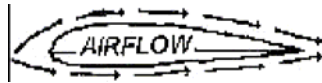


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The purpose of the Radio Control Club of Rochester is to aid and encourage interest in the design, construction and safe operation of radio-controlled model aircraft, boats, and cars.

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 28th 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

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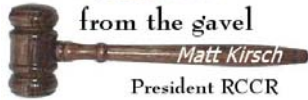
It is with great sadness and regret that we report the passing of two long-term members.

Bob Kesel

After graduating from the University of Rochester, Bob worked for 32 years at Kodak. As an aviation enthusiast, he enjoyed long associations with the Experimental Aircraft Association, serving as a Division co-chairman. During WW II he served as a flight instructor in the Civilian Pilot Training Program. He was also an avid sailor (former NYS sailing champion). As a Ham Radio operator, he enjoyed his contacts with others around the world. Bob was an RCCR member for 50 years.

Len Cataldi





Sample the Gavel

It's been a busy two months, or at the very least, a busy February. In the period of one week, we had an indoor flying event at the armory, a club business meeting, our annual Roast, and the swap meet. Throw in the Brighton High School Festival of Ideas on March 1st, and frankly, I'm still tired.

This year's roast was the biggest in recent history. A total of 71 people signed up for dinner at the Lodge on the Green on Ridgeway Avenue, and none were disappointed. In the three years we've been going to Lodge on the Green, we've come to expect a certain level of quality, and we certainly weren't disappointed this time around. The staff outdid themselves again this year, providing us with plenty of great food and drink.

Eating is only part of the Roast, however. We don't come to roast beef, we come to roast each other and present honors to deserving members. Either Jerry Joseph had a good year, or enough of the other members had bad years, because Jerry really didn't get roasted this time. Hopefully he didn't feel left out.

Special Master of Ceremonies Elroy T. Suggins (alter ego of "Papa Jeff" Ring) kicked off the festivities with a flurry of "awards" and confetti. Hopefully the Lodge on the Green staff will let us back in next year... Annual staples including the literary stylings of John Floyd, and "Final Thoughts by Bob McClure" kept things moving along. Greg Kesel, the Prime Roastee of 2007 got his revenge this year, passing along the title to Ed Wingate while taking down several other members in the process.

The coveted Busted Prop was passed on to Phil Evans, not because of what he did in 2007, but because of the impression he left in 2006. Paul Weigand became the newest owner of the Golden Screw for his turbine flight at last year's Canandaigua Chiefs event. Trainer of the Year was awarded to Bill Gerew for his efforts at trainer night. Pete Fiorentino took home the Lifetime Achievement award as the active member with the most "seniority" after Don Steeb. Finally, Man of the Year was given to a very deserving Ed Wingate for his contributions to the club in 2007.

Bright and early the next morning, we converged on the Rochester Police Locust Club for our second annual Swap Meet and Auction. Overall attendance was about the same as last year, but there were fewer tables sold. Better stuff, but less of it. Even so, we ended up making an impressive profit from the event, money that will go a long way keeping the fields in good shape for the coming flying season.

Two weeks went by in a flash, and even though the calendar said March 1st, it still felt like February for the Brighton High School Festival of Ideas. Reports from the organizers indicated a record number of kids in attendance this year. We entertained three groups of kids with hands-on demonstrations, building and flying AMA Cubs, and some simulator time. There were well over 40 children across the three groups, so even though we had built 34 Cubs ahead of time, we still had to scramble to assemble enough planes so everyone that wanted one could take a plane home with them. What was impressive this year was the number of kids that wanted to build their own plane from start to finish, and stuck with it. One even came back after the programs had ended to finish her plane.

We're good on the events front until late May, when our first combat meet is scheduled, and then mid-June for the Rochester Wings show.

Now, I've done the whole soapbox bit in the past about early spring flying, so I really shouldn't have to say much at this point on this subject. It's March, and we're getting close to those first warm spring days and flying from the hangar at Hasman. Suffice it to say, just because you don't have flight stations doesn't mean the basic rules and etiquette get thrown out the window. Fly safe.

