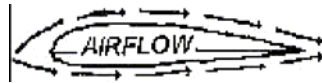


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The purpose of the Radio Control Club of Rochester is to aid and encourage interest in the design, construction and safe operation of radio-controlled model aircraft, boats, and cars.

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.

From May 23<sup>rd</sup> until September 2007, 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

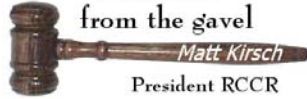
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# Sample the Gavel



having fun.

Have you found yourself saying, “Where did the summer go?” or, “I can’t believe it’s September already!” Me too. Can you believe it’s been almost four years since I became president? Me either. Clichés are clichés because just like stereotypes, there’s a bit of truth to them. In this case, the operative cliché is, time flies when you’re

As I write this, I’m just getting back from a two-week business trip to Charlotte, North Carolina. We’ve got it good up here. In a major city like Charlotte, would you believe that there are no true hobby shops? Sure, there are a couple of Hobby Town USA locations, and the one I visited had a decent stock of airplane stuff, but nothing to write home about. The nearest “mom and pop” hobby shop is in Rock Hill, South Carolina. Yes, in a whole other state! They weren’t really that far away, only about 30 minutes’ drive, but still, there’s just something wrong with having to cross state lines for your hobby goods.

Around here, there’s a big model airshow or fun fly within driving distance, almost every weekend from the beginning of June through the middle of September. Around Charlotte, there was ONE single solitary flying event the entire time I was there. It was a heli meet, and once again, nothing to write home about. In fact, it reminded me of one of our combat meets more than a fun fly. Good cheeseburgers, though.

The Great Electric Fun Fly is the meet we put on that I anticipate the most. Our June Fun Fly is a close second, but the electric is my favorite. Sure, I’ve got a bunch of electric planes but the real reason I enjoy it so much is that I actually get a chance to fly! This year was our best electric fly in a while. No rain. No high winds. Moderate temperatures.

From what I hear, we did really well. Unfortunately I had to catch a plane almost immediately after the show so I couldn’t stick around for the final tally, and I was in Charlotte for the meeting. Guess I’ll have to wait for the minutes for all the details, but regardless, thanks to everyone for all the hard work setting up, running, and tearing down after the meet. There are simply too many of you to thank individually, but suffice it to say that y’all (yeah, I said y’all, probably spent too much time down South) are the reason for our success.

I’m going to wax political for a bit here, something I generally avoid like the plague. However, the position of AMA President is up for grabs this year, and our district VP, Dave Mathewson, is making another run. Long-time President Dave Brown is hanging up his presidential hat, so there’s no incumbent this time around. Our Dave has the best chance of winning with no incumbent to run against, but he can’t win if you don’t vote. Many of you have met Dave, and know him. He’s a good guy, and has done a heck of a job as District II VP. It’ll be a shame to lose him as VP, but as President he can work for the entire AMA. Whether you vote for Dave Mathewson or someone else, make sure you vote early and vote at least once. The AMA balloting process is infamous for being confusing, but they’ve separated the ballot from the renewal process recently. Still, if you have any questions, ask.

You probably knew this was coming, but now that I’m done campaigning for Dave Mathewson, I’d like to campaign AGAINST myself here a little. I’ve been RCCR President for four years now, and the office is coming up for election in December. It’s truly been a blast, but I don’t want to hog all the fun! Not saying that I don’t want to be president anymore, but I wouldn’t fight too hard if someone else decides to step up and offer to take over.

Among my many hats, including my new straw flying hat, my RCU hat, my president’s hat, my combat helmet, and my grease-encrusted FMA hat, I now have an AMA Contest Director’s hat. My first official meet as CD is our New Fall Combat Classic. It’s coming up quick, September 22 at 9AM, combat starting at 10AM. Be there or be square. You may be witness to a sequel to the “Wreck of the Gregmund FitzKesel.”

## **Minutes of the Meetings:**

### **Minutes from the July 11, 2007 meeting at Hasman Field:**

**Officers Present:** Matt Kirsch – Pres, Rich Brook – Sec, Bob White – Memb,  
Ed Britton - VP/Prog, Jim DeTar – Tres

**New Members:** Tim Rhol and Gerald Lombardy

**Guests:** None

**Membership Report:** 105 Members for 2007 – Including 2 new members

**Programs Report:** Sunny, Hazy, Windy

#### **Field Report:**

- Some damage to runway at Hasman Field
- Bolling Field – Quiet for now

#### **Committees:**

- **Field Monitoring Committee**
- **Field Search Committee:** Currently deactivated
- **Turbine Committee:** Self regulating
- **Events:**
  - Great Electric FF – Aug 18-19 – Bolling Field - Jerry Joseph is still receiving donations from manufacturers
  - Combat meet on July 21, at Hasman Field

#### **Old Business:** None

- A Combat Meet has been scheduled for July 21 at Hasman Field
- Trevor Ewell will check the Rochester D&C for coverage of your Great Electric FF

#### **New Business:**

- Scott Miller and Bud Kelly donated equipment for Training Night at NH
- We need Futaba connectors

#### **Announcements:**

- Next meeting is on July 25, 2007, at Hasman Field.
- Great Electric FF – Aug 26-27
- Chiefs' FF – July 21
- RCCR Combat Meet – July 21
- Capitol Jets – July 20-22
- Sky Rover's FF – July 28-29th

**Show and Tell:** None

**50/50:** None

## **Minutes from the July 25, 2007 meeting at Hasman Field:**

**Officers Present:** Matt Kirsch – Pres, Bob White – Memb, Ed Britton - VP/Prog,  
Jim DeTar - Tres

**New Members:** Tony Joseph voted in

**Guests:** None

**Membership Report:** 106 Members for 2007

**Programs Report:** Picture Perfect

### **Field Report:**

- Work party at Bolling Field on Aug 17
- Jim DeTar's family donated Tractor to the club

