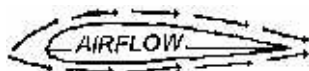


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The purpose of the Radio Control Club of Rochester is to aid and encourage interest in the design, construction and safe operation of radio-controlled model aircraft, boats, and cars.

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

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**Dan Landis' spectacular performance at the Ray Edmunds Airshow
July 25th 2006**



Sample the Gavel



from the gavel

President RCCR

When we put our minds to it, we put on one heck of a show. Our 19th annual Ray Edmunds Memorial Air Show and Fun Fly could not have turned out any better. People were parked clear out on to the park road both days; the biggest crowds we've had in years I've been told. The ice cream sold out three times in two days, and the hots stand sold out by 1:20PM on Sunday! That's a crowd.

I heard nothing but positive feedback from spectators and guest pilots alike. Not only was the transmitter impound the coolest place to be all weekend, with a box fan generating a steady breeze, it was a great place to talk to the pilots and greet the spectators as they came across to get a closer look at the action.

We made a few bucks on the deal, but more importantly, we made a tremendously positive impression on the people in the area, and on our fellow pilots. Hats off to everyone that made this possible!

There are so many people to thank that I could not possibly list them all. I do need to recognize our distinguished guest pilot Dan Landis, and his father Richard, for making the trip upstate to attend our show. Dan really stole the show, putting on three performances a day with his 46% scale, 42 pound Ultimate Biplane.

A special thanks has to go out to Tom McCoy, owner of Performance Hobbies for making the arrangements to have Dan Landis here, and to Great Planes for paying Dan's way and sponsoring our meet.

Next year is our 50th year as a chartered club, our 40th year at Northampton, and our 20th Ray Edmunds Fun Fly. We've got to do something special for our "golden" anniversary, and I'm open to ideas. As the flying season winds down, we'll be discussing this in meetings.

Shirley's got a boyfriend! Shirley's got a boyfriend! Our illustrious and well-traveled newsletter editor, Shirley Hunter, has met herself a man, and sadly, is leaving us to move to Texas. Shirley came on board with her late husband, Al Sertl, and has been our official unofficial club photographer ever since. When Al passed on, we awarded her an honorary membership for her service to the club, and I dare say, we created a monster! Shirley started coming to trainer night and learning to fly R/C. Shortly thereafter, she started dabbling in the full scale stuff, and has just recently become a licensed private pilot. If you haven't seen the video of Shirley's adventure in full-scale aerobatics, you're in for a treat.

Anyway, this means we've got a job opening for a newsletter editor. The editor is responsible for producing six issues a year, which includes gathering articles and pictures, producing a 6-8 page document (I'm usually good for one, so that takes a little of the pressure off, eh?), and distributing it to the membership. I will be accepting resumes until the position is filled, and yes, a resume written on the back of used toilet paper is acceptable ☺ Don't forget, this job includes free club membership for the duration that the position is held.

Finally this time around, we've had a little bit of a controversy stirred up as of late regarding flying turbines at Northampton. Unbeknownst to me, there may be a written agreement between the RCCR, our neighbors around Northampton, and quite possibly even the FAA. I personally do not have any record of such an agreement in my possession among the club paperwork, but that does not mean the agreement does not exist.

While this issue is investigated, I am placing a temporary moratorium on flying turbine-powered aircraft at Northampton. Rest assured we will get to the bottom of this issue as soon as possible.

Our big event for the summer was a rousing success. Now go out there and enjoy some of the other events in the area, but don't forget that our Electric Fun Fly on the 3rd weekend in August and that it's our turn to host the "Four" (really SIX) Club Fun Fly this year on September 3rd. One more 3rd and I'll have a whole... something.

