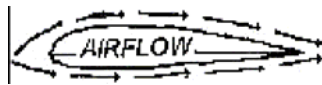


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## *Radio Control Club of Rochester*

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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 Our Mother of Sorrows Church, located at 5000 Mt. Read Blvd in Greece.

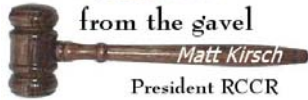
From May 28<sup>th</sup> until September 2008, the RCCR meetings are 7:30 PM at Hasman Field, 1 mile west of Union Street (Hwy 259), behind Abe's restaurant, north side of Ridge Road (hwy 104), entrance is directly across from the KwikFill

**FOR THE LATEST INFO:**

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# Sample the Gavel

I'm baaaaaaack! Deep down I thought there may be a smidgen of a chance that this article would be my farewell address to the club after four years as your president, but you all saw fit to "re-elect" me for a third term. Frankly I am flattered and humbled that you think I'm doing such a great job that you want to keep me around (or nobody else wants the job, but I much prefer option A, so work with me here fellas). All I want you to remember is what happened to Franklin Delano Roosevelt when he was elected to a fourth term... Yup, he DIED!!! So, with that said, I humbly accept the appointment for one more term, but seriously, this is it for me for a couple of decades.

About the time you read this, the AMA will be rolling out a new membership tier called the Park Pilot Program. This new membership level is geared towards pilots of the park flyer class of models, providing them with reduced insurance coverage based on the smaller electric-powered planes they fly, for a reduced rate of \$29.99. Planes will be limited to 2lbs in weight, limited to 60MPH, and must be electric powered. They will also receive a bi-monthly magazine geared towards park flyer technology.

Not a whole lot is known about the new program at this point, how these new Park Pilot members will integrate into the existing fabric of the AMA, whether they will be able to join established clubs, fly at existing club fields, or participate in existing AMA events. Those details will presumably be fleshed out here in the next few weeks when the program is officially rolled out.

Realistically, I can't imagine the AMA prohibiting these new Park Pilot members from joining established clubs or flying at established club fields, as long as they operate within the limits of their membership. Forcing Park Pilots to form their own clubs and procure their own flying facilities would create a tier of "second class citizens" paying money into the AMA treasury, but not reaping any of the benefits. AMA insurance presents little incentive to people who have been successfully flying in parks and schoolyards without it for years, and don't perceive a need for such coverage.

It will likely be up to the individual clubs how they want to handle the Park Pilot Program. I personally feel that there is nothing to "handle." Park Pilots will be AMA members, so they should be treated the same as any open member from a club perspective. The only limitation they should suffer is the one they impose on themselves by purchasing the limited membership.

The only downside I see to this is that the Park Pilot Program will put a bit more responsibility on our plates. We will need to do a bit more policing as far as who is flying what. It's really not much different from the existing situation, but it is an extra level of complexity. Hopefully this new program will fulfill its intended purpose and bring more members into the AMA fold. Small electric airplanes have made this sport/hobby more popular than ever, and with that, it is more important than ever than we speak with a unified voice.

We're down to the wire for our annual Winter Banquet (ROAST!). It's only a little more than a month away; we need to have our head count and dinner choices in at least a week ahead of time. Ed Britton is collecting reservations this year, and reservations are \$20 per person. Dinner is at the Lodge on the Green on Ridgeway avenue near Elmgrove on February 15th. Cocktails start at 6PM, dinner at 7PM, and the festivities start around 8PM. Get your reservations in by January 31<sup>st</sup>.

Immediately following the roast is our second annual swap meet and auction. Ed Britton, Bill Stauber, and I are going to work to make this as much of a "plug -n- play" event as possible, but we're still going to need your help. We'll need people to man various stations, including the admission table and concession stand. Whether you come to help, to sell, or do a little of both, I certainly hope to see you there.