Minutes from January 9, 2008 meeting at Our Mother of Sorrows Church

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

New Members: None

Guests: None

Membership Report: 34 Members for 2008 – 74 not renewed from last year, yet

Programs Report: None – 2 part program in near future – Installing Floats

Field Report:

- Joe Somers reports that the NH Drainage Project has resulted in much dryer conditions this winter. It should help ensure that our flying season, at NH, will not be delayed by a soft, wet runway
- A crew including Joe Somers and Bob White took down a number of small trees along the edge of the runway at Hasman Field
- Ed Britton and Joe Somers painted the Windssock Pole at Hasman Field
- Bob White is making a new windssock for NH and Ed Wingate is making a new bearing and mount for it.
- Bob White and Dick Foster patched a hole in the white nylon hangar at Hasman Field

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
 - An advertising blitz is underway for the Annual SWAP Meet

Old Business:

- BC Park Runway Project – A team of club members is actively involved in discussions with MC regarding the future development plans
- Ed Britton has received 22 reservations, to date, for the Annual RCCR Roast. We need at least 50 by Jan 31
- There were at least 35 attendees at the Annual RCCR Chili Chilly FF on Jan 1 – Winners of the Chili Cookoff were 3rd – Phil Evans, 2nd – Andre Blanchard, 1st – Matt Kirsch and Bill Gerew
- The Hilton Hockey advertisement will not go through as the application was lost by the Hilton representatives and the deadline has passed
- Ed Britton was able to secure a Triton Charger to be used at NH for activities like Tuesday Night Training
- Bob White will check on the status of Gary Halston

New Business:

- Trevor Ewell has arranged for a NH Park Employees Annual Appreciation lunch at Knollwood Lodge, on Jan 17.
- At the next meeting, we will be discussing and finalizing the requirements for the Annual AMA Gold Leader Club Application
- Pat Bolling is in the process of selling the land upon which our Bolling Flying Field has been developed. Matt will be contacting the new owners to discuss our future at that site – As such, we will hold off on submitting the AMA Sanction request for the GEF – No flying will be permitted until this issue is resolved
- The AMA has announced a Park Pilot license allowing those who fly light electrics, for example, to become AMA members at a \$30 rate. See the AMA site for details on the type and size of aircraft. There were some questions regarding how this might impact an AMA club's liability should a Park Pilot wish to join an AMA club. More to come on this issue
- Bill Wegman and Pete Fierntino have retrieved the Coffee stuff from the Salem United Church. The church was made aware that we will not be returning this year.

Announcements:

- Next meeting is on Jan 23, at OMOS Church
- East Main Street Armory – Indoor Electric flying in Feb
- Annual RCCR club Roast at Lodge on the Green – Friday, Feb 15, 2008
- RCCR SWAP meet – Sat, Feb 16, 2008 – Police Locust Club
- Great Electric FF – Aug 16-17 – Matt Kirsch and Jerry Joseph are CD's

Show and Tell:

John Floyd - Eflight Piper Pawnee electric and Futaba 7C FASST 2.4Ghz radio

Trevor Ewell – Eflight Seawind electric

Paul Weigand – Alpha A4 Skyhawk EDF and JR9303 2.4Ghz radio

Greg Kesel – Phase 3 P38 electric

Ron McGrath – Extreme V2 2050 lithium batteries, Eflight 160 motor, Hand crafted spinner

Russ Steinhoff – Talk about UcanDo foamie

50/50 – None

Minutes from Jan 23, 2008 meeting at Our Mother of Sorrows Church

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

New Members: None

Guests: Manny Vella, Paul Simon

Membership Report: 42 Members for 2008

Programs Report: Float installation

Field Report: None

Committees:

- **Field Monitoring Committee**
- **Field Search Committee:** Currently deactivated
- **Turbine Committee:** Got Kerosene??
- **Events:**
 - Feb 16 – SWAP Meet at Police Locust Club – Flyers sent to 60 clubs
 - Feb 15, 2008 – Annual RCCR Roast at Lodge on the Green – 41 signed up – Looking for at least 50

Old Business:

- BC Park Runway Project – Nothing new, yet
- Bolling Field – No closing, yet, on the sale of Bolling Field – Matt spoke with prospective new owners – More to come
- AMA Park Pilot Program - \$29.95 – No Accident or Medical – No Theft, Fire, or Vandalism coverage - ¼ subscription to Park Pilot Mag – Different card – Speed and Weight limit – No voting rights for Prez – AMA Chartered Club has option to Accept or Reject club membership
- Annual RCCR/NH Park Luncheon – Knollwood Lodge – 14 RCCR club members and 5 NH employees including Dave Ranoldi – Catered meal with desert ala Russ, the NH Park foreman

New Business:

- Mar 1 – Brighton HS Festival of Ideas – Need help building AMA Cubs
- We are waiting on AMA Charter Renewal
- Greg Kesel – Brian Blazey announces 2008 Rochester Wings event – June 13-14 – Air Guard facility on Scottsville Rd near Paul Rd – RCCR voted to man a booth
- Greg Kesel thanked everyone for their kind concern after the death of his father and RCCR member, Bob Kesel
- RCCR Annual June FF – June 28-29 – Dick Petersen, Pete Durante, and Tom Forsyth are Food Certified – Bob Gears will be
- AMA Safety Code review – same as last year

Announcements:

- Next meeting is on Feb 13, at OMOS Church
- East Main Street Armory – Indoor Electric flying on Feb 10
- Annual RCCR club Roast at Lodge on the Green – Friday, Feb 15, 2008
- RCCR SWAP meet – Sat, Feb 16, 2008 – Police Locust Club
- Great Electric FF – Aug 16-17 – Matt Kirsch and Jerry Joseph are CD's
- Mar 8 – Lebanon, Pa SWAP Meet
- Jan 26 – Syracuse Symposium

Show and Tell:

John Floyd – Futaba 7ch FASST – Dan's and Performance can determine if a 6 or 7 ch FASST has the improper Transmitter ID

Rich Brook – Hangar 9 Expanded Scale Voltmeter

Trevor Ewell – Electrify Trainer

Pat Levign – Nitro Models A10 and radio

50/50 – None

Minutes from Feb 13, 2008 meeting at Our Mother of Sorrows Church

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

New Members: None

Guests: Greg Casolari, Tyler Martin (plus Grandfather and Grandmother), Tom Steeb

Membership Report: 57 Members for 2008 including the 3 new members voted in tonight – Tyler Martin, Greg Casolari, and Tom Steeb

Programs Report: None – Next meeting will be the Ron McGrath Covering show

Field Report: Please keep the roof of the nylon hangar clean, at Hasman Field

Committees:

- **Field Monitoring Committee**
- **Field Search Committee:** Currently deactivated
- **Turbine Committee:** Got Kerosene??
- **Events:**
 - Feb 16 – SWAP Meet at Police Locust Club – Ed Britton and Matt Kirsch will shop for supplies – Julius and Joe somers will take care of the coffee – Setup at 8am
 - Feb 15, 2008 – Annual RCCR Roast at Lodge on the Green – 63 signed up
 - Brighton High School Festival of Ideas – Meeting at Matt Kirsch's house on Wed, Feb 20, to build Darts
 - Great Electric FF – still waiting on situation at Bolling Field

Old Business:

- BC Park Runway Project – Nothing new, yet
- Bolling Field – Gary Kludt – one of the new owners of that field, is planning to examine our field layout.
- Leader Club app has been submitted
- Field charters should include Bolling Field
- Syracuse Symposium, held on Jan 26, was not well attended – mostly Indoor flying
- Gary Fitch is the District II interim VP for AMA
- Gary Halston is improving and will be returning to Rochester, in the near future, for more surgery

New Business:

- Mar 1 – Brighton HS Festival of Ideas – Need help building AMA Cubs
- The Feb 10 Main St Armory Indoor Electric Flying event was not well attended. Some miss communication with other clubs who were to participate – The next event in Mar will still be held, but an effort will be made to encourage other clubs to attend and share the cost – A motion was made and passed to have RCCR make up the difference if attendance is again low and there is not enough money to cover the cost of rental

Announcements:

- Next meeting is on Feb 27, at OMOS Church
- East Main Street Armory – Indoor Electric flying in Mar
- Annual RCCR club Roast at Lodge on the Green – Friday, Feb 15, 2008
- RCCR SWAP meet – Sat, Feb 16, 2008 – Police Locust Club
- Great Electric FF – Aug 16-17 – Matt Kirsch and Jerry Joseph are CD's
- Mar 8 – Lebanon, Pa SWAP Meet
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- Mar 1 – BHS Festival of Ideas
- Mar 15 – Canandaigua Auction

Show and Tell:

Matt Kirsch – Two different foam electric R/C copies of paper airplanes

Ed Wingate – Windsock for NH

Andre Blanchard – KMP P38F

Bob McClure – Tyler Video Links

50/50 – Bernie

Minutes from Feb 27, 2008 meeting at Our Mother of Sorrows Church

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

New Members: None

Guests: None

Membership Report: 64 – We are above where we were, this time last year

Programs Report: Joe Somers and Bob White - Vacuforming

Field Report: Jerry Joseph and Rich Brook flew at Hasman Field. Very little snow

Committees:

- **Field Monitoring Committee**
- **Field Search Committee:** Currently deactivated
- **Turbine Committee:** Got Kerosene??
- **Events:**
 - Feb 16 – SWAP Meet at Police Locust Club - \$631 ahead – Discussed Auction fee – Low participation in Auction
 - June FF – Dick Foster will not be available – Dick Peterson needs to be re certified – Mike Mance volunteered to take exam – RCCR will cover cost – Matt Kirsch needs to submit paperwork to NH
 - Annual RCCR Roast – 71 paid - 68 attendees – Good food – Program slightly long – Jim DeTar will report, next meeting, on financials – There is a possibility that Lodge on the Green will close or change hands

Old Business:

- Bolling Field – Deal closed, but no word on the status of our future there – Charter renewed
- BC Park – No word
- AMA Gold Leader Club application has been approved – From now on, we can submit just the updates, via email, to the AMA, prior to Mar 1 – We can scan in required documentation
- BHS Festival of Ideas – Setup at noon – Need display planes – Need some workers – Matt will bring Flight Sim
- Don Steeb – Received invitation for RCCR to again attend St. John Fisher Science Exploration Days
- RAMS have been notified about the East Main St Armory Electric FF in Mar – There was some miscommunication, within the RAMS, regarding participation in the Feb event – RAMS will contribute at Mar event

New Business:

- Len Cataldi passed away – A number of members attended the Wake

Announcements:

- Next meeting is on Mar 12, at OMOS Church
- East Main Street Armory – Indoor Electric flying in Mar
Great Electric FF – Aug 16-17 – Matt Kirsch and Jerry Joseph are CD's
- Mar 8 – Lebanon, Pa SWAP Meet
- Mar 1 – BHS Festival of Ideas
- Mar 15 – Canandaigua Auction

Show and Tell:

Joe Somers and Bob White - Vacuforming

Ed Wingate – Fromeco LiPo Charger – Velcro from Ollies

Trevor Ewell – Lower price on Talking Timers

Jerry Joseph – P38

John Floyd – Electric Predator – Nitro Models

Jim DeTar – Call 1-888-382-1222 to remove your cell phone from the Telemarketer's list – Nanometrics LiPo battery –

Historical Aircraft Group helping ill boy with quest to get into the Guinness Book of Records with paper airplane project

50/50 – None

Northampton Park Appreciation Luncheon – January 17, 2008



Trevor expressed the club's thanks to those who did so much work to maintain the flying fields.



No one had to be called twice for lunch.



Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the catered luncheon.



Russ cuts his famous peanut butter pie.



Upcoming Club Events

Meetings:

Wednesday, March 26 at 7:30 – Our Mother of Sorrows Church
Wednesday, April 9 at 7:30 - Our Mother of Sorrows Church
Wednesday, April 23 at 7:30 - Our Mother of Sorrows Church
Wednesday, May 14 at 7:30 - Our Mother of Sorrows Church
Wednesday, May 28 at 7:30 – Hasman Field

Other Events:

June 13 & 14 – Rochester Wings - Air Guard facility on Scottsville Rd. near Paul Rd.
June 28 & 29 - RCCR Ray Edmunds Memorial June Fun Fly – Northampton Park
August 16 & 17 - Great Electric Fun Fly – Location yet to be determined

Windsock Raising Ceremony at Hasman Field – January 15, 2008



Ed Britton

Phil Evans

Bob White

Joe Somers



“Now I know there’s a hole in the ground here somewhere that this thing goes into.”



Success !!

On a stormy Day in January, a band of hearty souls ventured out to raise the new windsock that had been made for Hasman Field. Bob White did his usual expert job of stitching up the new sock. Ed Britton and Joe Somers painted the pole. Phil Evans was there to make sure they got the correct end of the pole in the ground. All who have seen it agree that it is a work of beauty, which will be greatly appreciated by all who fly at Hasman Field (both modelers and full scale pilots). Great work guys! Thanks!

Annual Roast – February 15, 2008 at Tavern on the Green



Over 70 people signed up – a record!



“Cutest Couples in Town” Award winners



Great food, as always!



**Papa Jeff Ring and Elroy T. Suggins –
Twins separated at birth?**



**Greg awards Paul Weigand
the Golden Screw.**



**Bud and Trevor call Phil Evans to let him know he is the
winner (?) of the Busted Prop Award.**



Pete Fiorentino - Lifetime Achievement Award



Training Cord Award winner Bill Gerew.



Ed Wingate – Man of the Year Award winner.



“Man of the Year Award” Recipients.

Swap Meet – February 16, 2008 at the Rochester Locust Club



“I need to buy some more stuff.”



Lots of goodies on display.