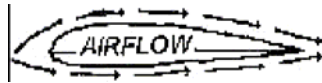


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The purpose of the Radio Control Club of Rochester is to aid and encourage interest in the design, construction and safe operation of radio-controlled model aircraft, boats, and cars.

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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Upcoming Club Events

Meetings:

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

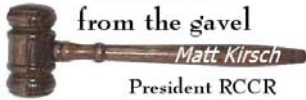
Wednesday, October 8 at 7:30 – Our Mother of Sorrows Church

Wednesday, October 22 at 7:30 – Our Mother of Sorrows Church

Wednesday, November 12 at 7:30 – Our Mother of Sorrows Church

Other Events:

Annual Club Picnic – Sunday, October 12th at the Northampton Ski lodge at noon



Sample the Gavel

Let's see... Six articles per year, four years and 8 months... That makes this the 29th article I've written for the newsletter. That's mind boggling, and one heck of a good reason for a rip-snorting case of writer's block.

Well, the past two months have been busy despite nature's best efforts to bring an early start to the building season. Can anyone recall even two days in a row when it hasn't rained? Our June meet just barely wrapped up before the skies opened up. The longest stretch of dry weather during July and August was the weekend of the Electric Fun Fly.

We did luck out with the electric fun fly, though. Since Bolling's return to agricultural status, Northampton was the field of choice for our annual August meet. It was so wet, though, that Russ at the parks department wouldn't let us have the meet on the North side of the field like we normally do in June. It was a literal last-minute rush to come up with a plan to make a potentially large meet work on the South side of the field, where it was barely dry enough to support foot traffic.

The end result was surprisingly successful. Behind our safety fence, the ground slopes gently upward to several shade trees, which made for perfect festival-style seating. Spectators naturally set themselves up in rows, enjoying the summer breeze, cool shade, and activity on the flight line. Thirty seven pilots signed up and the club walked away from the meet with a decent profit that will get turned around and reinvested into field improvements.

Near as I can tell, the only shortcoming on the South side of Northampton is lack of parking. Regrettably we were not able to accommodate the R/C Gypsies and other campers, a staple at any R/C meet in the greater Rochester area. If we could expand the Northampton parking lot to the East end of the runway, there's no reason we couldn't hold our meets on the South side of the runway. Maybe next year, who knows?

The annual club picnic is coming up soon. October 12th at the Northampton Ski lodge. As club president, I like to use the picnic as an opportunity to show my appreciation to everyone for all their hard work and dedication throughout the year, in what I hope will be continued as a tradition. I'll be doing any required shopping and cooking up the burgers and hots. You bring yourselves, your families, and a dish to pass. Drinks (non-alcoholic) and meat are on the club.

Minutes from July 9, 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: None

Membership Report: 108, including Dillon Phillips who was voted in

Programs Report: Open flying with a breeze from the west

Field Report:

A big thank you to Ed Wingate and Les Rogow for their continued efforts to keep NH mowed. They will continue to keep the areas North of the runway (Where camping and parking will be located for the Great Electric FF, in August) mowed so as to minimize the work necessary to prepare that on the day before the meet.

Committees:

- **Field Monitoring Committee -**
- **Field Search Committee:** None
- **Turbine Committee:** Ron Griswold became the first turbine jet pilot to receive the OK to fly his Baby Boomerang at NH. He made several successful flights during this years June FF
- **Events:**
 - The June FF was a complete success due to decent weather and the efforts of many RCCR club members.
 - There was one Transmitter Impound issue where two Tx's, on the same frequency, were allowed to go out. This was due, in part, to a mix up with the Channel number and the Pilot number and did not result in a crash.
 - There was a mix up on the food order and no plates or utensils were ordered. The campers came to the rescue with supplies.
 - The food, for the pilot's dinner, ended up costing about \$16/plate, which was \$10/plate more than last year. Members and their guests totaled 27, vs 55 total number of persons dining. There was talk of eliminating the dinner or at least finding a cheaper price for the catering.
 - There was a discussion regarding eliminating the handing out of a gallon of fuel to each non-member pilot as this was a large expense and not everyone uses that particular fuel
 - We ran out of mowed camping space so efforts will be made to mow the camping area further to the East.
 - Great Electric FF – August 16-17

Old Business:

- There was further discussion as to how well the June FF was run and suggestions were solicited as to how we might do things differently at the upcoming Great Electric FF and next year's June FF
- Thanks to Tom McCoy, and Performance Hobbies, for the prize donations
- It was noted that Dan and Rich Landis attended this year's meet at their own expense, not sponsored by Great Planes. They enjoyed our meet the last time that they attended and wanted to attend again. Dan was fortunate to have been able to return from his job in the Middle East, in time to attend our event.
- Bob McClure reports that as a result of the press coverage we solicited, for our June FF, we qualified for a \$100 incentive from the AMA. Erin Dobbs, of the AMA Club Recognition dept, informed us with a letter and a check. Thanks go out to those members of the Tuesday night Training staff who spoke with a media representative. A motion was made and passed to donate the money to Mercy Flight. Don Steeb recommended that we send a copy of the letter to Monroe County Parks, AMA president Dave Mathewson, AMA District II VP Gary Fitch, and the Landis family
- Papa Jeff and company presented the Landis Family with a Speedstar Coin Case. He also recommended we send a Thank You letter to the Landis family, Phil Nguyen and family, Kyle Stacy and family, Clay Wheaton and family, and Devin McGrath and family.
- Jim Warner encouraged everyone to come out and participate in the upcoming Combat Meet, which unfortunately conflicts with the Geneseo Air Show and the Olean FF. Jim said that Dan Landis tried Jim's Combat plane and Dan is enthusiastic about trying Combat some time
- Jerry Joseph reports that Bob Gears is in Rehab and may be home in a week or so

New Business:

- Trevor Ewell reported that according to Gary Fitch, AMA membership is declining. We need more Youth involved and participation by retirees.
- Greg Kesel reports that Homeland Security is concerned about modelers constructing and flying Pilotless aircraft. While this is possible, technically, it is to be discouraged. This includes GPS controlled aircraft not in the direct control of a ground based pilot.