Matt



Tracy Dart

TRIBUTE

Last summer I visited Dart Airport at the Mayville end of Lake Chautauqua. I was in search of an item in the airport museum created by Don Steeb which I intended to photograph for his "Everyone Has a Story" series. While there I noticed a tall and graceful woman who was so at home in the airport, I knew she belonged in aviation and loved everything about it. I'll bet when she flew that she and the plane were one. I'll bet she "Wore the plane". She was Tracy Dart. She bore the name of the airport. I discovered that Tracy was a flight instructor, much respected by pilots. Gender never held her back. I heard a seasoned pilot taking instruction from her, and knew from his body language and voice of respect that she was really special. Tracy has been one of my heroes. I was devastated to hear that on Tuesday 13th June, she was killed when her plane

crashed. The engine malfunctioned, she struck a tree and power lines, and was killed instantly. If it can happen to Tracy, it can happen to anyone. If you never heard of Tracy, I wanted you to. If you ever visit Dart Airport, look for her. If you don't see her, you may feel her free spirit in the field and sky. Tell her from me "Thank you for being you!"
Shirley

Minutes from May 10, 2006 meeting at Salem Church Officers Present: Matt Kirsch – Pres, Ed Britton – VP/Prog, Rich Brook – Sec, Jim DeTar - Tres **New Members:** **Guests:** **Treasurer's Report:** As stated **Membership Report:** 84 Members for 2006, including officers and lifetime members. **Programs Report:** HammerHead Shirley **Field Report:** NH is dry and firm Decks on all mowers at NH have been Calibrated and Marked NH runway has been fertilized and weed killer applied Hasman Field has been incident free. No full scale problems **Committees: Field Monitoring Committee** – Nothing new **Field Search Committee:** Currently deactivated **Sound Committee:** Trevor Ewell examined several planes, at NH, including Rich Brook, Greg Kesel, and some non-club members. In the case of Rich and Greg, 3 blade props proved to quiet the engines. Suggestions were made to the other flyers tested **Events:** The Rochester Wings event was a success. Thanks to all who participated at the RCCR booth The St. John Fisher Science Expo was in progress as of this meeting .June FF – Ed Britton will be notifying the media. The food permit has been obtained. Ed has the sound equipment. We need to check on a wireless mike Greg Kesel inquired about what was planned for Dan Landis, on the Friday before the event. A dinner is being considered. A schedule is being planned to identify what times of day will be set aside for Dan's demos **Old Business:** The new Pinboard has been installed at Hasman Field Due to complications, the Bulk Fuel Order has been cancelled **New Business:** A BOD meeting will be held at Ed's Restaurant, May 17, at 7pm May 21 – Indoor FF and electric R/C at the Buffalo Bills Practice Dome **Announcements:** Next meeting is on May 24, 2006, at Hasman Field. Jim DeTar will inform the church that we will not be using the hall until the fall Buffalo Bills practice dome – Indoor FF – May 21 Capitol Warbirds in Albany on June 3-4 **Show and Tell:** Dick Peterson – George Steiger is undergoing knee surgery Trevor Ewell – Lost a trainee's light electric plane and Tom Forsyth donated a replacement **50/50** – Won by Jim DeTar

Minutes from May 24, 2006 meeting at Salem Church Officers Present: Matt Kirsch – Pres, Ed Britton – VP/Prog, Rich Brook – Sec, Jim DeTar – Tres, Bob White - Memb **New Members:** None **Guests:** None **Treasurer's Report:** None **Membership Report:** 84 Members for 2006, including officers and lifetime members. **Programs Report:** Fly till we Die, The Hasman Field Story **Field Report:** Hasman Field is great – The tables and benches have been moved back, away from the E/W runway, to give flyers some safety space if a full scale planes lands unexpectedly This weekend will be the designated Bolling Field Weekend, for May **Committees: Field Monitoring Committee** – Nothing new **Field Search Committee:** Currently deactivated **Sound Committee:** Three blade props seem to be a key factor in reducing noise for planes equipped with OS 1.60 2-stroke engines **Events:** The St. John Fisher Science Expo was a success. More participation is needed in the future. The lunches, wine, and houndrives were great. Bob White reports there was a significant amount of interest .June FF – Ed Britton reports that Great Planes, has donated a Matt Chapman Cap 580 ARF **Old Business:** A Board of Directors Meeting was held and the RCCR Club Bylaws have been reviewed and revisions proposed. We will review the proposed changes at the next meeting The FF meet, at the Buffalo Bills Practice Dome, was not well attended. Ed Britton, Matt Kirsch, and one other, were some of the few attendees **New Business:** Joe Somers reports that Norm Hasman has asked each club member to loosely attach the chain, on the Hasman Field gate, when closing the gate. The chain should still be locked securely, but leaving it somewhat loose makes it easier to open **Announcements:** Next meeting is on June 14, 2006, at Hasman Field. Matt Kirsch will bring the donuts June 10 Combat Meet at Hasman Field Capitol Warbirds in Albany on June 3-4 Batavia FF in LeRoy on June 3-4 FLAPS event in Geneva on June 4 **Show and Tell:** None **50/50** – None

