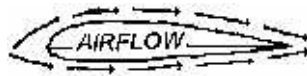


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The purpose of the Radio Control Club of Rochester is to aid and encourage interest in the design, construction and safe operation of radio-controlled model aircraft, boats, and cars.

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 they are held at the Salem Church, 60 Bittner Street, just east of the Inner Loop exit at St. Paul Street.

May 24th and until September 2006, the RCCR meetings are 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

FOR THE LATEST INFO:

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First Training Session of the Season, 2006

Learn to Fly R/C Tuesday Training at Northampton Park 4 pm 'til sunset - May through September

Sample the Gavel



Let's go flying...

Oh, crap. I still have an entire page to fill. This is going to be tough considering that the sun is shining, the grass is mowed, and the batteries are charged...

If you haven't figured it out already, all the fields except Black Creek Park are mowed, dry, and ready for action. You can actually walk around at Northampton without leaving footprints, and the giant mud puddle we named "Lake George (Steger)" has dried up and is almost completely overgrown with fresh grass. The "Julius Tree" is gone.

While we're on the subject of fields, there are a couple of developments at Hasman that I really need everyone to be aware of. First is the new pinboard, designed and built by yours truly. Looks darned good if I do say so myself. We still need to add the card clips, but the pins are spread out and more accessible now, more like a "real" pinboard. No more excuses for not using proper frequency control at Hasman.

The second development is a little more serious: As I stated in a recent email, the full-scale traffic at Hasman has increased substantially. Some of these pilots are even using the East/West runway, the same one we use for R/C. Keep in mind that some of these full-scalers are not familiar with the field, and don't always realize that we're there. They won't necessarily circle the field before landing to alert us to their presence. To help prevent any issues at the field, we've moved the start-up benches back away from the runway. I would ask that you stand back from the runway while flying, and I strongly recommend that you have an observer for full-scale traffic at Hasman from this day forward. **Full-scalers have the right of way, period.** If there's an incident, we lose access to this fine field, period. Stay back from the runway, and keep an eye out for full-scale, please.

Having just come back from the Rochester Wings show at the Rochester International Airport, I was thinking about what's coming up next. Well, this week is the annual St. John Fisher Science Fair, which Don Steeb and his band of merry men (especially after the wine and cheese) attend each year. This will probably get to you too late to convince you to attend, but if you can get out there to represent the RCCR, do so. I mean, you get to brag about your airplanes, and there's free food. Where's the downside to that?

Really, the next big thing coming up is our June Fun Fly. If you've been attending meetings, or if you've seen the website lately, you know this, but for our 19th annual Ray Edmunds Memorial, we've got a special guest pilot. Representing Team Futaba and Castle Creations among others is factory pilot Dan Landis. He hails from Poughkeepsie, NY, so he's almost a local guy. Devin's kicked his butt in pretty much every recent competition, but hopefully Dan won't hold it against Devin, or the club, when he comes to dazzle our audience with his 46% TOC Ultimate Biplane and electric powered F3A 2-meter pattern ship. We talked to him at Toledo, and when he asked us what he should bring to fly, I asked, "How big is your trailer?" He's appearing courtesy Great Planes and Performance Hobbies (i.e. Tom McCoy and Andres Rodriguez of the RAMS).

This is a great opportunity for our club to turn our June Fun Fly into a public relations windfall for the club, and I know everyone has a favorite haunt or two with a public billboard in the entryway. McClure has posted our flyer on the website, so print one off and take it with you the next time you go out. If you don't have any of that new-fangled techno-stuff, come to a meeting and pick up a few flyers to distribute. We'll make more.

Matt

Obituary

From: Paul Weigand Date: 04/01/06 21:19:24 It is with much sadness that I tell you that one of our founding members, Art Terenzi, passed away last Tuesday. At his and the families request, there was no obituary or public service, just a very small family service. I received a phone call from John Lopresti this afternoon with the bad news..... Art was working on his 5th wheel and suffered a massive heart attack. I'm sure Art is up there talking about all the "abberstutions"..... Barb's address: Barb Terenzi, 104 Finucane Rd., Rochester, NY 14623

From: D&C Art was an Army Veteran during the Korean War, a retiree of Delco and an avid R/C Flier.

