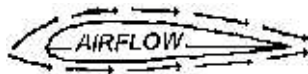


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The purpose of the Radio Control Club of Rochester is to aid and encourage interest in the design, construction and safe operation of radio-controlled model aircraft, boats, and cars.

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 Bittner Street, just east of the Inner Loop exit at St. Paul Street.

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Sample the Gavel



Yep, I'm still here. I'm not quite sure how it happened, but somehow in that meeting back in December, I got reelected. The whole exchange went something like this: I barely started into the official call for nominations when someone from the back, Paul Weigand as I recall, said something to the effect of, "All in favor of reelecting Matt..." Robert's Rules of Order be damned, I guess. A flurry of hands later, and any hope I had of finding a successor vanished for another two years, twenty-four months, or twelve issues of this newsletter, depending on how you keep track of time.

Seriously, I'm flattered and humbled by the quick vote of confidence, or was it? I thought there might be a distinct sense of, "get him voted back in so I don't have to be president" –ism in the air. Really, it's been a pleasure and I would like to extend my thanks to everyone that has pitched in and helped out with club functions over the last two years. A special thanks goes to Bob McClure, who voted both for and against my reelection, and Jerry Joseph, who slept through the proceedings.

As you may or may not know, I'm in the middle of relocating. After three and a half years living in the apartment above VP Ed Britton's house, I simply outgrew the space, even using my trailer as a third "bedroom." After a bit of searching, I've bought a house of my own. It's a nice little place, with a full 10-course basement that will make a great airplane shop, and a couple of outbuildings. (John Floyd, Bud Kelly and George Steiger, repeat after me: "Matt's barn is not the new club shed.")

Since my address is a matter of public record on the club website anyway, I may as well make sure everyone in the club is aware of the update. My new address is 476 Gillett Road, Spencerport, NY 14559. For those of you who have stopped by my old place for one reason or another, the new place is exactly one mile to the West and North, closer to the flying fields than I was by a whopping 2 minutes.

While I'm thinking of it, there's one thing that's coming up on us quickly, and that's the annual RCCR Roast. This year, the roast will be held on Friday, February 10, 2006 at the Lodge on the Green, located on Ridgeway Avenue near Elmgrove Road. While final details aren't quite cemented yet, I believe dinner will be buffet style, and I'm thinking the menu will be typical banquet fare, your choice of roast beef or turkey, a potato dish, a vegetable, and salad. Reservations and payment need to be in to Jim DeTar ASAP. Last count, Dick Brook had a quote of about \$16 per person, but the final count will be determined at our next meeting on January 11.

Last call! Following the January 11 meeting, the combinations at both Hasman and Bolling fields will be changed. Everyone who has paid their dues for 2006 has the new combination, and as soon as your dues are paid, you'll get the new combination as well. Those of you with the combination are on your honor to keep it confidential. Even if the person asking for it is your best friend, if they haven't paid their dues, they can't have access to the club fields. Standard guest flying policies apply to all unpaid members. Bob White is writing the new combination on 2006 membership cards, so if you're paid up, you've got the new combination.

Matt

Inserted on request..... Excerpt from the RCCR ByLaws Article Eleven

Dues 1. A schedule of dues will be published annually 2. Dues are non refundable except under extraordinary circumstances as determined by the Board of Directors 3. Definitions of each membership: 4. **Senior:** Persons 18 years and older and an AMA member. **Junior:** members under the age of 18 as of March 1st of the year of membership and an AMA member **Students:** full time student 19 years old or older and an AMA member **Additional family members:** a spouse and/or dependent children under the age of 21 residing at the same address as the member and an AMA member **Social:** non-flying member **Honorary Member:** free membership with all privileges of membership. Chosen by majority vote at a regular business meeting **Dues Structure Senior:** \$ 75.00 minus work credits **Junior:** Free **Student:** \$10.00 **Additional family members:** Free **Social:** \$ 35.00 **Guest Privilege Pass:** \$ 15.00 **New Membership:** \$ 35.00 or full year dues prorated + \$ 20.00 initiation fee **Work credits** \$ 2.00/hour, 20-hour maximum. **Work Credits**

1. Working at designated club activities may reduce dues. Work credits toward dues are earned at the rate of \$ 2.00/hour up to a maximum of \$40. 2. Work credits are to be recorded on the back of the RCCR membership card and initialed by the person in charge of the work activity. **Dues Payment** 1. Renewal membership dues shall be payable no later than March 01 of a given year. 2. Renewal memberships paid after March 01 are subject to the \$20.00 initiation fee. 3. All members must fill out a "Radio Control Club of Rochester, Inc." membership renewal form. If membership is mailed to the club, a copy of AMA current membership must accompany membership renewal.