Minutes from June 14, 2006 meeting at Hasman Field Officers Present: Matt Kirsch – Pres, Ed Britton – VP/Prog, Rich Brook – Sec, Jim DeTar – Tres, Bob White - Memb **New Members:** None **Guests:** Water Dort – Bomber's Hobby Shop **Treasurer's Report:** As stated **Membership Report:** 87 Members for 2006, including officers and lifetime members. **Programs Report:** Fly till we Die, The Hasman Field Story **Field Report:** Trevor Ewell reports that Russ, the Northampton Park foreman, will mow the areas we will be using for parking and camping during the June FF **Committees: Field Monitoring Committee** – Nothing new **Field Search Committee:** Currently deactivated **Sound Committee:** Nothing to report **Events:** June FF preparation crews should report to Hasman Field and NH, around 8:30am, on Friday. Dining Canopies will be moved from the club fields, to NH. We will need help in mowing, trimming, raking, bagging, and setting up fencing and equipment. Tables will also have to be moved .We will use Matt's trailer for the Transmitter Impound. Matt obtained plastic stakes that can be used to string fencing. Ed Britton is arranging for the PA system Signs need to be placed at strategic locations Food for the Pilot's Dinner will be picked up at 4:30pm. Charges will be \$10 per club member, \$10 per club member's significant other. Club member's kids under 16 are free. Headcount must be determined by Friday, at noon. Dan Landis will not be in town until late Friday night Randy Meyers will run the Registration Tent Tom McCoy has provided Event shirts for all workers Ed Britton will be the CD, Paul Weigand will be the

Flight Line Coordinator. Greg Kesel will be the Pit Coordinator and primary announcer **Old Business: None New Business:** Bolling Field designated weekend, for June, will be June 16-18 **Announcements:** Next meeting is on June 28, 2006, at Hasman Field. Canandaigua Chiefs Electric Meet Bay of Quinte Jet Rally – June 16-18 **Show and Tell:** Steve Kruger – Discounts offered at the hobby shop in Geneva Pete Durante – Article in Model Airplane News magazine **50/50 – Minutes from June 28, 2006 meeting at Hasman Field Officers Present:** Matt Kirsch – Pres, Ed Britton – VP/Prog, Rich Brook – Sec, Jim DeTar – Tres, Bob White - Memb **New Members:** Tom Toolan **Guests:** None **Treasurer's Report: Membership Report:** 91 Members for 2006, including officers and lifetime members. Gary Hailston and Tom Toolan were voted in. **Programs Report:** Fly till we Die, The Hasman Field Story **Field Report:** All fields are in great shape **Committees: Field Monitoring Committee** – Nothing new **Field Search Committee:** Currently deactivated **Sound Committee:** Nothing to report **Events:** Combat meet at Hasman Field on July 15 .SEFF meet on Aug 17-18 Signs for our June FF could not be placed at the corner of Rt 19 and Rt 31 due to local town policies Someone removed the signs in front of Eddies restaurant **Old Business:** Scott Miller suggested that since our June FF was such a success, without Joe Somers present, that we not invite Joe to next years event. Perhaps that was just a coincidence John Floyd asked that anyone who has suggestions as to how to improve any aspect of the event, please submit them to John Dick Foster reported a \$952 profit on the concession stand. He ran out of food by 1:30pm on Sunday. Thanks go out to Dick Peterson, Mike Mance, Judy Foster, Bob Gears Bob White reports we made \$165 on the ice cream and \$444 on the raffle. Thanks go out to Phil Evans and Mike Mance Jim DeTar reports we collected \$390 for the Pilot's dinner. The dinner cost the club \$540. We spent an additional \$310 plus the cost of the PortaPotties and the Fuel purchased from the Hobby House. We have \$6935 in our treasury Ed Britton gave thanks to all those who may have worked before, during, or after the June FF, especially Ed Wingate, Jerry Merz, and Les Rogow, for mowing, Greg Kesel for announcing, Paul Weigand for Flight Control, and everyone else involved Dan Landis was very pleased with the site and the event The club needs to send Thank You notes to Great Planes, Dan Landis and his dad, Frank Knoll and Don Anderson, the NH park crew, and Performance Hobbies The RCCR club Bylaws are posted on the club website. All club members should look them over and pass along any suggested corrections. A club vote to approve the changes is forthcoming Matt will be checking with Russ, the NH park foreman, regarding the scheduling the installation of the metal storage container as a pad needs to be prepared **New Business:** We need to arrange to have the wood bridge, over the NW ditch, repaired or replaced with another bridge or culvert RCCR will host the IntraClub FF, at NH, on Sept 3, 2006. Bring a dish to pass and fly from 10 til dusk There was some discussion of flying turbine powered aircraft at NH. There were mixed emotions regarding this issue **Announcements:** Next meeting is on July 12, 2006, at Hasman Field. Canandaigua Chiefs Meet on July 15-16 Capitol Jets meet on July 15-16 **Show and Tell:** Jim Warner – Combat helmet bag Pete Durante – Zaggi electric flying wing **50/50** – None

