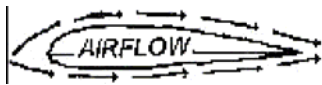


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The purpose of the Radio Control Club of Rochester is to aid and encourage interest in the design, construction and safe operation of radio-controlled model aircraft, boats, and cars.

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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Upcoming Club Events

Meetings:

Wednesday, July 23 at 7:30 – Hasman Field

Wednesday, August 13 at 7:30 - Hasman Field

Wednesday, August 27 at 7:30 - Hasman Field

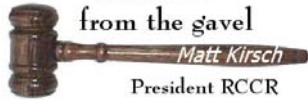
Wednesday, September 10 at 7:30 - Our Mother of Sorrows Church

Wednesday, September 24 at 7:30 – Our Mother of Sorrows Church

Other Events:

Tuesday evenings starting at 4:00 – Training night at Northampton Park

August 16 & 17 - Great Electric Fun Fly – Northampton Park



Sample the Gavel

It's been a busy two months. Monday Night Fights. Tuesday Training. Wednesday meetings. Events practically every weekend. I'm getting tired, but I'm enjoying things too much to stop.

At least we have a few weeks now to relax and enjoy events at neighboring clubs, the Geneseo Air Show, the Rochester Air Show, and Hendershot's pancake breakfast. Our big one for 2008 is now on the books. Variable weather ensured it wasn't the best, but it was far from the worst.

Threatening skies kept fliers timid on Saturday morning, and the skies finally opened up just as we were starting the noontime airshow. Once everyone was soaked through to the skin and all the planes put under cover, the sun came out. By dinner time, the weather was perfect for flying, and it held until about 2:00PM Sunday. We called the raffle winners under growing thunderheads, and called the meet with just enough time for people to get packed and on the road before the skies opened up again.

Well, almost everybody... The RCCR Mobile Airshow (aka my trailer, aka the transmitter impound, aka the place where everybody tries to stow stuff at our fun flies) was far from packed, and my planes were all still on the ground, when the rain cut loose. Special thanks go to Glen Ruta, Mike Mance, and Ed Britton who all got soaked helping me load up long after the rest of you were on the road in your warm, dry cars...

Every year we do a brain dump on what we can do better for these events, and this year I'm going to use my little soap box here to do a brain dump of my own. We pulled off a safe, entertaining event once again, but there is always room for improvement.

One of the biggest issues I see is the small stuff. Little, glaring, two-minute jobs that anyone could do with a minimum of effort. Take garbage for example. No, really, take it. Take one bag of garbage home with you, regardless of when your pickup is. A single bag of garbage isn't going to overflow your can, and if everyone takes one bag, nobody has to take it all. There are no "surprise" trailers full of trash, and no hard feelings. Don't wait for someone to ask/tell you, grab a bag and take it home.

We've got a great club here. At the risk of jinxing it, we must be setting records for volunteerism and active membership in an R/C club. I appreciate every second of effort you put into promoting, building, and maintaining this club. We have a ton of laughs and fun doing it, meet a lot of great people, and make a few bucks for our efforts, but we can always do just a little bit better. I suppose if things were perfect, I'd have nothing to complain about, and we wouldn't want that now would we? ☺

In a late-breaking news story, rumor has it that there were some objections to regularly-scheduled mowing at Northampton on Friday, July 4th. Mowing is scheduled Mondays and Fridays at 1:00PM, holidays or not. While I understand that people have the day off and want to fly, anyone with objections needs to keep in mind that the people who mow the fields are volunteers, and they may not have time on another day to mow the field to accommodate the holiday crowd. The fields are mowed in the afternoon because wet grass doesn't mow well and plugs up the mowers.

Rather than grumble and gripe, offer to jump on a tractor and help. The more mowers in action, the quicker the job gets done. It takes about an hour for two people; three can do it in about 40 minutes. We'll provide the mower and gas, all you need to provide is your butt on the seat and two hands to steer.

The RCCR maintains Northampton field with club funds, club equipment, and club labor for public use. While Monroe County is great to us and help where they can, the manicured runway, startup benches, and shelters are all on our dime for anyone to use. Please, before you get upset about being inconvenienced, take a moment to think about that and cut us a little slack.