Minutes from Nov 9, 2005 meeting at Salem Church Officers Present: Richard Brook – Sec, Ed Britton – VP/Prog, Jim DeTar – Tres, Matt Kirch - Pres **New Members:** None **Guests:** None **Treasurer's Report:** As reported **Membership Report:** 91 Members for 2005, including officers and lifetime members **Programs Report:** Devon "Kokam Kid" McGrath **Field Report:** Lock combinations will be changed at the first meeting in 2006. NH may only be open on weekends and then eventually closed for the winter. Bolling has been put to sleep – maybe one more cutting before winter. Phil Evans asked about cutting down the Julius Tree at NH. Pete F reports that there is much work going on at Black Creek Park. A new entrance road is being built and work to create a wetland has started. Joe Somers and Dick Foster have been using the tractor to knock down trees and shrubs along the West side of the N/S runway at Hasman. Bill Wegman found the lock on the Hasman gate, open. Joe Somers reported that the full size Taylorcraft will be gone from the hangar, soon. **Field Monitoring Committee** – Joe Somers reported that one of our elder flyers was flying a plane, at Hasman, with a disgustingly loud engine. It could be easily heard from Ridge Rd. We need to be more restrictive of obviously unacceptable engine noise **Field Search Committee:** Nothing new. **Old Business:** Greg Kesel, chair of the Events committee, asked that we make a decision on soliciting a big name act for our June FF. It was suggested that Devin McGrath and Kyle Stacey be our main act. Devin had no problem flying at the FF, but he was also in favor of soliciting a big name act, as well. Paul Weigand felt that we should keep the format that we have been using as bringing in a big name flyer might deter pilots from attending as they might feel their flying time will be restricted. Ron McGrath suggested that if the format of the FF were properly set up, we would not alienate the guest flyers and still benefit from the entertainment value of a big name flyer. The club voted 15-9 to bring in a big name act. Greg Kesel will speak to Tom McCoy. Matt Kirsch suggested we disband the Search Committee. It was decided that we reconvene the Search Committee, in the future, when needed. Ed Britton is taking orders for RCCR shirts – 3-button collar golf shirt with pocket – logo on front and back – light gray. **New Business:** Election for club president will be held at the first meeting in Dec The Chilly Chili FF will be held on Jan 1, 2006 There was much discussion on the idea of replacing the worn out sheds, at Bolling Field, with a portable metal storage bin that could be used at other fields, as well. This container is rugged and long lasting. We can store more equipment and it is very secure. A motion was made to gather more estimates and discuss further. **Announcements:** Next meeting is on Nov 23, 2005, at Salem Church Indoor electric FF at Clarkson Sweden Rec Center this Sunday Bob Stuhmiller died this past Sat Nov 12 – Swap meet at the Hobby House Dec 10 – Tentative date for next RIT indoor electric meet **Show and Tell:** None **50/50** – Won by Julius **Minutes from Nov 23, 2005 meeting at Salem Church Officers Present:** Matt Kirsch – Pres, Ed Britton – VP/Prog, Rich Brook – Sec, Bob White - Memb **New Members:** None **Guests:** None **Treasurer's Report:** None **Membership Report:** 91 Members for 2005, including officers and lifetime members. There are 7 renewals for 2006 **Programs Report:** Panel of Experts **Field Report:** Lock combinations will be changed at the first meeting in 2006. Black Creek has been leveled on the West end to make way for a watershed. Signs have been taken down at BC and will be moved to the new area. A \$50 donation has been made to the BC Park crew as RCCR does not do any maintenance at BC. John Floyd reports that Bolling Field tractors have been moved to Bud Kelly's, for the winter. NH tractors are in the shed. George Steiger will retrieve the batteries. The signs at NH have been taken down and put away. NH is wet. Hasman is wet. Joe Somers will block the road from the Hangar to the E/W runway. The tractor and grill have been put away at Hasman. Trevor Ewell will set up a tree cutting party at NH **Field Monitoring Committee** – Nothing new **Field Search Committee:** Currently deactivated **Old Business:** Greg Kesel, chair of the Events committee, reports that Tom McCoy will email Horizon Hobbies regarding our request for a big name flyer to perform at our June 2006 Fun Fly. Performance Hobbies will be the sponsor. Planning is in the works to ensure that the pilots attending the FF have plenty of time to fly and that the guest act has time to demonstrate his skills and products, as well. Any activities, on Friday, involving the guest act, will be dependent upon his/her schedule. Matt Kirsch and Ed Britton report that RCCR patches are in. We can begin taking orders for shirts. **New Business:** Barry Chase, NYS Counter Intelligence, has asked all local R/C club members to keep a look out for any R/C activities that might seem suspicious Phil Evans announced that the RCCR sign, at the entrance to Bolling Field, is worn and hard to see. It would be difficult for someone responding to a Help call to find the entrance to the field. It was agreed that the sign would be Refreshed **Announcements:** Next meeting is on Dec 15, 2005, at Salem Church Indoor electric FF at RIT on Dec 10 Indoor electric FF at the Armory on Dec 18 Len Cataldi will provide an R/C overview to the Hilton/Parma Historical Society on Dec 19 BHS Festival of Ideas will be held on Mar 4, 2006. Matt Kirsch indicated that the Paper Airplane program should be replaced with an AMA Cub program as the Paper Airplanes did not go over well, last year The Chilly Chili FF will be held again, at Hasman Field, on Jan 1, 2006 A mid winter Swap meet is planned for Mar 18, 2006, at the Hobby House **Show and Tell:** Matt Kirsch – Wattage Rookie mini electric R/C plane from the Hobby People **50/50** – Won by Don Steeb

