugar was getting low. I had eaten what we had which was not much so I went up to an RV that was close and asked if I could buy some food from them. They were very nice, the lady knew my dilemma as her sister has the same problem, so she gave me some crackers and orange juice and she would not take any money! We finally got going but the road condition was horrible. Some people had fun though. There were several snowmen and empty beer cans along the way!! We left Toledo around 10:00 AM and got home at 3:30 AM

**P. S. I left out the part on how we went to the bathroom!!**

**I had wanted to go on this trip, but all in all I'm glad I wasn't able to make it! No dumpsters for me thank you very much!**

**Shirley**





### **NICE JOB LENNIE!**

Len Cataldi and RCCR conducted an Indoor Training Session at Hamlin NY's St. John Lutheran Church and School on April 16, 2005. It was a big success.



RCCR members present with Lennie were Ed Britton, Shirley Hunter, Jerry Joseph and Joe Somers. Everyone enjoyed it. One attendant went home and dragged his family from in front of the TV to come and join in, and none of them were sorry! Kids of all ages had fun, and I'm particularly proud of the female participants. They showed true aviation spirit and expertise! Shirley