Minutes from May 14, 2008 meeting at Our Mother of Sorrows Church

Officers Present: Matt Kirsch – Pres, Jim Detar - Tres, Ed Britton - VP, Rich Brook – Sec

New Members: None

Guests: None

Membership Report: None

Programs Report: None

Field Report:

NH – the storage container was moved from the former Bolling Field to it's new home on a previously prepared pad of stone in our parking lot at NH. 3 more flight stands were added. Runways and K's rolled and mowed as well as mowing of the parking areas that will be used for the June FF

Hasman – The runways were rolled and mowed. Phil Evans and Craig Donaldson did the mowing

Dave Rinaldo MCP has asked us to submit a proposal for development of a flying site on unused land at Canal Ponds Park, between Elmgrove Rd and Manitou Rd, just North of the canal.

Committees:

- **Field Monitoring Committee** - Mickey Travinski's F22 and Evolution 45 – 11x4 APC prop worked the best
- **Field Search Committee:** Reactivated and investigating any suggestions
- **Turbine Committee:** Got Kerosene??
- **Events:**
 - Combat Meet on May 24 – Need help
 - June FF – Food Certification – Bob Gears has received his Food Certification. Dick Peterson will be certified soon – New June FF advertising poster available – There were D+C photographers at Tues night training. Craig Donaldson, Trevor Ewell, Pat Levign, and Scott Miller were featured. There will be Videos in the D+C online and a report in the Our Town section
 - Great Electric FF – Jerry Joseph has not heard from the AMA regarding the sanction for the GEFF. Matt has requested that Jerry forward him a list of the vendors donating prizes

Old Business:

- There was some discussion about how to ensure safety at Hasman Field. AMA supports a Curved runway scenario which would make it possible to have separate flight lines for Electrics and Gas/Glow. Further discussion will take place at the first meeting of the year at Hasman
- Training has begun at NH, on Tuesdays. There were four trainees. It was proposed that spectators not directly helping pilots on the flightline should stay back behind the long chainlink fence. When there are only a few trainees in attendance, open flying is permitted, but if a trainee is flying when you decide to to up, please ask the trainee, first.
- It was proposed that an Air Boss position be created to help coordinate flying activities at the fields. Jerry Joseph was one volunteer
- Papa Jeff suggested that each flyer keep up a dialogue with fellow pilots on the flightline
- Trevor Ewell noted that many patrons of Abe's Restaurant can easily see our flying activities and some have either commented on our flying or have come down to watch. We should advertise our activities inside Abe's.

New Business:

- There was much discussion concerning the interest in purchasing Hasman Field as a club asset. There were Pros and Cons to this idea. Matt Kirsch looked up the financials on the Internet and Greg Kesel discussed his previous interest the site
- Bob McClure announced that he was able to obtain a Domain Name, on his daughter's website, for the RCCR. It will now be referred to as www.rccr1957.com. Bob will email out details

Announcements:

- Next meeting is on May 28 at Hasman Field
- Combat meet on May 24 at Hasman
- Williamson Air Show on June 14
- Batavia FF on June 7-8, Randall Rd, Leroy, NY
- June FF on June 28-29

Show and Tell:

Jerry Joseph – Ed Ortmane's accident

Paul Weigand – Eflight Beaver

Jack Butler – B24 built from Frank Baker plans

Scott Miller – BVM Mig

50/50 – Bob Gears

Minutes from May 28, 2008 meeting at Hasman Field

Officers Present: Rich Brook – Sec, Bob White – Memb

New Members: None

Guests: Clay Wheaton

Membership Report: 102 including Clay Wheaton who was voted in tonight

Programs Report: None

Field Report: Never Better!!

Committees:

- **Field Monitoring Committee** -
- **Field Search Committee:** Reactivated – See Ron McGrath if you are interested in joining the committee
- **Turbine Committee:** Got Kerosene??
- **Events:**
 - Combat Meet on May 24 – 8 contestants - Winners were Jim Warner, Bill Stauber, and Matt Kirsch
 - June FF – Dick Peterson reports food permits have been submitted – there was a question regarding whether or not the MCP was aware, yet, that the GEFF was being moved to NH
 - St John Fisher Science Expo – Attendance was down – A few planes were displayed – Don Steeb had a Python around his neck – Thanks to Don Steeb, Pete Fierentino, Bob Clemens for support.