Minutes from Dec 14, 2005 meeting at Salem Church Officers Present: Matt Kirsch – Pres, Ed Britton – VP/Prog, Rich Brook – Sec, Bob White – Memb, Jim DeTar - Tres **New Members:** None **Guests:** None **Treasurer's Report:** As reported **Membership Report:** 91 Members for 2005, including officers and lifetime members. There are 14 renewals for 2006 **Programs Report:** Annual Show+Tell drawing, One Six Right DVD, Devin in the gym **Field Report:** Joe Somers reports that the barriers are up on the road from the hangar to the E/W runway, at Hasman Field. Flying will be done from the hangar, for the winter. Trevor has planned a tree cutting party, at NH, for next Fri or Mon. Joe Somers reports that the full size Taylorcraft plane is still in the Quonset hut hangar so be careful not to damage it when flying from that hangar. Joe Somers has staked out the road down to the hangar, at Hasman field. Chris, from Abe's, will plow the driveway at \$30/run. Bill Stauber also has a truck with a plow. Bill

Wegman reports that the Hasman lock is sticking. There were several suggestions as to how to lubricate it. **Field Monitoring Committee** – Nothing new **Field Search Committee**: Currently deactivated **Old Business**: The annual RCCR Roast will be held on Feb 10, 2006, at the Lodge on the Green, Ridgeway Ave near Elmgrove Rd. Don Steeb attended an AARP dinner there, recently, and reported that it was a nice facility. Matt Kirsch suggested we start discussing the details, soon. Brighton High School Festival of Ideas will be held on Mar 4, 2006, per Jerry Joseph. This is one week before the Lebanon, Pa Swap Meet which usually falls on the same weekend as the BHS event. Dave Mathewson is sending AMA cubs this year. We need about 3 dozen built ahead of time Trevor is trying to schedule the NH Parks lunch for Jan 9 or Jan 16 Len Cataldi, Matt Kirsch, and Ed Britton will host an R/C presentation for the Hilton/Parma Historical Society, Dec 19. **New Business**: Dave Brown has announced, in Model Aviation Magazine, a program to try and draw owners of Park Flyers into the AMA. Paul Weigand has seen large volumes of \$79 R/C planes for sale in Harbor Freight for example. Devin's suggestion was to leave flyers expounding the virtues of belonging to local R/C clubs, and see where that goes. We should invite potential flyers out to Tuesday Training Night. Joe Somers informed us that John Floyd was not ready to take on visitors and phone calls yet. Emails are OK. Greg Kesel reports that Sam Cooper, at the Rochester Airport, has organized a party for kids. Delta Airlines will bring in a plane to fly them to Niagara Falls. Do we want to man an R/C info table? Free Flight will be represented. Volunteers needed. There will be an electric FF at the Armory, on East Main, Dec 18. 