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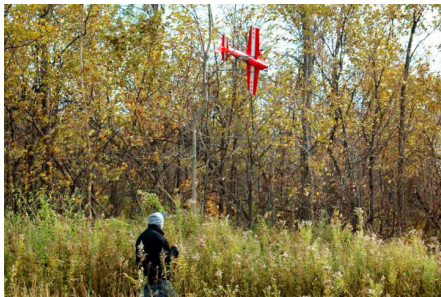
The purpose of the Radio Control Club of Rochester is to aid and encourage interest in the design, construction and safe operation of radio-controlled model aircraft, boats, and cars.

All visitors are always welcome at the Northampton Park Model Flying field and at regular meetings.

Note that Meetings are scheduled for the second and fourth Wednesday of every month at 7:30 PM during the colder months at the Salem Church, 60 Bitner Street, just east of the Inner Loop exit at St. Paul Street.

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Jerry Joseph's Tree Hangar!



Thanks to Craig Ritson for these pictures!



President RCCR

It's cleanup time. Time to give the fleet a final cleaning for the year, and put them up for the winter. In a similar fashion, I'm taking this final newsletter issue of 2005 to do a little cleanup of my own, to address a few short subjects that aren't enough to make a newsletter article on their own.

When we changed the combination on the padlocks last year, there was a bit of confusion among a few members. Well, this is to let you all know that we're going to be changing the padlock combinations again in 2006, after the first meeting in January. The combination change won't be predictable this time, so if you want access to either Hasman or Bolling fields, you'll need to pay your dues and obtain the combination from our membership director, Bob White. We as a club spend a considerable amount of time and money developing and maintaining these two fields, and only paid RCCR members should be allowed access to the fields.

At the recent board of directors meeting, we made a few minor changes to the rules that all the club should know about. The most important of these is the addition to the Northampton field rules. A new rule #1 was added to the list, and it reads, "Radio Control model aircraft only." This is in response to an incident where one individual attempted to launch model rockets, and another incident where an individual attempted to fly control line over the runway while R/C planes were in the air. Everyone will be issued a copy of the updated rules with their membership renewal, and the updated rules will be posted on the pin boards at all three fields.

Don't forget that the December 14, 2005 meeting is our annual membership meeting. I will be presenting the annual "State of the Club" address, and we will be drawing for the annual "Good and Welfare" award. What's Good and Welfare? Beats me, but the first person to figure out the reference, that isn't Bob McClure, gets an extra ticket in the Good and Welfare drawing.

Most importantly, my term as president of the RCCR is up, and it's time to have a presidential election. While I'm not necessarily looking to be re-elected for another two years as club president, I suppose I wouldn't refuse the nomination. "Get it over with while I'm still young, so I can enjoy my retirement," I always say. Seriously, the past two years have been as much of a pleasure as one could possibly expect.

I leave it to you guys to figure out whether that last statement was a compliment, or a slam. Enjoy the holidays, and plan on attending our annual Chilly Chili Fuhn Fly on January 1st.

Matt

Congratulations! to Team **FMA's**

Devin McGrath

For winning the

Thunder Tiger Canada International Indoor R/C Shootout

<http://rcgypsies.net/>

OBITUARY



Robert G Stuhlmiller

July 17, 1936 - November 5, 2005

Bob Stuhlmiller passed away November 5, 2005 after a brief illness at age 69. Robert was the owner of Stuhlmiller Construction. He was an avid hunter and loved remote control airplanes. He was a very tough person who was loved by all he knew and will be dearly missed.

Bob was a member of RCCR for 3 or 4 years, and flew with the rest of "The morning crew" (Bob Black, Jim Hicks and Ed Wingate) weekdays at Northampton Park. He loved flying R/C planes. He was a very unassuming all around good man and was always ready to help anyone with a problem at the field, whether it was in the pits, or tromping around through the woods and brush looking for a missing plane. He loved building about as much as flying, and was a master at repair. He could take a "disaster" and have it flying again in a few days. He was well liked and will be truly missed.

Thank you to the "morning crew". Shirley



Quotation:

With hurricanes, tornadoes, flooding, fires, severe t-storms and earthquakes tearing up the country from one end to another, the quote of the month is:

Jay Leno: "Are we *sure* this is a good time to take God out of the Pledge of Allegiance?"

Everyone has a Story

Norm Hasman



"God has blessed me in a million ways," says Norm Hasman, 79, retired Rochester businessman. "I still pass a class 2 medical to maintain my ratings for flying commercial, land and sea single engines, gliders, and instrument with flight instructor rating."

"Brought into this world by a turkey instead of a stork" on November 27, 1925, one day after Thanksgiving, Norm was born in Ontario, New York, one of nine children, raised primarily by his devoted mother Anne because his father was frequently in jail. Later, Anne and her children lived in virtual poverty in a garage on Orchard Street. When they were found starving, the children were taken to an orphanage for several weeks. He would spend eight months in the Charlotte Children's Convalescent Home recovering from rheumatic fever during that period. It was there that Norm first learned to play harmonica. His interest in music became a part of his life from that time.