### **Committees:**

- **Field Monitoring Committee**
- **Field Search Committee:** Currently deactivated

**Turbine Committee:** Self regulating

- **Events:**
  - Great Electric FF – Aug 18-19 – Bolling Field
  - Combat meet in Sept, at Hasman Field

### **Old Business:** None

- Joe Somers demonstrated his Kami Kazi techniques at the Combat meet
- Flight box, Glow starters, and a New Battery were ordered. A Triton charger will be temporarily donated to the club, for this summer, by Scott Miller

### **New Business:**

- Suburban News has our ad for “Learn to fly on Tues, at NH”

### **Announcements:**

- Next meeting is on Aug 8, 2007, at Hasman Field.
- Great Electric FF – Aug 26-27
- Sky Rover's FF – July 28-29th

### **Show and Tell:**

Joe Somers – Story about his full-scale glider ride at Harris Hill

**50/50** – None

## **Minutes from the August 8, 2007 meeting at Hasman Field:**

**Officers Present:** Matt Kirsch – Pres, Bob White – Memb, Ed Britton - VP/Prog, Rich Brook - Sec

**New Members:** Andy Romano voted in

**Guests:** None

**Membership Report:** 107 Members for 2007

**Programs Report:** Stick to the Surface

### **Field Report:**

- Work party at Bolling Field on Aug 17
- Jim DeTar's family donated Tractor to the club

### **Committees:**

- **Field Monitoring Committee**
- **Field Search Committee:** Currently deactivated

**Turbine Committee:** Signs for Turbine rules will be put up at NH

- **Events:**
  - Great Electric FF – Aug 18-19 – Bolling Field – Promotional material has been mailed
  - Combat meet in Sept, at Hasman Field

### **Old Business:**

- Joe Somers – We have adequate supplies for Training Night at NH

### **New Business:**

- InterClub FF will be at GVAM on Sept 9

### **Announcements:**

- Next meeting is on Aug 22, 2007, at Hasman Field.
- Great Electric FF – Aug 18-19
- Sky Rover's Warbird Rally Sept 1-2

### **Show and Tell:**

Rich Brook – Lithium transmitter batteries from TrueRC

Don Steeb – Bob Clemens Tree Glider

Greg Kesel – Scott Miller was 5<sup>th</sup>, in Fun Scale, at the Nats

Bob White – A full size B24 is on display, in Batavia

**50/50** – None

## **Minutes from the August 22, 2007 meeting at Hasman Field:**

**Officers Present:** Bob White – Memb, Ed Britton - VP/Prog, Rich Brook - Sec

**New Members:** Phil Nguyen voted in

**Guests:** None

**Treasurer's Report:** None

**Membership Report:** 108 Members for 2007

**Programs Report:** Quiet and Calm

**Field Report:**

- Fields in good shape – Thanks for work done to Setup and Tear Down at GEFF
- Joe Somers repainted the RCCR sign at the entrance to Bolling Field
- A work party will be scheduled, at NH, for drainage repair
- Papa Jeff commented that our club works hard to put on a good show, at events, and throughout the year

**Committees:**

- **Field Monitoring Committee :** Trevor Ewell's Eleptic was measured for sound levels and was found to be at acceptable levels.
- **Field Search Committee:** Currently deactivated
- **Turbine Committee:** Signs for Turbine rules will be put up at NH
- **Events:**
  - There will be a Combat Meet on Sept 22 – Matt Kirsch will be the CD
  - GEFF was a complete success, with 34 contestants
  - The club made over \$400 on this event
  - Advertising worked well. There was even coverage from the Brockport Post
  - Bill Wegman thanked everyone for helping to find his lost glider, especially Joe Somers and his GPS

**Old Business:**

- Joe Somers – We have adequate supplies for Training Night at NH thanks to donations and purchases

**New Business:**

- Bolling Free weekend will be Aug 24-25
- End of Season Picnic will be Sun, Oct 14, at the Ski Lodge
- Greg Kesel presented a NH Training Night Solo Award to Sam

**Announcements:**

- Next meeting is on Sept 12, 2007, at Salem Church
- Combat Meet – Sept 22, at Hasman Field
- Sky Rover's Warbird Rally on Sept 1-2
- NEAT Fair Sept 14-16
- Interclub FF, GVAM, Sept 9

**Show and Tell:**

- Greg Kesel – GP Seawind
- Sam Barletta – Sig Liberty Sport Bipe

**50/50** – None

# Great Electric Fun Fly – August 2007



**The weather really cooperated this year!**



**Matt and his Giles 202.**



**Greg Covey's P-51 with Merlin engine sound effects.**



**A high speed P-51 pass by Scott Miller.**



**Paul Weigand's Travelair Mystery Ship.**



**Devin did a great job of elevating everyone's heart rate flying Greg Covey's Little Toni.**



**Greg shows Scott how to kick-start the Corsair.**



**And it worked!**

## **Congratulations to these newly soloed members!**



**Bill Gerew**



**Tony Joseph**



**Don Henry**



**September 22: Combat Contest at Hasman Field. Registration at 9:00, combat starts at 10:00**

**September 26: Meeting at Salem Church – 7:30 pm**

**October 10: Meeting at Salem Church – 7:30 pm**

**October 14: End of season family picnic at the ski lodge at Northampton Park – Noon**

**October 24: Meeting at Salem Church – 7:30 pm**

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### **Editor's Note:**

**If you have any suggestions about what you would like to have in the Newsletter, please feel free to let me know. Also, if anyone would like to take on the role of Newsletter editor, I would not be reluctant in the least to give up the post.**