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

**FOR THE LATEST INFO:**

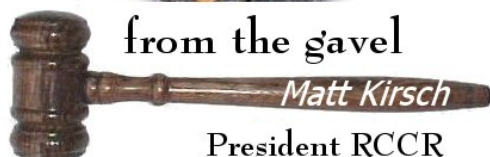
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**Aeroshell Team gave an incredible performance at Oshkosh 2006**



# Sample the Gavel



When we put our minds to it, we put on one heck of a show. Our 19<sup>th</sup> 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 50<sup>th</sup> year as a chartered club, our 40<sup>th</sup> year at Northampton, and our 20<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend in August and that it's our turn to host the "Four" (really SIX) Club Fun Fly this year on September 3<sup>rd</sup>. One more 3<sup>rd</sup> and I'll have a whole... something.

**Matt**

**Minutes from July 12, 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:** None **Treasurer's Report:** As stated **Membership Report:** 92 Members for 2006, including officers and lifetime members. Omar F. Leary was voted in tonight **Programs Report:** Eat and stay dry **Field Report:** Hasman Field is up for sale. A purchase offer has been made. Norm Hasman is discussing it with his sons. Hasman Field is dry Joe Somers and John Floyd met with Russ, the NH park foreman, to discuss the installation of a steel storage container at NH. Russ suggested a spot East of the current sheds. The current metal sheds will be removed and some parts recycled elsewhere. Russ will check with his supervisor. They are shooting for a Sept deadline. Replacing or repairing the old wood bridge, over the NW ditch, was discussed. Joe Somers reports tractors have been cleaned and oiled **Committees: Field Monitoring Committee** – Nothing new **Field Search Committee:** Currently deactivated **Sound Committee:** Trevor performed a db check on Rich Brook's P47 with Fuji 32EI gas engine. Ground=92db, Air=72 db **Events:** Great Electric FF on Aug 17-18. Ed Britton is handling the advertising. Jerry Joseph needs to send in requests for prizes The 2006 InterClub FF will be hosted by RCCR on Sep 3 at NH. Ed Britton will notify local clubs **Old Business:** Matt Kirsch reports that the Bylaws revisions are posted on the RCCR website. We will try to discuss them at the next meeting, when we have better attendance As of this meeting, Matt Kirsch reports that he could find no records of any agreements made with any parties restricting or banning the operation or flight of Turbine powered aircraft at NH or any other RCCR club field. It was therefore decided that a committee would be formed to review the AMA requirements for safe operation of Turbine powered aircraft and guidelines established that each potential Turbine powered aircraft pilot would need to meet in order to operate and fly a Turbine powered aircraft at NH or other RCCR club fields. As always, some of the major areas of concern include staying within the current field boundaries and altitude boundaries. AMA Turbine Wavier requirements would be in force as well. More details will be discussed at future Turbine Committee meetings. Some of the committee volunteers include Rich Brook, Matt Kirsch, Greg Kesel, and at least two others. **New Business:** Now that graduations have been completed, the attendance at our NH Tues Night Training Sessions has picked up tremendously. A motion was made and passed to purchase two field charges to be located in the NH wood shed. A third charger is currently in the shed. Greg Kesel suggested the club purchase additional transmitter batteries The Event weekend, for the month of July, at Bolling Field, has been set for July 29-30 **Announcements:** Next meeting is on July 26, 2006, at Hasman Field. Matt will bring donuts Jamestown Flying Aces – Aug 13 Skyrovers Airshow – July 29-30 Liberty Bell Jet Rally – Aug 4-6 Hamburg Airshow – Aug 4-6 **Show and Tell:** None **50/50** – None **No minutes of July 26<sup>th</sup> meeting**

