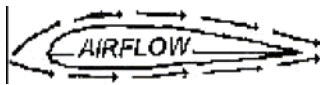


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The purpose of the Radio Control Club of Rochester is to aid and encourage interest in the design, construction and safe operation of radio-controlled model aircraft, boats, and cars.

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

FOR THE LATEST INFO:

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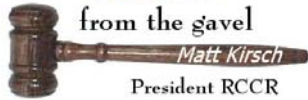
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Jack Butler with his scratch-built B-24 powered by four 10's



Sample the Gavel



Bolling Field, we knew you well... Since 1988, our Redman Road site has been our premiere club flying field, our "lifeboat" for the June Fun Fly, home to the Electric Fun Fly, and the source of more than a little controversy.

It's old news by now, but our longtime landlord Pat Bolling sold the land our field occupied to Kludt Farms of Kendall. Long story short, the Kludts decided, that between liability concerns and the potential profitability of the land we were occupying, to discontinue our agreement.

The field crews officially moved the last of our equipment out on April 30th. The container has been relocated to Northampton park, and the plan is to eventually tear down the old metal shed, move the wood shed over next to the container, and landscape where the sheds used to stand.

What'll become of the Electric Fun Fly? Well, it'll make its debut at Northampton Park this year. It was an easy decision to make. Hasman really isn't geared to handling large gatherings like the electric event, and by holding it at Northampton, we make it more accessible to the public. The end result should be a larger turnout and more income for field improvements.

The search is now on for additional places to fly, and as you read this, plans are in the works for getting Black Creek Park back into flying shape. Construction of the new wetland area is nearing completion, and a new flying area has been designated. Several changes to the new area have been submitted to the Monroe County Parks Department, and to say the least, things look promising for a 600' electric-only flying field at Black Creek Park.

In reality, all flying sites are temporary, and we should always be on the lookout for new sites to develop. While the club may not choose to develop every site to come along, we can keep them in mind in the eventuality that we should find ourselves a need of a place to fly.

Something that's kind of sneaked up on us is training season. By the time this reaches print, we'll already be through the second trainer night of the year. It's always a party, and the party starts at 4PM out at Northampton. We've always got openings for students and instructors, and unlimited space in the peanut gallery.

Coming up May 24th is the first combat meet of the year at Hasman field. June 13th and 14th are the dates for this year's Rochester Wings show at the airport. The big one, the June Fun Fly, is June 28th and 29th. One final thought this time around on safety and field etiquette... I've written about both of these subjects many times during my terms as club president, but it's a subject that can't be discussed enough. The loss of Bolling realistically won't have a huge effect on activity at Hasman and Northampton, but it will have an effect. There will be more people flying at these two fields, and while we've got well-defined pits and flying stations at Northampton, we don't have such luxuries at Hasman. To that end, everyone has to be super-diligent about flying at Hasman. Fly from the East-West runway, OR the North-South, not both. Too many times now over the last 10 years, we end up flying from a drastically curved flight line with overlapping patterns. Get together with other flyers and decide which way the wind is blowing, and establish a flight line on the appropriate runway. Take at least five big steps back from the edge of the runway so you're not in a fellow pilot's field of view when they're trying to take off and land. This is all simple stuff that we should already know to do.

Minutes from Mar 12, 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: 75

Programs Report: Nuttin Honey

Field Report:

Trevor and Rich Brook walked in and flew at Hasman. Roof was scraped. Driveway will be open by the weekend

Committees:

- **Field Monitoring Committee**
- **Field Search Committee:** Currently deactivated
- **Turbine Committee:** Got Kerosene??
- **Events:**
 - June FF – Paperwork has been submitted to MCPD for the event at NH. Dick Peterson is getting info on the test for Food Preparation – Letters for solicitation of Prize Donations must be sent out soon
 - Ed Britton has the paperwork for the Rochester Wings event
 - St John Fisher Science Exploration Days on April 14-15

Old Business:

- Bolling Field – Matt Kirsch will call the Kludts regarding RCCR status at this site
- BC Park – No word
- AMA Gold Leader Club – Rich Brook reports that he has received the official confirmation letter from the AMA – We should be listed, this year, in the Model Aviation magazine
- Rumor – The RAMS will be having an Open meeting, soon, with AMA president Dave Mathewson as the guest speaker
- BHS Festival of Ideas – 40 plus kids attended – Model Aviation magazines were donated – Charlie Lictlighter dropped off AMA Cubs he had in storage
- RCCR Annual Roast Financials - \$1456 taken in for Signup and 50/50 – Paid \$1017 - \$300 for prizes and Trophies - \$130 profit – We should return to Lodge on the Green for next year's Roast – Thanks to Don Steeb and his Dollies for Preparation, Deserts, etc. - Trevor Ewell suggested that we provide Name Tags next year
- 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:

- Donuts have increased in price to the point where we need to increase the donation, per person, to \$1 at meetings

Announcements:

- Next meeting is on Mar 26, at OMOS Church
- Mar 15 – Canandaigua Chiefs Auction
- Mar 16 – Armory Indoor Electric meet
- Apr 4-6 – Toledo Show

Show and Tell:

Joe Somers – Did not go to Lebanon SWAP meet

John Floyd – His sister married a Jet pilot – John has a plastic jet kit that was modeled after his brother-in-law's real jet

Pat Levign – Something Extra kit

Jerry Joseph – P38

John Floyd – Electric Predator – Nitro Models

Jim Warner – two electric helicopters

Tom Steeb – Micro Telemaster electric

Rich Brook – Electrify SeaWind and Eflite Extra 260 profile

Paul Weigand – Eflite Beaver

Trevor Ewell – Joe Palmer and company went to the Lebanon SWAP meet

50/50 – None

Minutes from Mar 26, 2008 meeting at Our Mother of Sorrows Church

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

New Members: None

Guests: None

Membership Report: 77

Programs Report: Covering Demo

Field Report: Wet

Committees:

- **Field Monitoring Committee**
- **Field Search Committee:** Currently deactivated
- **Turbine Committee:** Got Kerosene??
- **Events:**
 - June FF – Prize solicitation going out this week
 - Great Electric FF – There was discussion regarding the new site for this event. NH or Hasman. NH was the preferred site. Be sure the aircraft you intend to fly can stay At or Under this limit
 - St John Fisher Science Exploration Days on May 14-15

Old Business:

- Bolling Field – This site has been closed as the new owners want to farm the area currently set up as our aircraft runway – All the tractors and tables have been packed up and will be moved, along with the Storage Container, to NH
- BC Park – No word
- Keep your eyes out for possible new flying sites
- The Rochester Wings event will conflict with the Williamson Air Show and the Canandaigua Chiefs Electric FF

New Business:

- There was a report on the talk given by new AMA President Dave Mathewson, at a recent RAMS meeting at MacGreggors – Please note – Out of the 155,000 members in the AMA, nationwide, only 11,000 voted in the last election
- Bob McClure was contacted about RC flying at a farm, on RT250, in Penfield, next to the new YMCA
- There were 26 paid pilots at the March Main Street Armory event. The RAMS covered the remaining \$40 of the rental fee. Gary Fitch, our new AMA District II VP, was in attendance
- AMA has an Advertising Reimbursement program that will encourage RC clubs to advertise on Radio, TV, Magazines, and Newspapers
- Bud Hendershot has requested to some RC pilots put on demo flights at this years' FlyIn Breakfast
- Mike Rotherforth has reported that he experienced RF interference on channels 50-51 and 28-29, at Henrietta Town Park
- Mark Gелlette's Water and Land runways may be a possible site for future RC activity

Announcements:

- Next meeting is on Apr 9, at OMOS Church
- FLAPS Auction on Apr 5
- Apr 4-6 – Toledo Show

Show and Tell:

Ron McGrath – Butane Soldering Iron from Radio Shack and Butane from Home Depot
Phil Evans – Hangar 9 Pawnee
Russ Steenhoff – UCANDO foamie
Jim Warner – Eflight Blade 400 Heli

50/50 – Bob White

Minutes from Apr 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: 90

Programs Report: None

Field Report:

Hasman Field – Road too soft down to runway – Runway needs to be rolled
NH – Pit wet but runway dry

Committees:

- **Field Monitoring Committee**
- **Field Search Committee:** Reactivated
- **Turbine Committee:** Got Kerosene??
- **Events:**
 - St John Fisher Science Exploration Days – May 14-15
 - Combat Meet – May 24 at Hasman Field
 - June FF – Sanction received – Time sensitive letters mailed – Headliners to be invited will be Devon McGrath, Phil Nguyen, and Kyle Stacey
 - Great Electric FF - Jerry Joseph sent in sanction

Old Business:

- Wickham Farms, Rt250 North of the new YMCA – The owners are interested in having RC flyers do Demos during Open hours, to entertain customers. We will investigate the facilities

New Business:

- Toledo Trade Show report – Moderate attendance – SWAP area was lighter than usual. Several club members successfully got lost while trying to find a restaurant, despite having a GPS
- Bob McClure created an updated Tri-Fold Flyer for the club
- It was agreed that while we have a policy of allowing limited Guest access, to Hasman Field, for non-club members, this does not apply to former, non-renewed club members.
- It was decided that the RCCR Search Committee should be reactivated and updates published often. Ron McGrath – recently honored as the Director of Obstinace, will chair the committee. Other volunteers will be Bill Stauber, Bill Gerew, Pete Durante, Ed Wingate, and Joe Somers

Announcements:

- Next meeting is on Apr 23, at OMOS Church
- FLAPS Auction on Apr 5
- Apr 4-6 – Toledo Show

Show and Tell:

Bob White - Zippy LiPo battery

John Floyd – Toledo Story

Ron McGrath – AMA Field Size – Spektrum BusBar receiver switch problems – Sierra retracts for KMP Tigercat – Google Earth maps of prospective flying sites

50/50 – Jack Bearce

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

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

New Members: None

Guests: Jim Arieno

Dale Romognolo (previous member)

Membership Report: 101 including Jim Arieno who was voted in

Programs Report: None

Field Report:

NH – Opened on Sat – Work party to put up signs – work party to prepare a pad for the metal storage container

Hasman – Road to the E/W runway is open but soft. Be careful if it rains

Ron McGrath inquired as to who put the club fields on Google Earth – Perhaps the AMA as they have the GPS coordinates.

Committees:

- **Field Monitoring Committee** - Bill Stauber's H9 Cub was checked and passed
- **Field Search Committee:** Reactivated
- **Turbine Committee:** Got Kerosene??
- **Events:**
 - Combat Meet on May 24 – Need help
 - June FF – Food Certification – Pete Durante next week, Mike Mance needs a check, Dick Peterson needs to take the Refresher – Our Headline pilots will be local talent including Devon McGrath, Kyle Stacey, Phil Nguyen, etc – Setup will begin on Fri, 06/27

Old Business:

- BC Park – Dave Rinaldo and Joe Somers communicated regarding the status of the runway project – There was a discussion concerning what type of field we wanted to develop – A 600' runway was preferred
- It was decided that Wickham Farms was too small for any R/C activity
- St John Fisher Science Exploration Days on May 14-15 – Need help – It will be held on the same day as the next club meeting at OMOS Church

New Business:

- There was an incident near the South end of Hasman Field. A larger than normal contingent of club flyers were taking advantage of the warm weather and the road to the E/W runway was too soft for access. A small R/C aircraft crashed near the East side of the rental storage buildings in the presence of one of the owners. There were various suggestions as to how to avoid flying that far South. There were also concerns expressed regarding flying behind the flightline.

Announcements:

- Next meeting is on May 14, at OMOS Church
- Combat meet on May 24 at Hasman
- St John Fisher Science Exploration Days on May 14-15
- June FF on June 28-29

Show and Tell:

Don Steeb – QQ Divo electric plane

Jim Warner – Katana Mini – Zing Wing

Dale Romognolo – Problem with Spektrum DX7 and receiver low voltage warning

Papa Jeff – Nitro Models Pole Cat

Matt Kirsch – Air Hogs Nano Hawk – SmartFly Power System EQ6

50/50 – Jim Arieno

Bye-Bye Bolling



Tractors are loaded up and ready to go.



Container has been relocated to Northampton.



Professional drivers on closed course



Do not attempt.

Meanwhile, Dick and Judy Foster are scouring the country looking for new flying sites



Running with the Big Dogs at Hasman



Ed Wingate with his new 30% Yak



In the Spring, a young man's fancy turns to airplanes, of course.



Greg Kesel and his Extra 260



Scott Miller with his 35% Yak



Upcoming Club Events

Meetings:

Wednesday, May 28 at 7:30 – Hasman Field
Wednesday, June 11 at 7:30 - Hasman Field
Wednesday, June 25 at 7:30 - Hasman Field
Wednesday, July 9 at 7:30 - Hasman Field
Wednesday, July 23 at 7:30 – Hasman Field

Other Events:

Tuesday evenings starting at 4:00 – Training night at Northampton Park
May 24 – Combat Meet at Hasman Field
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 – Northampton Park