From: Ken Braun to Shirley: Date: April 8th 2006. When I saw the name and picture I knew I had talked to him before. The picture of his camper confirmed it. He was a good guy and will be missed. Nature of life I guess. Nothing is certain in this world anymore. May they (Art with other RCCR members who have passed on), be resting in peace and crashing their models into each other getting cut fingers, getting nitro spray all over them, and still having to endure Brook where ever they may be. They are missed. Ken



Minutes from Mar 8, 2006 meeting at Salem Church Officers Present: Matt Kirsch – Pres, Ed Britton – VP/Prog, Rich Brook – Sec, Bob White – Memb **New Members:** **Guests:** **Treasurer's Report:** As recorded **Membership Report:** 65 Members for 2006, including officers and lifetime members. **Programs Report:** How to be a Tail Gunner video **Field Report:** Joe Somers reports that Hasman Field is frozen. Try to fly off the N/S runway. Bolling Field is drying fast and will need rolling, soon. A pump will be needed to put water in the roller. **Field Monitoring Committee** – Nothing new **Field Search Committee:** Currently deactivated **Events:** An effort is still ongoing to obtain a big name pilot for our June FF. No commitments have been made, yet. Matt Kirsch will check on the possibility of a Banner Ad in RCU. Jerry Joseph indicated that a ¼ page ad in RC Report magazine would be \$90. Greg Kesel indicates that we can put an ad in the Rochester Wings flyer. We will need 1500 flyers. We need a decision by Apr 7. A decision was made to bring 4 RCCR tables to the Rochester Wings event. A ¼ page ad was approved. Tom McCoy and the RAMS will attend the Rochester Wings event. Flyers for the RCCR June FF should go out in mid May. The Dick Foster and Dick Peterson will run the concession stand. Ed Wingate will be contacted regarding possible local TV coverage. Ed has dealt with the TV persons before. The Electric FF Sanction has come back. **Hasman Pinboard Committee:** Nothing to report **Old Business:** Brighton High School Festival of Ideas was a success. It was attended by Rich Brook, Joe Somers, Jerry Joseph, Glen Sutton, Julius Hebling and his wife, Shirley Hunter, Pete Fierintino, Matt Kirsch, Ed Britton, Bill Wegman. Delta Darts were built and flown, Rich Brook did a Shockflyer demo. Several planes were on display. An R/C simulator was available. **New Business:** Dick Foster presented the Trainer Club Award to John Floyd. John was unable to attend the Feb Roast, this year **Announcements:** Next meeting is on Mar 22, 2006, at Salem Church. Ed Britton will bring the doughnuts. Indoor electric FF at the Armory on