**Minutes from August 9, 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:** Dave and Zack Jackson, Dick Gielow **Treasurer's Report:** As reported **Membership Report:** 93 Members for 2006, including officers and lifetime members. Art Greison was voted in tonight **Programs Report:** Fly **Field Report:** Mowing at dusk took a toll on some of the mower blades and bushings The Great Electric FF will need setup on 7/18 No info on the metal storage container, yet **Committees: Field Monitoring Committee** – Gasoline engine powered aircraft need to be flown with appropriate throttle management as some are borderline for sound issues when flown at full throttle. It would be appropriate to only fly one gasoline powered aircraft at a time, at NH. While analytical measurements can still be taken, on the ground, to get relative measurements, subjective measurements, in the air, still are more predictive of what will be acceptable or unacceptable to the neighbors. Anyone interested in participating on the sound committee may apply to Matt **Field Search Committee:** Currently deactivated **Sound Committee:** Trevor performed a db check on Rich Brook's P47 with Fuji 32EI gas engine. Ground=92db, Air=72 db **Turbine Committee:** Matt Kirsch, Rich Brook, Greg Kesel, Jim Warner, and Mike Mance, are the core team members. They have yet to meet as a team. The objective of the team is to establish appropriate guidelines, if necessary, to ensure that turbine jets can be safely flown within the normal flight boundaries of NH. The team will meet on Tues, Aug 16, at NH, and then hold any followup sessions necessary, with the goal of presenting a set of tentative guidelines by the next RCCR club meeting at Hasman Field **Events:** Great Electric FF on Aug 19-20. Ed Britton has arranged for advertising. Dick Peterson and Bob Gears will handle the food. Jerry Joseph has solicited some prizes. Bob White and Joe Somers will handle the ice cream. We will need registration staff The 2006 InterClub FF will be hosted by RCCR on Sep 3 at NH. Ed Britton will notify local clubs **Old Business:** Bill Wegman reports that there has been another instance where a full scale aircraft has surprised one or more model flyers at Hasman Field **New Business:** The Event weekend, for the month of August, at Bolling Field, has been set for August 25-27 **Announcements:** Next meeting is on Aug 23, 2006, at Hasman Field. Matt will bring donuts Skyrovers Warbird Airshow – Sept 2 IntraClub FF, at NH, on Sept 3 **Show and Tell:** None **50/50** – None

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## Events

**SEPTEMBER 1-3 - DOGS Air Show Dayton, OH 2 - Sky Rovers Scale War Bird Rally, Phelps, NY 2-3-4 - CHIEFS Camp & Fly, Canadaigua, NY** <http://www.gregcovey.com/events1.htm> **3 - Interclub Family Picnic & Fun Fly. It's a picnic and a Fun Fly, bring a plane (or two) and your family and your favorite friend (or two). 2006 RCCR, the host club will provide the food, at the Northampton Park Model Flying Field.** 2-3-4 - Canada International Airshow, including Canada's Air Force Snowbirds. The Canadian International Air Show takes place in Toronto, Ontario, Canada over Lake Ontario at the Toronto Waterfront. It can be viewed from Ontario Place, The CNE or many other lakefront sites. [www.cias.org](http://www.cias.org) 9-10 Flying Dutchman Scale Rally, Kitchener, Ont. Ca 10: Fly-in Breakfast, full scale, Pine Hill Airport (9G6) Albion NY **13 - RCCR Meeting 7:30 p.m. at Salem Church, Bittner Street, just east of the Inner Loop exit at St. Paul Street.** 13-17 - The air races take place at Stead Field, located 15 miles north of Reno, September 13-17, 2006. Action begins at 8 am and continues throughout the day until nearly 5 pm. [Book it online.](http://www.airshows.org/index.php) 16-17 - Oneida County Air Show 2006 09/16/2006 - 09/17/2006 HRTG-F, JL, JMB, LS, XTEAM NY Oriskany, Oneida County Airport <http://www.airshows.org/index.php> 15-16-17 - NEAT Fair Elec. Meet, Downsville, NY <http://www.neatfair.org/> 21-24 - **US Soaring Masters**, Dayton, OH 23-24 - Greenwood Park, AGS Float Fly, Lisle, NY **27 - RCCR Meeting 7:30 p.m. at Salem Church, Bittner Street, just east of the Inner Loop exit at St. Paul Street.** **30 - Combat (SSC) sanctions have been obtained. CD Pete Durante @ Hasman Field** 30-Oct 1 Dan & Barbs Fall Camp & Fly, Honeoye, NY 30 - The Flying Knights of Hamburg NY Inc. Annual Fall R/C Auction, September 30, 2006. At the First Presbyterian Church of West Seneca, 2085 Union Road, West Seneca, N.Y. Doors Open 10 AM Auction Starts at 12 Noon. Auctioneer - Bill Hauth. Raffles and Door Prizes. Admission \$ 4.00 Women and Children under 12 FREE. Refreshments Available. 10 % Commission - \$ 10.00 Max. 10 % Buy Back - \$ 5.00 Max. For more info Call - Ron Wojcik (716) 662-4043 <http://www.theflyingknights.com/reqfiles/auction06.pdf> **OCTOBER 3-6 - The 6th China Model Exposition** Beijing Exhibition Centre, 12A Guang An Men Nan Jie, Beijing, China. Tel:86-10-63547545 83540336 [cmexpo@china.com](mailto:cmexpo@china.com) Annie Wu [http://www.cmexpo.com.cn/index\\_e.asp](http://www.cmexpo.com.cn/index_e.asp) 4-7 - **Don Lowe Masters**, Greenville, SC **8 - RCCR End Of Season Picnic** **11 - RCCR Meeting 7:30 p.m. at Salem Church, Bittner Street, just east of the Inner Loop exit at St. Paul Street.** 14 Jamestown Flying Aces Inc Auction 18-22 - **U.S. Scale Masters**, 2006 Championship, Muncie, IN 21-22 - **iHobby Expo** Donald E. Stephens Convention, Center, Rosemont, IL **25 - RCCR Meeting 7:30 p.m. at Salem Church, Bittner Street, just east of the Inner Loop exit at St. Paul Street.** 26-29 - **USRA Race #3** Parker, AZ 29 - Daylight Savings Time ENDS: October 29, 2006 (set clocks back one hour)