Events

JULY 7/22/06-7/23/06 - Vernon, NY (C) Giant Scale Fly In. Site: Club Field. Joseph Valvo CD, 6115 Rt 291 Marcy NY 13403 PH:315-768-3733 email: joevalvo@adelphia.net. 80" monoplane 60" biplane ¼ scale or larger. 100 x 600' grass runway. Sponsor: PARADISE R/C FLYERS 7/22/06-7/23/06 - Macedon, NY (C) RAMS Open House. Site: Club Field. Albert Bensley CD, 3 Partridge Hill Honcove Falls NY 14472 PH:585-624-7392 email: ambensley@yahoo.com. Fixed wing and heli event. All qualified AMA pilots welcome. Sponsor: ROCHESTER AERO MODELING SOCIETY 23: Pancake breakfast at Hendershot Field, Hilton NY. Sponsored by Hilton Rotary and EAA Chapter 44. <http://www.eaa44.org> 24-30 - Airventure Oshkosh. www.airventure.org/igottabethere **26 - 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** 29-30 - [Sky Rovers Air Show, Phelps NY](#) 7/29/06-7/30/06 - Phelps, NY (C) Airshow 2006. Site: Ford Field. David Reid CD, 30 Clifton St Phelps NY 14532 PH:315-548-3779 email: dreid@zoom-dsl.com. Uncontest for all scale, giant scale and sport planes. Registration 9:00 a.m. flying 10 am to 4 pm daily. **No turbine a/c.** Free picnic supper Saturday evening for pilots. No registration or parking fees. Sponsor: SKYROVERS 30 - Fort Ontario R/C Fly-in, Sunday July 30, 2006 (12 to 4pm) The Hawks R/C Junior Aviators and Oswego Valley Modelaires R/C flying clubs, in cooperation with the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation – Central Region are hosting the first R/C Fly-in at Fort Ontario in the city of Oswego NY. The Hawks R/C Junior Aviators <http://junioraviators.org/> The Oswego Valley Modelaires homepage: <http://www.amadistrictii.org/ovm/> **AUGUST** 5-6 - The Flying Knights of Hamburg NY Inc. This event Benefits Camp Good Days and Special Times Scale Rally 2006 Sat - Sun August 5th & 6th Sat. 10 am to 5 pm, Sun. 10 a m to 3 pm At the Hamburg Recreation Center Model Airport Lake View Rd., Hamburg, N.Y. CD Stu Brierley 716.649.5896 * Radio Controlled Model Aircraft * WW II Ground and Air Show * Exhibitions and Flying Demonstrations * Scale Models that are 1/4 & 1/3 the size of the real airplanes * Flyers from New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio and Canada are expected to participate * Kite Flying by the Great Lakes Kite Flying Society * Refreshments will be available <http://www.theflyingknights.com/reqfiles/rally2006.pdf> 9 - 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 10-13 - [IRCHA Jamboree](#), Muncie, IN 11-12-13 - Buffalo Rocket Society Launch, Geneseo Airport. Contact: Lloyd Wood; 585-334-5429 actionxprs@aol.com <http://www.buffalorocketsociety.org> 12-13 - The AMA District 2 Annual Fly In will be held this year on August 12th & 13th, 2006. This year's fly in will be hosted by the Jersey Coast Sport Fliers and will be held at their field in Colts Neck, NJ. Plan now to attend what will be a great weekend of open flying. For the most current information visit the [JCSF Website](#) or email JCSF president Stan Berger at president@jcsportfliers.org . Hope to see you there. 13-14 - Dan & Barb's Camp & Fly, Honeoye, NY 17-20 - [USRA Race #2](#) Astabula, OH, (Tentative Event) 18-19-20 - Geneseo, WNY Free Flight Society Contact: Brad Bane 585-765-9363 19-20 - *The Great Electric Fun Fly* RCCR [Bolling Field](#), Town of Hamlin, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. behind 2295 Redman Road 43.17.43 N 77.58.42 W Brockport, NY (C) Electric Fun Fly. Site: Bolling Field. Jerry Joseph CD, 50 Greenvale Dr, Rochester NY 14618 PH:585 244-1981 email: byjoe@frontiernet.net Open to public spectators, and electric flying by AMA pilots. Camping at field - no hook ups. Great flying field, good food, good prizes. Flying starts at 9 am - 4 pm. Lots of fun. Sponsor: RADIO CONTROL CLUB OF ROCHESTER 23 - 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 25-26-27 - [RAMS Heli Jamboree](#) 26-27 - Stars Open House, Cuba, NY