Mar 19. Park in back of the Armory. R/C Swap Meet in Lebanon, Pa, will be held on Mar 11, 2006. The Canandaigua Chiefs will host their annual Swap Meet, on Mar 18. Toledo Show – Apr 7-9 **Show and Tell:** Matt Kirsch – Street Fighter Corsair Indoor electric combat plane. Julius Hebling – Book on how to construct paper airplanes from real dollar bills – Video of the BHS Festival of Ideas event. **50/50** – Won by Bob Kniryim **Minutes from Mar 22, 2006 meeting at Salem Church Officers Present:** Ed Britton – **VP/Prog**, Rich Brook – **Sec**, Bob White – **Mem**, Jim DeTar - **Tres** **New Members:** **Guests:** **Treasurer's Report:** As recorded. **Membership Report:** 68 Members for 2006, including officers and lifetime members. **Programs Report:** NEAT Fair video **Field Report:** Joe Somers reports that Bolling Field is dry. He was able to use Pat Bolling's water to fill the roller. Surface of runway has little damage. The wood shed is fading. Hasman Field is good, but the road is wet. Please do not fly South of the Hasman runway, especially near Abe's, the Antique store, or near parked full scale aircraft **Field Monitoring Committee** – Nothing new **Field Search Committee:** Currently deactivated **Events:** Don Steeb reports that the St John Fisher Science Exploration Day will be held on May 10-11. It was decided not to place any magazine ads for the June FF. We will take out a ¼ page ad in the Rochester Wings event flyer. As a result of efforts by Andres Rodriguez and Tom McCoy, Great Planes will be sending Dan Landis as the guest pilot for our June FF. He is a Team Futaba pilot and has placed well in a number of model competitions over the past couple of years. His major area of expertise is Pattern and Electric. It was decided that we will have a Pilot's Dinner, at NH, for the June FF, catered by a local caterer, to be determined. The Electric FF sanction is in. Jerry Joseph states that we need flyers. **Hasman Pinboard Committee:** Julius has a plan. **Old Business:** There was some discussion concerning the metal storage container proposed for Bolling Field. Current quotes will be obtained. Discussion tabled. The RCCR Board of Directors meeting, to be held in March, will be moved to sometime in April. **New Business:** The RCCR AMA Charter has been sent in. The check for Bolling Field has been sent The March 19 East Main Armory electric event was once again a success. Hobby Lobby donated several raffle prizes and Flying Models donated magazines and subscriptions. There were 34 paid pilots. Jim DeTar asked if there were any special procedures that need to be developed regarding the use of Spread Spectrum radios at our club fields. It was suggested that we create a set of pins and clips to hold the flyers AMA cards. Further discussion will be done at the April BOD meeting. **Announcements:** Next meeting is on Apr 12, 2006, at Salem Church. Bob White will bring the doughnuts FLAPS auction will be held on April 1 Toledo Show – Apr 7-9 SJF Science Expo – May 10-11 Buffalo Bills practice dome – Indoor FF – May 21 Show and Tell: Bob White – Great Planes Stearman ARF recovered Trevor Ewell – Added inboard flaps to his Mosquito bomber Gerry Merz - Contender **50/50** – Won by Ed Britton **Minutes from Apr 12, 2006 meeting at Salem Church Officers Present:** Matt Kirsch – Pres, Ed Britton – VP/Prog, Rich Brook – Sec, Bob White – Mem, Jim DeTar - **Tres** **New Members:** **Guests:** **Treasurer's Report:** As recorded. **Membership Report:** 68 Members for 2006, including officers and lifetime members. **Programs Report:** The Matt Kirsch Electric Road Show **Field Report:** Bolling Field has been rolled 5 times and is dry – Remember!!! No flying gas models on Thurs and Sun or after 6pm any other day. The Old lock combination is still in effect at Bolling Field Joe Somers was able to get water for the roller, at NH, from the Park Office Trevor indicated that the NH Park foreman, Russ, wants to take down the wood fence that borders the parking lot, for ease of mowing The Julius Tree, at NH, is down NH will open soon Pete Fierentino reports that the excavations, at Black Creek Park, will be stopped for one year. There will be no official BC runway until then **Committees:** **Field Monitoring Committee** – Nothing new **Field Search Committee:** Currently deactivated **Hasman Pinboard Committee:** Julius has a woody **Events:** The Rochester Wings event will be held on May 5-6. We will be using RCCR tables The St. John Fisher Science Expo will be held on May 10-11. June FF – Dan Landis, of Pookipsie, NY, will be our Guest Pilot. He has flying skills in Gasoline and Electric powered aerobatic planes. Ed Britton and Matt Kirsch spoke with him at the Toledo Expo The Pilot's Dinner, at the June FF, will be catered by the Merchants St Smoke House, in Brockport. We