Norm started working when he was nine. That first job was weeding carrot patches on Webster farms where he and his brother worked for ten hours a day, earning seven and a half cents an hour. He lived at home until he was 17, when his frequently absent father asked him to leave home and get a job. Norm joined the Army Air Force as soon as he was 18.

Although he passed all the tests required to become a pilot, he learned upon induction that "they needed aerial gunners and paratroopers." He chose aerial gunners and trained at Buckingham Field in Fort Myers, Florida. He flew as a tail gunner with the 15th Air Force in Spinazzola, Italy. His last parachute jump was at 25,000 feet on a bomb run, after his plane took three direct hits. He was reported "missing in action" twice in seven missions. This fall in Savannah, Georgia, Norm and his 460th Bomb Group Association 15th Air Force "will meet for the last time; we're going to call it quits," he says.

Captured at the end of World War II near Vienna, Austria, Norm was among the prisoners of war who were taken on a forced march of several days from Luftwaft 3 in Nuremberg, to Stalag 7A, near Mooseberg, Germany. The POWs were liberated by General George S. Patton's forces near the end of the war.

Back home in Rochester, he studied tool and die making at the William P. Steins Company. He worked at seven different companies for experience before he went into business for himself. He started Hoffend Products with Al Hoffend (who painted 10' x 20' murals for the ABC at the War Memorial). "I owe much to the Hoffend family," he remarks.

He constructed a building on Maple Street in East Rochester, started Hiway Automotive Service with his friend Nelson Burgio, started Nordon Tool & Mold Company in a nightclub building on Mt. Read Boulevard, rented from Carl Fuchs of Liberty Tool & Mold, constructed a building off End Elmore Drive Greece of Elmgrove Road and moved Nordon Tool to that location. He added on to that building and started Amplaco Plastic Company (American Plastic Company) and built a larger building on the same land and moved Amplaco to that spot. "At age 70, I had turned over all the stock in Amplaco to my six children (three sons and three daughters) and walked away. It took many years to do this. Amplaco had 250 employees when I walked out."

He pitched softball at age 15 for Holy Trinity where he attended school in Webster and for the North Enders of Webster. He later pitched slow pitch for Nordon Tool and Amplaco. "One year we won the league (championship) at Bayview," Hasman says. "I retired from pitching at age 55." He was an avid bowler for twenty years at Polish National Lanes on Hudson Avenue. He also bowled as an ABC member in tournaments around the country in Niagara Falls, Rochester, St. Petersburg, Florida, and in Reno and Las Vegas, Nevada.

In yet another business venture, Norm created D&H Hasman Farm on a 200-acre piece of land he owned on West Ridge where he went into truck farming. He constructed the log building which houses Abe's Restaurant today from which he sold the farm's produce. In addition to using the property today for his airport where he keeps his Cessna 140 in a hangar, there are other tenants who store a sport plane and an ultralite in his second hangar, and of course, Hasman Field is used by RCCR now.

For many years he played harmonica with country bands such as Frank Hill and Jim Ogden. For the past ten years in Arizona, he has been a member of "Audrey's Angels," volunteers who entertain at assisted living homes. He plays guitar and harmonica and sings at homes for assisted living residents. He also plays similar venues with the same enthusiasm and spirit when he's back in Rochester.

Norm started flying lessons in 1947, at Brezee Field in Pittsford. "Roy Harmon, a World War I Jenny Pilot, was my teacher," he recalls. Besides the plane he keeps at Hasman Field, which he flies during the summer months, he has a Commanche 250 that he flies in Arizona the rest of the year.

Philatelic enthusiasts might be interested in the commemorative stamps "which illustrate American innovations and technological contributions to military, commercial, and general aviation during the 1930s, '40s, and '50s" issued in August at the week-long EAA "AirVenture 2005." Many RCCR members attended the show in Oshkosh. Among the ten handsome aircraft images on the stamp panel of twenty is the B-24 Liberator in which Norm flew as tail gunner.

In 1999, RCCR obtained the use of part of the West Ridge Airport property for model flying. Now known as Hasman Field, RCCR members flew first on the east-west runway. Since that time on the field has been used and maintained by the Club for flying and events such as summer evening meetings and the "Chilly Chili Fun Fly" on New Year's Day.

In September, Norm and his wife Nada will celebrate their 55th wedding anniversary. They have lived in Sun City West, Arizona, for the past ten years. At home in Arizona, he has spent time in schools mentoring at-risk students in math and harmonica playing.

Because of Norm's lifetime passion for flying and his generosity in loaning his property to the Club, RCCR has reaped enormous benefits. Norm is quick to say he has also benefited. "I wish to thank all the RCCR members, especially those dedicated to maintenance of the flying field. This is not a one-way street. Members of RCCR not only help with security of the airport, but they also do the mowing and yard work which is highly appreciated. I thank you all."

Thank you to the authors! They wish to remain anonymous, so you know I didn't write it!



Pictures by Shirley

Next issue we return to Don Steeb' story, "Love at First Flight". I also hope to have my pictures better organized so that I can include some shots of this year's soloists, and of highlights of meetings.

Shirley