Everyone has a Story

Love at first Flight IV

by

Don Steeb

In the middle 1960s I had occasion to do some industrial electronic designing and assemblies locally and this proved to be much more lucrative for us. This change also made it possible for me to get my hobby back as I slowly started to phase out the R/C business and did more industrial type work. It was much easier on me and my hobby.

I had been married in 1963 and had a son in 1964. I couldn't spend as much time at work, and this allowed me more time to build and fly R/C as a hobby, not work related. I also got more involved with Gillette Mach. and Tool as they were going to N.C. machining centers. I went to school so I could service them and Bill GMT through my company. Eventually I went to work for GMT full time as manager of all facilities. At last my hobby was mine again!

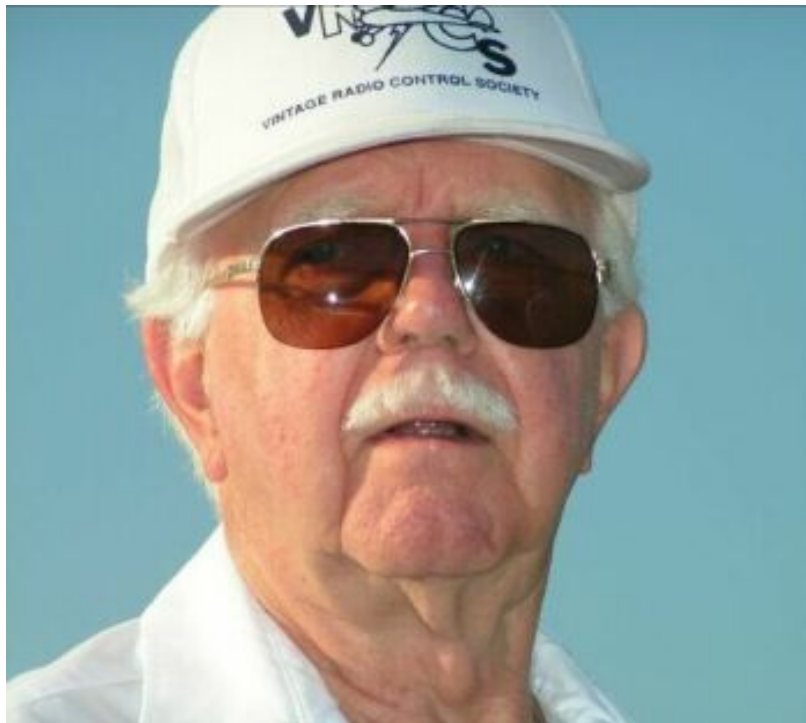
RCCR has had the June get-together since 1957, never missing a year. When you think of it, that's quite a feat. It started as a pattern meet, then pattern and pylon racing, and then a fun-fly get together as it is today. Next year that's 50 years. As old as the club will be!