16oz weight limit. \$10/head. Joe Somers made a motion that the RCCR offer to subsidize up to \$100 if necessary. Motion passed. Jerry Joseph – Great Electric FF will be held Aug 19-20. An AMA sanction needs to be sent in. Rich Brook will reserve the NH Ski Lodge, for Oct 8, our End of Season picnic. There will be no lodge reserved for our June FF on June 24-25. Picnic will be at field Ed Britton announced the eBay Connection is going well thanks to items sold for Trevor Ewell Bill Stauber, and Charlie Lechlitter. We have earned \$100 for the club so far. The InterClub FF will be hosted by RCCR, at NH, on Sept 3 Matt presented the RCCR Yearend report Dick Foster will chair the Jan 1 Chilly Chili FF Joe Somers motioned that we donate \$100 to the Salem Church Soup Kitchen. Motion passed. Matt Kirsch was reelected RCCR President **Announcements**: Next meeting is on Jan 11, 2006, at Salem Church Indoor electric FF at the Armory on Dec 18 Len Cataldi will provide an R/C overview to the Hilton/Parma Historical Society on Dec 19 BHS Festival of Ideas will be held on Mar 4, 2006. The Chilly Chili FF will be held again, at Hasman Field, on Jan 1, 2006 **Show and Tell**: Bob White – Roap based CG balancer Trevor Ewell – Plumbob balancer Jerry Joseph – Royal Zero Devin McGrath – Nikitis Animal electric foamie Paul Weigand – Robosapien R/C robot with dog Yearend drawing won by George Steiger **50/50** – Won by Charlie Lechlitter No 12-28-05 mtng

Quotation:

**Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take,
but by the number of moments that take our breath away**

Anonymous

Everyone has a Story

We are going to be kept in suspense for the rest of Don Steeb's story "Love at first flight".
But I think you will not be disappointed with Ed Britton's spectacular contribution!

Thank you Ed!

Shirley

A Christmas story....

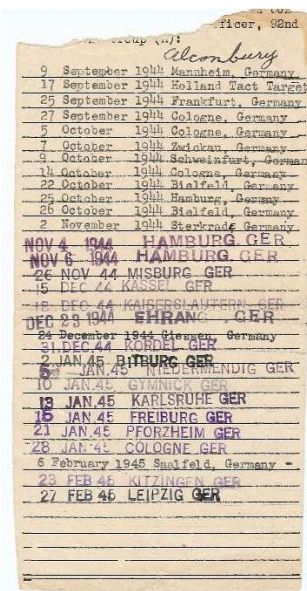
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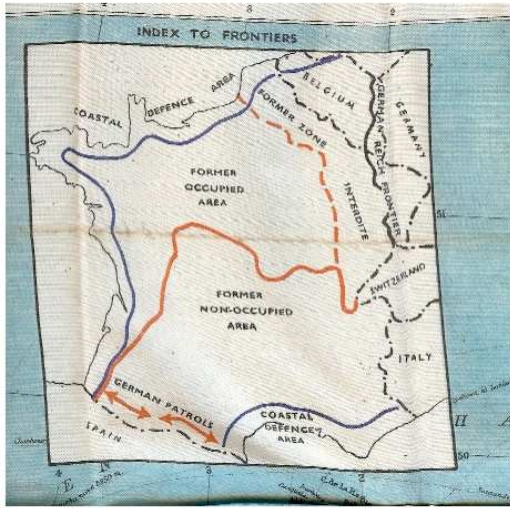
On Christmas day '05 I opened a package from my Father-in-law that contained some VERY interesting documents. They were some records of a man named Rolland Dikeman from Newark, NY who was part of a B-17 flight crew during W.W.II.

He had found them amongst a box-lot of items he had gotten at an auction about a year ago, and thought that with my interest in aviation I might like to have them.

Well, I must have spent well over an hour going through all these items, citations for medals, logged time both for combat and training missions over both England & Germany, also his entire list of combat missions, 30 in all.

Another interesting item amongst all this was a silk map of France showing the boundaries for all the German occupied areas





Thinking I could not find any more surprises, I was wrong. Here was a pilot's logbook; he was a very active pilot before going into the AAC, flying almost daily in and around the Newark/Wayne area, also many trips to Rochester, Syracuse & Geneva in a Taylor Cub, and an American Eagle. But it was the last entry in his logbook that really caught my eye.