provide the beverages. We estimate 80 persons will attend the dinner. Pulled Pork, Mac salad, and beans. We will pick up the food. Dick Foster will only be running the concession stand, during the day, so a separate clean up crew will need to be appointed for the dinner Joe Somers suggests we keep the grass low in the non-runway areas North of our runway. Dan Landis's travel expenses will be covered by Great Planes. We may plan a dinner for him on the Friday before the June FF The Electric FF sanctions are in **Old Business:** Matt Kirsch called Averti regarding the quote on a Steel Storage Container. An 8x8x20 reconditioned Brown and Grey container would run \$2500 plus tax. Delivery would be \$120 plus tax. A 10x20 shed from the people next to Abe's, would be \$2200. We agreed to wait until after the June FF, to order it, however, Joe Somers will check on what the turnaround time would be on delivery **New Business:** The Combat meets are being tentatively scheduled for May, June, July, and Sept Matt Kirsch is taking orders for the Bulk Fuel Order – 4 gal per case With John Floyd and George Steiger out of commission, for a while, we will need to get volunteers to do the mowing. Ed Wingate will coordinate at NH PortaPotties will be rented from May-Sept, at Bolling and Hasman. We will be requesting two for the June FF at NH **Announcements:** Next meeting is on Apr 26, 2006, at Salem Church. Bob White will bring the doughnuts Rochester Wings – May 5-6 St John Fisher Science Expo – May 10-11 Buffalo Bills practice dome – Indoor FF – May 21 **Show and Tell:** Bill Wegman – Take it!!! It's yours!!! Trevor Ewell – Met with AMA execs at the Toledo Show Shirley Hunter – Going to CA for a ride in a Pitts S-2C Scott Miller – T-REX electric Heli Rich Brook – No-Spill CA holder Pete Fierentino – Power Crimper **50/50** – Won by Scott Miller **Minutes from Apr 26, 2006 meeting at Salem Church Officers Present:** Matt Kirsch – Pres, Ed Britton – VP/Prog, Rich Brook – Sec, Bob White – Mem, Jim DeTar - **Tres** **New Members:** **Guests:** **Treasurer's Report:** **Membership Report:** 83 Members for 2006, including officers and lifetime members. **Programs Report:** The Matt Kirsch Electric Road Show **Field Report:** Hasman Field has been mowed and is in good condition NH is dry, has been mowed, and is open for the season The lock at Bolling Field has been changed to the new standard combination Joe Somers and George Steiger have calibrated the tractors, at NH, and marked the settings to be used for each mowing area Joe Somers reports that there has been increased Full-Scale traffic at Hasman Field. Be very aware of any such traffic and if possible, do not fly alone **Committees:** **Field Monitoring Committee** – Nothing new **Field Search Committee:** Currently deactivated **Hasman Pinboard Committee:** Matt brought in the new Hasman Pinboard **Events:** The Rochester Wings event will be held on May 5-6. Matt will bring a Flight Sim The St. John Fisher Science Expo will be held on May 10-11, 9-2 June FF – Matt brought June FF Flyers to pass out Joe Somers reports that customers at Abe's Restaurant were talking about the upcoming June FF R/C manufacturers have been responding to our requests for June FF prizes. Combat meets have been scheduled for June 10, July 15, and Sept 30, at Hasman Field **Old Business:** Matt Kirsch called Averti regarding the quote on a Steel Storage Container. They promised a quick turnaround time on delivery and there was an option to buy back the container, at a pro rated price, if we wanted to get rid of it in the future. Joe Somers stated that we could put 7 tractors plus tents and other things, in the container. He suggested that we put the container at NH, instead of Bolling, and move a shed from NH to Bolling. We should consult Russ, the foreman at NH Last call for Bulk Fuel order– Full cases only unless special arrangements are made. Payment due by May 1 **New Business:** Summer meetings will be held at Hasman Field, beginning with the last meeting in May, weather permitting. We will need to call the Salem Church, in Aug, to assure that the doors will be open for the first meeting in Sept Ed Ortman reports that an out-of-town club would like to buy one of our Black Creek Park sailplane winches. A vote was taken and passed, recommending that we donate a winch to that club **Announcements:** Next meeting is on May 10, 2006, at Salem Church. Jim DeTar will bring the doughnuts. Rochester Wings – May 5-6. St John Fisher Science Expo – May 10-11 Buffalo Bills practice dome – Indoor FF – May 21 Capitol Warbirds in Albany **Show and Tell:** Trevor Ewell – Stearman previously flown Jerry Joseph – Sig Mahem Phil Evans – Softpack tool carrier Matt Kirsch – Power Crimper Paul Weigand – Bob Violet factory visit in Florida **50/50** – Won by Bob White