## Everyone has a Story

None this month, but I hope to send a couple of articles to youall about youall when I've written them. And that will be after I get to Texas.

### **Quotations:**

**"Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that. "** -- Martin Luther King, Jr.

**"Nearly all men can stand adversity, but if you want to test a man's character, give him power."** -- Abraham Lincoln (1809-1865)

**The intuitive mind is a sacred gift and the rational mind is a faithful servant. We have created a society that honors the servant and has forgotten the gift.-- Albert Einstein**

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## **AIRVENTURE OSHKOSH 2006**

I made my first pilgrimage to EAA's Airventure Oshkosh this year, and for me it was the aviation celebration of a lifetime. If you haven't been there then put it on your calendar for a "must do" before you check out!

You can find everything aviation and almost everything non-aviation at Oshkosh ....

- Four huge hangars full of booths covering everything -- equipment; organizations (I visited the AMA booth); insurance; clothing & jewelry; colleges and academies to name a few.
- Every kind of mechanism which puts man in the air from the smallest to the largest.
- Rides. I took a ride in a Ford Trimotor and **ON** a BREEZY!
- Shuttle rides to be able to get around the enormous grounds with ease.
- Seminars galore. You can learn about everything aviation both practical and theoretical. The difficulty is making a choice.
- You can mix with some of the greats. General Chuck Yeager attended and talked about his experiences. He tells it like it is for sure, and the audience appreciated that! Sean Tucker spoke of his recent close call, and shared that he was scared the first time he took to the skies after the accident. He has enormous charisma, and it didn't detract from that at all that he spoke so candidly. The WASPS were an impressive group of women who ferried W.W.II planes around for the airforce. Most of them in their 80s, they were still as sharp as tacks. One in her 90s boasted that she flew before all the others. She was older she said, then added quickly, "But not by much"! She jumped off the platform at the end of the session. A feat I wouldn't contemplate at 20 years her junior.
- Every day there was an airshow and Sean Tucker, Patty Wagstaff, the Liberty Parachute Team and the Aeroshell Team were among the performers. They made my Pitts S-2C flight look VERY tame!!!
- For those who preferred to stay out of the heat and in an air-conditioned building, the museum was a great place to be. I saw some R/C flying close to that area, but was on a shuttle so was not able to investigate.
- For those interested in shopping, there were plenty of places to do that, covering a multitude of items including equipment and incidentals to make life easier. I purchased a walking stick chair to give me a short break from the walking from time to time.
- Oshkosh takes care of the body beautiful extremely well. There were food and drink booths aplenty, water fountains galore and portapotties everywhere so there was never a wait. Not even for the women! Furthermore, they were CLEAN!
- For me it was terrific to be able to spend time at Oshkosh with Andy. Enough said about that before I open myself up to more severe ribbing! Actually I love it and youall know it.

I hope to edit more of my Oshkosh pictures and put them on my site before too long, but it will have to be after I get to Texas. <http://members13.clubphoto.com/shirley631377/guest-4.phtml>





Oshkosh Main Gate



Breezy



View from Breezy



Ford Trimotor



Spitfire!!