B-17G

"Courtesy of Wm. Thorstenson, Capt. & Pilot. 2hr flight at night thru an Elect. Storm, 1 hr flight during the day. 30 min. practice in formation on return from Germany to Podington, England after bombing mission."

This was too much, how did this ever get left amongst items in an auction? I had to find out more, so for about 5 hrs. on Christmas day I Googled like crazy trying to find out as much as I could about him & his service in the Army Air Force. I was largely unsuccessful; the 8th Air force site was no help for his unit 40th bomb wing, 92nd bomb group, 407th bomb Sqdn. stationed at Podington, England. No mention of him or his crew, which by the way at this point I only knew he was a Tech Sergeant engineer/mechanic and not the pilot, co-pilot, bombardier or navigator (those names were listed on a citation).

I decided to go a different route, find him or his family. The more I looked at these documents and searched around, the more I thought that it had to be a mistake that they came to be where they were and needed to find their way back. After about another 2 hrs I finally tracked down someone who appeared to be a sister in Florida, lo and behold it was and the listing had a phone #! Okay, 8pm on Christmas Day, do I call? Hesitated for about a minute and said what the heck, why not!

It turned out to be the best phone call I had made all year, we talked for about 30 min. and she told me many things that the documents didn't. Her late husband was his best friend and flying buddy before and after the war.

He was the Top Turret gunner in his crew, and if it hadn't been for the fact he was color blind, would have been a pilot.



Upon returning from their 30th mission, he took ill and ended up in the hospital with pneumonia. A few days later, his crew went on another mission over Germany, with a replacement for him in the top turret position. Unfortunately, the aircraft was lost along with the entire crew. This was something that his sister said bothered him greatly and that he always said he felt he should have been there to help, that he could have done something for them. It was not long after this he was honorably discharged from the AAC.

His wife passed away in '04 and he was put in a nursing home in Ithaca where he still resides, unfortunately he is not in good health. The entire house was auctioned off and they thought that all his military and aviation items had been gathered up and given to her son. I told her that I would be more than happy to return these items to her, and so I have.

Do you remember Matt's little "moth"?

WattAge Micro Flyers are the hobby's hottest and most successful new trend in indoor and outdoor R/C flying fun! Now, hot on the heels of the most successful micro R/C plane of all times comes another revolutionary new idea, the Rookie micro flying wing! This little wing flies up to 6 minutes and weights only 0.6 ounce. With only a 9.4 inch wingspan and only 9.2 inches long it's small enough to fly practically anywhere! Includes a 2-channel radio and Li-Po battery. It even has the charger in the transmitter!



Source: <http://www.hobbypeople.net/gallery/157105.asp>

Winter doesn't have to be a time of inactivity!
RIT's Indoor Meet 12-10-05



Chilly Chili Fuhn Fly 1-1-06



1-5-06 Luncheon for Northampton Park Employees



REMINDERS

It's past time for RCCR renewal of membership! You will find the forms for RCCR and AMA on the RCCR website in the HANGAR TALK section. Remember that Bob White needs to have a copy of your AMA membership card.

As Matt reminded us, the annual RCCR Roast is almost upon us. This year, the roast will be held on Friday, February 10, 2006 at the Lodge on the Green, located on Ridgeway Avenue near Elmgrove Road. If you haven't done so, please contact Jim DeTar with your headcount (585-298-0239) and pay \$17.50/ person before February 3rd.

I'm learning to be an editor as I go along and am **DELIGHTED** to get ideas, contributions and helpful feedback from you. Don't be shy! Let me know what you think! *Especially* if I can improve the quality of your newsletter.

I'm still working on editing photos. Apologies for not being further along. Holidays have taken more time than I thought. I do have more albums on my site however...

<http://members13.clubphoto.com/shirley631377/guest-3.phtml>

Shirley

RCCR CHANNEL 72 USAGE from Bob White, Membership VP

Below is a listing of frequency usage by RCCR Members, based on the 2005 Roster of 91 members. Data on 10 members is missing. This information will be useful for those anticipating new purchases and for helping to avoid frequency conflicts. There are many variables, frequency of flying, those that have multiple frequencies, etc. so no statistical analysis will take place! We strive to keep current and therefore request member's information on which frequencies are active or retired. The membership VP will gladly accept the information.

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