## Minutes from Nov 14, 2007 meeting at MOS

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

**New Members:**

**Guests:**

**Membership Report:** 110 Members for 2007 – 8 renewals for 2008

**Programs Report:** Continue discussion of alternative meeting sites

**Field Report:**

- Mowing finished at Bolling Field and NH
- Hasman Field still needs mowing, including winter area
- Need to move tables at Hasman Field
- Federal funding has been restored, at Ledgesdale. No impact on NH

**Committees:**

- **Field Monitoring Committee**
- **Field Search Committee:** Currently deactivated
- **Turbine Committee:** Got Kerosene??
- **Events:**
  - Flyers available for Feb SWAP meet

**Old Business:**

- After much discussion, a vote was passed to meet at Mother of Sorrows for the Dec General Meeting and decide, then, if MOS would be the new meeting site
- Nov 28 meeting will be at Salem Church
- Jim DeTar suggested that the RCCR donate \$100 to Mercy Flight, for 2007. Matt Kirsch will draft a letter
- A group of RCCR members traveled to BC Park to evaluate suitability of new runways. It was felt that the angle of the runways needed to be changed. While the MC Parks would mow the runway, some club labor will be required to manicure the runways. A meeting with MC Parks will be scheduled

**New Business:**

- Don Henry got married and bought a new full size plane

**Announcements:**

- Next meeting is on Nov 28, 2007, at Salem Church
- Chili Chilly FF – Jan 1, 2008 - Hasman Field
- Annual RCCR club Roast at Lodge on the Green – Friday, Feb 15, 2008
- RCCR SWAP meet – Sat, Feb 16, 2008 – Police Locust Club

**Show and Tell:**

- Don Steeb – Picture of Don at the KittyHawk monument site – Papa Jeff remarked that the picture revealed two Old monuments
- Matt Kirsch – Neat Fair coverage
- Ed Britton – Neat story – Phelps SWAP meet
- Papa Jeff – Nitro Models 160 electric motor
- Phil Evans – Batavia SWAP meet – low attendance

## Minutes from Nov 28, 2007 meeting at Salem Church

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

**New Members:** None

**Guests:** Jim Bloechl

**Membership Report:** 111 Members for 2007, including Jim Bloechl voted in – 14 renewals for  
2008 plus club officers

**Programs Report:** SKS video of NEAT Fair

**Field Report:**

- Fields winterized, but muddy
- Hasman Field – Road to runway is blocked due to soft ground
- Mowing done at Hasman Field
- 2 benches were moved to the Hasman Field hangar. There are vehicles in the hangar so show them respect. Be careful not to get fuel on the asphalt floor
- Bob White made a new Windsock and Ed Wingate fabricated a bracket for it
- Bolling Field – Good Shape
- Trevor Ewell – If anyone leaves the pit area to go looking for planes in the woods, at any of the fields, PLEASE let some else know so that if you are gone for too long, someone will check up on you to see if you are in trouble
- Trevor Ewell – Thanks to all who came out for the After-Thanksgiving NH work party

**Committees:**

- **Field Monitoring Committee**
- **Field Search Committee:** Currently deactivated
- **Turbine Committee:** Got Kerosene??
- **Events:**
  - Chilly Chili FF – Need to check with Jim Warner on the status of the AMA Sanction – Tuesday, Jan 1, 2008

**Old Business:**

- Our Annual General Business meeting will be held, this year, at Our Mother of Sorrows Church, on Mt Read Blvd and Latta Rd. We will check on the facilities available to us there and consider making OMOS the regular winter meeting site for the future. Don Steeb will follow up on a few items regarding that site.
- A donation, in the name of RCCR, was made to Mercy Flight. A check was mailed as well as a letter from Matt Kirsch
- Jbob Shoepke donated \$5 to the RCCR
- There was a followup visit to BC Park, by members of the RCCR, regarding the development of runways for RC Electrics and Gliders. MC Parks dept needs to check with the Rochester International Airport on a couple of issues. If all goes well, seeding can begin in the Spring

**New Business:**

- A motion was made to put an add, for the RCCR, in the Program Guide for the Hilton Cadets Ice Hockey team. George Steiger's grandson is on the team