General Chuck Yeager & Fans



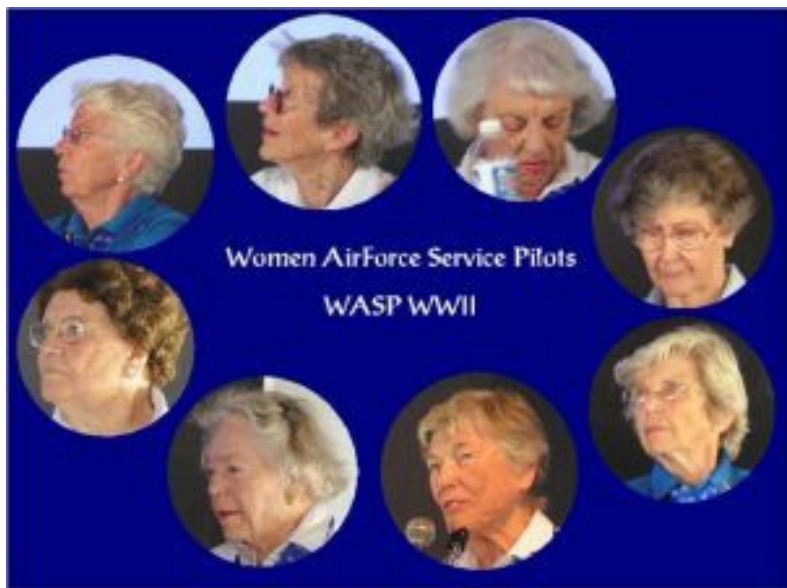
Sean Tucker & Fans



The Liberty Parachute Team



Lake Winnebago



WASP WWII

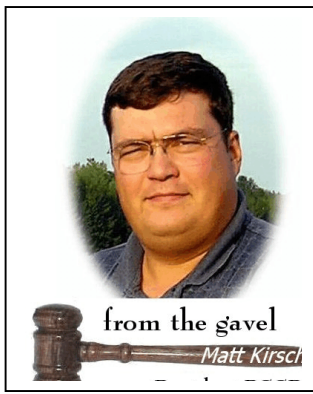
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## The Great Electric Funfly 2006

We were a little hampered by the weather this year, but still, everyone had a good time. And we still ate lots of units of ice-cream!!! Take a look.....







# Sample The Gavel

The last two months have been eventful in the RCCR. Shirley Hunter's departure for the greener pastures of Texas left a hole in the ranks of the club. Well, I am pleased to announce that Mike Mance has stepped up to fill the role of club Newsletter Editor. Mike's been a member for several years now, and was Dick Brook's predecessor in the position of club secretary. This will be Mike's first issue, hopefully one of many. Thanks Mike!

The RCCR has a new address! No, I haven't moved again, and I'm still president. Phil Evans has obtained an "official" street number for our Bolling Field location through the Hamlin town assessor. It's quote-unquote official because we won't actually be receiving mail. This address is strictly an address for emergency services, and for advertising any events we have at Bolling. Our new address for Bolling Field is:

2215 Redman Road  
Hamlin, NY

Phil has also installed house numbers on the sign post at the entrance, and has posted the address on our frequency board. Keep this address handy, just in case.

Last time around, I mentioned that a committee had been formed to explore the issue of flying turbines at Northampton Park. The Turbine Committee met several times during the months of July and August. We decided to take a conservative approach in ensuring that turbine pilots can safely and reliably operate within the restrictions at Northampton before certifying turbine pilots to fly at Northampton. The following is the interim policy that we adopted by majority vote at the August 23, 2006:

- Possess a valid AMA turbine waiver & log book for examination, with a minimum of five turbine-powered flights recorded.
- Maiden test flights of turbine powered aircraft are not permitted at Northampton.
- Any high speed pass shall occur at the far side of the runway or beyond.
- AMA Waiver test and subsequent supervised flights may be done at Northampton providing the administering pilot has met RCCR requirements, and a buddy box system is used. These flights must be witnessed by at least two RCCR turbine committee members.
- Two practice flights must be performed at an alternate field with boundaries set to simulate conditions at Northampton. A demo flight then must be performed at Northampton. These flights must be witnessed by at least two RCCR turbine committee member. Pilots taking their waiver test at Northampton are excluded from this requirement.
- All AMA rules and safety procedures regarding the operation of turbines must be followed.

Pending the results of a vote at our first meeting in September, we will be adding two additional points to this policy. These will be published with the entire policy in the next issue.

Our annual Great Electric Fun Fly was a bit of a disappointment this year, as the weather did not cooperate. We did get over twenty hearty pilots who came out and braved the wind and rain, and they did manage to get in quite a few flights. One thing I can say is that if you get out to one of our events, try a Zweigle's red hot with Colonel Cooper's Famous Mile High Hot Sauce. THAT is what I call a good hot dog!

Don't forget the annual end-of-season picnic! We'll be at the Northampton Ski Lodge on Sunday, October 8, with dinner to start at 1PM. RCCR will provide hots, burgers, and drinks. Bring a dish to pass!