Quotation:

Only those who dare, truly live.

Ruth P. Freedman

As I said last month, if you believe that, then explore this site..... <http://www.incredible-adventures.com/>

60 Combat Missions before the age of 21!!!

All the old timers know who Dick "Spider" Smith is. I had the pleasure of meeting Spider and his wonderful wife Betty on my trip to California this April. Younger and/or newer members of the club, if you don't know the name, then read [Spider's story](#) from the dropdown menu on the front page of RCCR's website. It'll make your hair stand on end! Spider flew a B17 AND a P51 in W.W.II, and survived 60 missions! He had to ditch his plane, "Easy Does It" in Belgium when his engine quit and burst into flames. What a story that is! He escaped with flames whipping past him when he bailed out. Dick's plane is to be "excavated" sometime this summer, and I hope to bring you more on that story on our next edition.

Spider also had a great deal to do with the beginnings of RCCR, and the fact that we have such a lovely field in Northampton Park. He is retired in California, still flies R/C planes, and I have included pictures of him with some of his planes in the last issue of the newsletter.

I went to CA to take an aerobatic flight in a Pitts S-2C, and Dick and Betty entertained me right royally while there. It was the first time I'd met them. They brought along an English friend of theirs, Dave Chizlett, and we met in the schoolroom where the Pitts pre-flight briefing was taking place. Spider, of course, had done all the maneuvers I was to do the next day, and more, in his P51, and he was very nonchalant about it! That was so cool! Mike "Rocket" Blackstone, the aerobatic pilot instructor was impressed to meet Spider. I think he would like to have flown the P-51 too!

After the briefing, I was taken to an English pub which was so authentic I had trouble believing I was not back in jolly old! Conversation, camaraderie and true English food followed. We had a great time and laughed a lot. Spider told a couple of stories of his past. He crossed the Atlantic in a B-17 in May 1944, and was to land in St. Andrews. However, St. Andrews was socked in with fog, and so the B-17 was redirected to Northern Ireland. The bombardier took everyone to an Irish pub and bought beer. Everything went along well until one of the Irish drinkers told the Americans what wonderful gentlemen they were, unlike the gangsters of the previous generation! The Bombardier erupted, "Nobody's going to call my father a gangster!" and a full fledged bar fight broke out! The crew had to be rescued by an Member of Parliament so they could be flown to England! Another great story was about the "taxi crash". I'll let Spider tell it in his own words... "Here are the pictures of my Taxi Crash in the P51 on 9 December 1944. Mine is the plane with the least damage. We were taxiing out to take off on a mission when our leader blew a tire and went off the taxi strip. I was the last in line and came around the corner to see everyone stopping, but it was too late for me and I went up the back of the plane in front of me. Hard luck! No one was hurt and I flew my next mission."

After the meal, I was taken to a delightful English store to buy goodies to take home for family and friends. There was no resisting that! None of us did! Thank you Dick, Betty and Dave for such a delightful English-Californian experience. I hope to see you again when I make my next flight in the Pitts! **Shirley**



Dave & Dick figuring out the camera



Dick looks pretty serious



Not so Betty!



A lively crew



Woman shopping.....BEAUTY!

The taxi crash to the right.....

Men shopping.....FOOD! below.....



WINGS 2006

Friday 5th and Saturday 6th May

I counted eleven members of RCCR at Wings this year! Ed Britton, Dick Brook, John Floyd, Shirley Hunter, Jerry Joseph, Greg Kesel, Matt Kirsch, Randy Meyers, Scott Miller, Mike Rotherford, and Bob White. Did I miss anyone? I was off and running checking out all the planes, pilots and booths, so it's likely I did. Apologies, but I didn't get pictures of everyone!

Friday was a little quiet, which was not surprising as so many people have jobs, and the younger generation was at school. But Saturday was more active. There was quite a lot of business at the RCCR booth with a lot of lively conversation and laughter. As usual, the simulator was a big hit, especially with the kids. They are so *good* at that stuff! Bob Clemens was on a booth next to RCCR, and the rubber band powered planes were also a big hit. Bob is certainly an expert in that field! The models are made with meticulous care. It was beautiful to see their gentle and precise flight paths! The jet which previously belonged to John Travolta attracted a lot of attention, and since it only had one seat, settled the controversy

over whether or not John flew it himself. It looked impossible to climb into! (But then I needed a set of steps to mount a horse!) I did see a young whippersnapper easily and gently ease himself in, and had a twinge of jealousy! The raffle for the Stearman ride was very popular, but I think the open cockpit must have made it rather cold the weather being as it was. I took a ride last summer in Elmira when the weather was quite hot, and it was a cool ride. I thought it very neat that Bob White's Stearman echoed the real thing at the other end of the hangar.

I can't speak for everyone else of course, but I had a wonderful time. Hopefully we will see some more potential members at Northampton Park training sessions as a result of our efforts. Thanks to all members who gave of their time and expertise to make the event a success!

Shirley



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