Old Business:

- In response to the discussion, at a previous meeting, that we provide Flight Stations for the N/S runway, at Hasman Field, Joe Somers mowed a special flight station area on the SW corner of the intersection between the N/S runway and the E/W runway. This would allow pilots to fly off the N/S runway, far enough back from the edge of the runway, so they, or the Flight Station Fences, did not interfere with Full Scale traffic– There is a need to stake down the PVC Flight Station fences, wherever they may be located.
- Trevor Ewell spoke about an accident involving Matt Kirsch's electric plane and Bob Black's automobile. There were various suggestions regarding how to prevent the situation from happening again.
- Trevor Ewell asked us to thank Bob Knyrm for repairing the sign, at the entrance to the NH parking lot, that reminds everyone to return the frequency pin and don't fly alone without a spotter

New Business:

- Individuals involved in the care and feeding of bird species in NH park have expressed a concern about this year's accelerated mowing schedule, to the North of the runway, and it's impact on birds that nest in the high grass where we normally have parking and camping during the June FF – Several club members will be meeting with Russ Schilino to discuss the situation
- John Floyd asked the question as to whom would be attending the Rochester Wings event on June 14 at the National Guard hangar
- Clay Wheaton requested that club members participate in the Williamson Air Show, on June 14
- Ed Wingate reported on the break in, that occurred at NH, resulting in damage to our wooden shed door and the theft of aircraft, radios, and equipment. Repairs to the shed will be scheduled
- Ron McGrath asked that each club member keep in mind that the way we treat non-club member pilots, neighbors, and spectators can greatly affect our longevity at any of our flying sites and encourage more participation in our sport and potential new membership in our club

Announcements:

- Next meeting is on June 10 at Hasman Field
- Rochester Wings show – June 14
- Canandaigua Chiefs EFF on June 14
- Williamson Air Show on June 14
- Batavia FF on June 7-8, Randall Rd, Leroy, NY
- Octurbofest – Titusville, Pa – June 20-22
- June FF on June 28-29

Show and Tell: None

50/50 – None

Minutes from June 11, 2008 meeting at Hasman Field

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

New Members: None

Guests: Jim Capuano, Paul Simon, Jim Marino, Louis Sorrierro, Shirley Hunter – Lifetime member

Membership Report: 103 with 2 or 3 potential members

Programs Report: Open flying

Field Report:

The dining canopies are up at Hasman Field and NH. The wood shed was moved at NH. Ruts were filled in and grass seed spread

Committees:

- **Field Monitoring Committee -**
- **Field Search Committee:** Ron McGrath will be hosting a meeting, at his home, June 19
- **Turbine Committee:** Got Kerosene??
- **Events:**
 - The June FF will be held June 28-29. MCP needs the Food permit
 - June FF – Setup will begin at 9am on June 27
 - Trevor Ewell met with the NH park foreman and several other club members to discuss the concerns of the wildlife people regarding our grass mowing and possible bird nesting in the high grass areas North of the runway
 - Every pilot will need to obtain a frequency pin, regardless of whether or not they use a Tx on 2.4Ghz, 72Mhz, etc.
 - Each pilot will receive a Raffle Ticket. There will also be a regular raffle
 - Great Electric FF – A Special Use Permit has been submitted, as well as the AMA Event Sanction

Old Business:

- A motion was made and passed to limit flying, at Hasman Field, to one flightline at a time. Depending upon the wind, sun, etc., pilots will fly in only one flightline at a time, regardless of the type of aircraft they are flying (for example, no N/S and E/W at the same time)
- Grandpa Sams will be catering the picnic at the June FF - \$10 per head
- Rochester Wings event – We will be manning a booth on Fri and Sat. John Floyd will organize
- The wood shed, at NH, has been repaired and moved next to the metal storage container

New Business: None

Announcements:

- Next meeting is on June 25 at Hasman Field
- Rochester Wings show – June 14
- Canandaigua Chiefs EFF on June 14
- Williamson Air Show on June 14
- OC Turbofest Jet Meet – Titusville, Pa – June 20-22
- June FF on June 28-29

Show and Tell: None

50/50 – None

Minutes from June 25, 2008 meeting at Hasman Field

NOTE:

Rich Brook, the RCCR Secretary, was unable to attend the meeting. No Minutes were kept.

Combat Meet – May 24, 2008 at Hasman Field



Eight contestants flew. Top Gun was Jim Warner.



Jim Bloechl got initiated to combat flying.



Rules, George? You never told me there were rules!



Bill Stauber finished in second place.



The flying was fast and furious, with many ribbon cuts and some mid-air collisions.



Ray Edmunds Memorial Fun Fly – June 28 & 29, 2008



Pretty good turnout in spite of rain threat and wind.



Dave Landers readies his flying Toro mower.



Dan Landis wowed the crowd again this year.



Ron Griswold flew his jet – a first at Northampton.



A few of the many beautiful planes that were brought out for everyone's enjoyment.