**Announcements:**

- Next meeting is on Dec 12, 2007, at OMOS Church
- Chili Chilly FF – Jan 1, 2008 - Hasman Field
- Annual RCCR club Roast at Lodge on the Green – Friday, Feb 15, 2008
- RCCR SWAP meet – Sat, Feb 16, 2008 – Police Locust Club
- Indoor flying starts Dec 9 at the East Main Street Armory – 12-5
- Great Electric FF – Aug 16-17 – Matt Kirsch and Jerry Joseph are CD's

**Show and Tell:** None

**50/50** – Phil Evans

## Minutes from Dec 12, 2007 meeting at MOS

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

**New Members:** None

**Guests:** Don and Rich Phillips

**Membership Report:** 111 Members for 2007

**Programs Report:** None

**Field Report:**

- A snow fence may be erected across the entrance to Bolling Field, this winter, so bring wire cutters if you need access. No snow fence as yet.
- Hasman Field – Lock needs repair
- Black Creek Park – There is continuing dialog with MCP and other interested parties regarding the development of the RC flying site

**Committees:**

- **Field Monitoring Committee**
- **Field Search Committee:** Currently deactivated
- **Turbine Committee:** Got Kerosene??
- **Events:**
  - Ed Britton is currently collecting \$20/head for the Feb 15, 2008, Annual RCCR Roast
  - Feb 16, 2008 – Annual RCCR SWAP Meet at the Police Locust Club
  - Jan 1, 2008 – Chilly Chili FF

**Old Business:**

- A vote was passed selecting Our Mother Of Sorrows Church as the new home for the Bi-Monthly RCCR Meetings
- Julius volunteered to take over the responsibility for bringing the coffee items to the meetings
- The East Main Street Armory hosted the Dec, 2007 Indoor Electric Frost Fly with a temperature hovering at 37 deg. The RCCR voted to put \$100 in an Armory fund should the pilot fees not cover the rental cost
- A vote was passed to spend \$35 for an RCCR advertisement in the Hilton Cadets Ice Hockey Program
- Paul Weigand will be updating the RCCR logo
- The RCCR received a certificate acknowledging the receipt of our donation to Mercy Flight

**New Business:**

- As this is the 2007 Annual General Meeting, President Matt Kirsch read the State of the Club address. We are still in NY State
- Matt Kirsch begged to remain President of the RCCR for another 2 years. Although there was some reluctance, on the part of the membership, the vote was almost unanimous. Bob McClure abstained. (Psssssst – Joe Somers still wants to be Stealth President)
- Craig Donaldson will remain as Newsletter Editor
- Bob McClure reported that he had new RCCR Ball Caps and Tooks with the RCCR logo, for sale, as well as club flyers and 3x5 cards
- Jerry Joseph requested that each new member or renewing member include his or her cell phone # on the application form and that the number be added to the online RCCR roster.

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**Show and Tell:**

Mike Rotherforth – Thunderbirds in Rochester – July 26-27, 2008 and he reported on a SCUBA dive

Trevor Ewell – Telemaster Electric

Scott Miller – Mig 15

Rich Brook won the \$100 prize from the Annual RCCR Show+Tell Drawing

**50/50 –**

**Pictures from the Annual General Meeting on December 12, 2007:**



**Looking out at the assembled members, Matt begins to question his offer to serve another term.**



***The Officers for 2008:***

**Ed Britton Jim DeTar Matt Kirsch Rich Brook Bob White**

**Matt delivers the Annual Report**

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***Meanwhile, back at Northampton, the water is draining .....***



*Fun in the snow (and the cold, and the wind) at Hasman Field:*



**Bob White**

*(Old Man Winter can't stop real men from flying)*



**Tony Joseph**



**Bruce Krieger's homemade skis on his Sig Electric Kadet worked perfectly.**



**Jim Bloechl's Mustang (the first one)**



**Trevor's Hobby Lobby electric Telemaster.**

## Chilly Chili Fuhn Fly – 2008 Edition:



Trevor's Four Star 60 taxis out for another flight.



Scott Miller does a low pass with his Seamaster



The Nguyen family put on a great helicopter show



Matt K and Bill Gerew split "Best Chili" honors



About 30 intrepid members braved the elements to help make this annual event a rousing success.