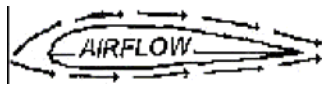


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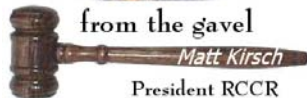
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Sample the Gavel



The RCCR “Road Show” is in full swing! Certain recent and prior events outside Salem Church have many of our members concerned, and a motion was made to look at possible new venues. Our first stop, the second meeting in October, was Sunset Lanes on Chili Avenue at 390. They have a large, well-lit, busy parking lot in contrast to the dark empty lot across from Salem Church.

What was the deal breaker? They wouldn't let us bring in coffee and donuts!!! Bill Wegman was so displeased with the site, he developed a top-ten list of his issues. Hopefully we can get an encore performance at our Roast.

By the time this is published, we'll have already made our second stop, Mother of Sorrows Church on Mt Read Boulevard. We'll see how this one works out, but one concern I have is that they're already booked on some of our meeting dates.

Another change we recently test-drove was moving the meeting to 7PM. This wasn't the first time it was suggested, but it was the first time we gave it a shot. Unfortunately, the 7PM start time makes it tough on some of us “workin' stiffs” to make it to the meeting on time. Several regular attendees were conspicuously late, so we permanently tabled the idea of a 7PM meeting.

Oh, but I'm not done... It must've been the phase of the moon or something, but there was yet another change made at the first October meeting. Coming up with a good program for each meeting has been tough in recent years. Every video has been watched, every panel of experts, um, paneled, every slide in Jerry's collection viewed... and getting people to settle down once the donut sugar kicked in... We decided that rather than expect a program for each meeting, we'd just work on three or four special programs a year. So, if “lame” programs have been keeping you away from attending meetings, don't let them. We promise to only have cool programs from here on out, and if you've got ideas for guest speakers or other activities, don't be shy.

So ends my second term as president of the RCCR. It's been a privilege and an honor to preside over the club since 2003, especially this year for the club's 50th. This may or may not be my last column as president in the newsletter, and I want to express my appreciation to all the members, both new and old, for the support and help in making and keeping this club the best in the AMA.

Don't forget our Chilly Chili Fuhn Fly on January 1st. 2007 was a bit disappointing as far as quantity of entries went. Make your favorite recipe, or doctor up a can of Hormel, just bring some chili!

Looking forward to 2008, it won't be long before it's time for our February Roast. Beginning at our first meeting, we'll be collecting the \$20 per person fee for the roast, which will cover dinner, dessert, and gift certificates at Bed Bath & Beyond (or some other girly-type store) for the ladies' raffle. While you're reflecting back on the year during the upcoming holiday season, make sure you keep a pad of paper handy and WRITE DOWN those roastable offenses! Our secret motto is “No Mercy!” so I want to see some roasts! Just to make it even more challenging, how about we make Jerry Joseph off limits this year?

Minutes of the Meetings:

Minutes from the September 12, 2007 meeting at Salem Church:

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

New Members: Bud Ayers voted in

Guests: Attila

Membership Report: 109 Members for 2007

Programs Report: Dogfights video

Field Report:

- There is still a need to improve drainage at NH
- Dick Foster met with Norm Hasman – Ultralights have been removed from the open hangar at Hasman Field
- Our club will help mow Norm Hasman's aircraft runways as he lost the two pilots who used to help with that, in the crash at Irondequoit Bay, earlier this year
- The owner of the nearby Storage facility has purchased the former Antique business buildings
- Bill Wegman had an incident, at Hasman Field, where another model pilot turned on a radio on the same freq as Bill, while Bill was flying. Fortunately, Bill yelled loud enough to get the offender's attention and that person turned off the radio

Committees:

- **Field Monitoring Committee**
 - Joe Somers' WACO as measured, for sound levels, and determined to be acceptable
 - Matt Kirsch bought a sound meter at Walmart
- **Field Search Committee:** Currently deactivated
- **Turbine Committee:** Signs for Turbine rules will be put up at NH
- **Events:**
 - End of season picnic – Oct 14 – Ski Lodge – Matt Kirsch will obtain Burgers, Hots, and Pop
 - Combat Meet on Sept 22 – Joe Somers will get hots

Old Business:

- Jerry Joseph sent out Thank You notes for GEFF

New Business:

- Trevor Ewell reported on the Monroe County Parks Appreciation Picnic that some of our club members attended. Good food and conversation
- Trevor also spoke to the Undersheriff about NH Park security and improvements
- Russ, the Supervisor at NH, will be losing his Foreman, Walt, to retirement, on Nov 8
- Sometimes, the NH park guards will close the West gate to our area, early in the evenings, as they have other parks to close up before their shift ends. The East gate will still be open until dark
- The club Swap Meet, for 2008, will be held at the Police Locust Club, the day after our Feb Roast.

Announcements:

- Next meeting is on Sept 26, 2007, at Salem Church – Jim DeTar will bring donuts
- Combat Meet – Sept 22, at Hasman Field
- Bolling Free Weekend, for Sept, will be Sept 22-23
- AMA District II FF will be held on Sept 21-23, on Oneonta
- NEAT Fair – Sept 14-16

Show and Tell:

- Greg Kesel – Sebart E30 Katana
- Bob White – Gary H is still in the hospital, in ICU, but improving
- Jerry Joseph – He left his wallet at a fruit stand in Spencerport. A Moth collector found it and returned it to him
- Dick Peterson – Found Joe Somers' hubcaps
- Joe Somers – Dick Peterson actually stole the hubcaps
- Dom Cognata – Tamjets A4 Skyhawk

Minutes from the September 26, 2007 meeting at Salem Church:

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

New Members:

Guests: Russ and Pam Steinhoff – They won 2 planes at the GEFF

Treasurer's Report: None

Membership Report: 109 Members for 2007 and 3 potentials in the near future

Programs Report: Electric Q+A

Field Report:

- A work party of 20 individuals took 2 days and 130 man hours to dig new drainage trenches, at NH, and lay drainage tile and stone along the North edge of the runway and across the East end of the runway. The West edge of the spectator area also has some drainage tile installed
- Bolling Field looks beautiful
- Joe Somers fixed the sign at the entrance to the NH parking lot

Committees:

- **Field Monitoring Committee**
- **Field Search Committee:** Currently deactivated
- **Turbine Committee:** Got Kerosene??
- **Events:**
 - End of season picnic – Oct 14 – Ski Lodge
 - Chilly Chili FF is scheduled for Jan 1, at Hasman Filed
 - Annual RCCR Roast will be held again at Lodge on the Green, on Friday, Feb 15. \$20/head includes dinner, desert, and gifts
 - Feb 16 – RCCR SWAP meet at the Police Locust Club
 - There were 9 contestants at the Sept Combat Meet. 8 were RCCR members and one was from Acron. He received a cut on the leg from an errant plane. Wind was a factor. George Hartman, Jim Warner, and Matt Kirsch were the top 3 winners, in that order.

Old Business:

- Gary Hailston, in the hospital after a bad motorcycle accident, is awake, but still cannot talk. He hit an abutment at the corner of Rt 104 and Rt 390

New Business:

- Matt Kirsch reports that there are still some RCCR Anniversary T-shirts left at 2 for \$15
- Don Steeb suggested that we may need to move to a new location for our monthly club meetings. Somewhere outside the city is preferable

Announcements:

- Next meeting is on Oct 10, 2007, at Salem Church
- Skyrovers SWAP Meet on Oct 27, in Phelps
- Herkimer SWAP Meet on Nov 3

Show and Tell:

- Jerry Joseph – Harbor Freight hand grinder
- Bob White – Jamestown Swap Meet
- Matt Kirsch – Wild Hare Giles 202 electric

50/50 – Russ Steinhoff

Minutes from the October 10, 2007 meeting at Salem Church:

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

New Members: Russ Steenhoff

Guests:

Membership Report: 110 Members for 2007

Programs Report: None

Field Report:

- Dining canopies have been taken down at all fields
- Drainage looks good at NH
- Portapottie is gone at NH

Committees:

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Old Business:

- New club meeting location for Oct 24, at Sunset Lanes – 7pm – This is a test. We will also be trying Mother of Sorrows Church, at a future meeting
- Gary Halston is improving

New Business:

- Greg Kesel and Jim DeTar discussed the various plans to expand the Rt 531 expressway to Brockport and it's impact on NH flying field. No threat at this time. It is more likely that they will widen Rt 31
- We agreed to try Sunset Lanes as an alternative meeting site to Salem Church. Oct 24 will be the test date
- This year the office of RCCR president is up for grabs. We agreed to force Matt Kirsch into bondage for another term
- There was much discussion regarding the difficulty in finding suitable programs for our club meeting nights. We decided demote Ed Britton to VP and perhaps have a program on a quarterly basis. Matt will look to see if we need a Bylaws change
- There will be a work party to move dirt, at NH, on Oct 13

Announcements:

- Next meeting is on Oct 24, 2007, at Sunset Lanes
- Skyrovers SWAP Meet on Oct 27, in Phelps
- Herkimer SWAP Meet on Nov 3
- Batavia Swap meet on Nov 3

Show and Tell:

- Matt Kirsch – Ryobi is in to Lithium batteries
- John Floyd – Ed Wingate's lab is a Shocking experience
- Paul Weigand – Electric ME262

50/50 – Phil Evans

Minutes from the Oct 24, 2007, meeting at Sunset Lanes:

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

New Members:

Guests: Scott Sutton

Treasurer's Report: None

Membership Report: 110 Members for 2007

Programs Report: Discuss alternative meeting sites

Field Report:

- Black Creek Park renovation report – Disappointment in the design of the new field. Less runway – 2/3 of the space is lost – Committee assembled to review status of BC field and make suggestions
- Hasman Field is too lush
- NH now has excellent drainage
- Portapotties have been cancelled

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Old Business:

- First alternative club meeting site, tonight, Oct 24, at Sunset Lanes. No option, at present, for bringing in doughnuts. Next test meeting site, Nov 14, at Mother of Sorrows church, Mt Read at Latta Rd, Greece.
- Vote taken to leave meeting start time at 7:30pm
- Matt Kirsch reviewed the RCCR club bylaws and has determined that the club VP does not have to additionally provide monthly or bimonthly programs at RCCR club meetings.
- Greg Kesel reports that Ledge Dale Airport is not currently for sale and even if it were, it must remain an airport for the next 18 years

New Business:

- As part of the AMA requirements for Gold Club Leadership status, the RCCR will again make a charitable donation. A motion was made to donate \$100 to Mercy Flight. It was voted in.

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- RCCR SWAP meet – Sat, Feb 16, 2008 – Police Locust Club

Show and Tell:

- Don Steeb – Vacation to Outer Banks – Flew R/C at Kittyhawk site
- Greg Kesel – Phase III electric F16
- Ed Ortman – visit with former Martin Aircraft foreman – B26 aircraft

Combat Meet – September 22nd



A good turnout of fliers and helpers



Dick Kosbab preps for his first mission



Matt launches smoothly in spite of the strong wind



Ace Warner takes to the skies once again



The action was fast and furious, with a few mid-air and lots of streamers cut

Northampton Work Party – September 25th



Getting the slope right takes real skill



Dick Foster handles the ditch witch



Prepping the pipe before installation



Covering the pipe with stone



This gives some idea of the amount of work involved