I think in the early 70s we started having a sailplane meet, which has been held every year in August. It has turned into our electric fun fly lately as there is more interest now in electrics. We have also held U.P.R.C. united pylon racing circuit races with finals at Northampton. For approximately six years we held quarter midget races also. I got involved in this event, and in 1977 won the season championship. I made every race and finished every heat for points. This gave me enough total points to win the season jacket. We had a good turnout in this event, maybe 20 to 25 contestants. We followed the U.P.R.C. circuit in Buffalo, Niagara Falls USA and Canada, Olean, Rochester, Lockport with the finals usually at one of these locations. It was a lot lower key event compared with formula 1 racing. Lower cost engines, only balanced props and supplied 15% fuel. This kept the event from becoming a money pit. All new events seem to be well attended, then slowly lose their popularity. Luckily, new phases of modeling come along to keep our interest peaked.

The RCCR has always had a membership of doers, and has through the years done much to promote the hobby. I think that most clubs can say the same, but the RCCR is special as it does much more in all it undertakes, especially when it comes to model planes. We have some very special people who do very specialized jobs for the club. Without this 25% of the members, RCCR would just be an ordinary model club.

It's been a long journey for me and I wouldn't mind doing it again!

Thank you Don!



Quotation:

I have a simple philosophy. Fill what's empty. Empty what's full. And scratch where it itches.

Alice Roosevelt Longworth (TH Roosevelt's daughter)

I DID IT!



Just in case you didn't read Matt's column; or just in case you didn't know anyway; and I would certainly HATE you to miss it; **I got my private pilot's license on the 20th June.** I think you can tell how I feel about it! So now watch out below!!!! I also need you to know that I will be moving to an aviation community at Hilltop Lakes, Texas, in August. Matt really stole my thunder didn't he! Of course, there is a manpilot involved. I'm always ready for adventure! He's called Ludvig Andreas Ziegelmaier (Andy). There's something about second and third generation Germans don't you know! If you'd like to meet him, come to OSHKOSH!

Shirley

Ray Edmonds Airshow July 24th and 25th 2006



hayriders



just me and him



love at first bite.....



Dick Brook, Greg Kesel & Dominic Cognata



Dan Landis



Dave Smith John Floyd



Kyle Stacey & his Dad

Tom Forsythe, Trevor Ewell, Bud McDermott, Ron McGrath



Bob Gears



Clayton Wheaton (and his Dad), 15 yrs old from Webster



Devin McGrath



This was the best ever! RCCR did an amazing job. Who was it arranged the weather? Great job whoever you are! From the preparation of the field to the arrangement of the field, to the hospitality, to the standard of performance, to the beauty of the planes, to the beauty of the attendees it was OUTSTANDING! And hey, the units of ice cream were awesome too!

RCCR website has pics of the event. For more of my pics log in to <http://members13.clubphoto.com/shirley631377/guest-4.phtml> (page 4)

Battery Failure

Submitted by Don Steeb

Every season when we start flying we hear of unexplained crashes. The number one cause usually is pilot error. The number two cause is usually battery failure. Most of these failures are due to improper battery charging or condition. After sitting all winter, batteries need to be checked for capacity and the possibility of a dead cell. The only way to check them is with a cyclor. If you don't have a cyclor, ask a friend who has one to check your system. The cost of a good cyclor is cheap compared with the cost of an airplane!

NOD BEETS