- Rich Brook reported that there was at least one non-member who approached him asking if he could donate monies to the RCCR in support of all of the work the RCCR does to keep up the NH public flying site. While the RCCR encourages non-members to join the RCCR at a cost of \$55, for the first year, and \$75/year after that, any monies or support that non-members wish to donate is welcomed. It was pointed out that regular members can and do work off up to \$40/year, from their RCCR club membership, by attending work parties at the fields, working at club events, such as the FF, Brighton HS, St. John Fisher, etc.

Announcements:

- Next meeting is on July 23 at Hasman Field
- Rochester International Air Show – July 26-27
- Sky Rovers FF in Phelps – July 26-27
- Flying Knights of Hamburg – Aug 2-3
- Liberty Bell Jet Rally – Aug 2-3
- Great Electric FF – Aug 16-17 NH Park

Show and Tell: None

50/50 – None

Minutes from July 23, 2008 meeting at Hasman Field

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

New Members: None

Guests: Kevin Freeman - RAMS

Membership Report: 109, including Kevin Freeman, who was voted in

Programs Report: Rain

Field Report:

- Wet
- Strong winds toppled trees across the entrance road to Hasman Field. A crew from the club was dispatched to clean up the debris

Committees:

- **Field Monitoring Committee** -
- **Field Search Committee:** None
- **Turbine Committee:** None
- **Events:**
 - The Great Electric FF will be held on Aug 16-17. Mike Mance will be Chief Cook with Dick Peterson at his side. Ed Britton and Matt Kirsch will pick up supplies. Bob White and Joe Somers will man the Ice Cream stand
 - It was decided that there will be no Landing Fee at the GEFF
 - Setup at 9am on Fri, Aug 15
 - We need volunteers for Registration and Tx Impound.

Old Business:

- The official Flight Lines at Hasman Field will be N/S or E/W, but not both at the same time

New Business:

Announcements:

- Next meeting is on Aug 13 at Hasman Field
- Rochester International Air Show – July 26-27
- Sky Rovers FF in Phelps – July 26-27
- Flying Knights of Hamburg – Aug 2-3
- Liberty Bell Jet Rally – Aug 2-3
- Great Electric FF – Aug 16-17 NH Park
- Aug 10 – InterClub FF at Phelps
- RAMS FF in Macedon on Aug 23-24

Show and Tell:

Mike Mance – Master Airscrew and APC props painted

50/50 – None

Minutes from Aug 13, 2008 meeting at Hasman Field

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

New Members: None

Guests: Ray Baker and his daughter – Used to fly pattern 15 years ago

Membership Report: 109

Programs Report: Sunny and Swampy

Field Report: Wet

Committees:

- **Field Monitoring Committee** -
- **Field Search Committee:** None
- **Turbine Committee:** None
- **Events:**
 - The Great Electric FF will be held on Aug16-17. Setup will be on Friday, Aug 15, at 10am. We will be setting up Entry and Parking on the South side, as we do daily, due to the wetness of the North side Parking and Camping area we normally use for our June meet.
 - Parking for club members should be on the shoulder of the road, leaving our normal parking area for spectators.
 - Members please wear a Staff shirt

Old Business:

- There was an incident at Hasman Field, involving a club member taxiing out towards the N/S runway and a Full Scale aircraft landing from the North. The Full Scale pilot aborted his landing when he spotted the RC flyer near the West edge of the N/S runway.
- It is important to be observant when flying at Hasman. Before you approach the runways, look around for Full Scale aircraft attempting to land. If you hear a Full Scale in the air, check to see if he/she is indicating a landing
- It was suggested, but not required, that there be an observer at the field to alert the RC pilot of approaching Full Scale. If you have not Observer, be alert.
- DO NOT STAND OUT ON THE RUNWAY WHILE FLYING
- Bob Gears is home and doing well.

New Business:

- While flying at NH, we were approached by a member of the BBC who was involved in filming an interview with an FBI agent who was involved in the investigation of the Arthur Shawcross killings. This was on Salmon Creek Rd, near where Shawcross dumped some of the victims bodies. They asked us to stop flying, for an hour, as the noise was being picked up by their camera microphones. We complied and were rewarded with a \$50 donation to the club.

Announcements:

- Next meeting is on Aug 27 at Hasman Field
- Combat Meet, Hasman Field – Aug 23
- Sky Rovers Warbird Meet – Phelps – Aug 30-31
- RAMS FF – Macedon – Aug 23-24
- RAMS Heli Jamboree – Macedon – Aug 23-24
- Great Electric FF – Aug 16-17 NH Park
- Aug 10 – InterClub FF at Phelps
- DOGS Scale Meet – Dayton, OH – Aug 29-31

Show and Tell:

Jerry Joseph – Harbor Freight Epoxy

Scott Miller – At the Nats, in Muncie, Scott placed 9th

50/50 – None

Minutes from Aug 27, 2008 meeting at Hasman Field

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

New Members: None

Guests: Sky, the dog

Membership Report: 109

Programs Report: Fly if you Dare

Field Report:

- Shelves are being ordered for installation in the Storage Container
- We have been given the OK to begin another Drainage Work Party event to relieve the wetness in the pits at NH
- Russ Schlino has given us the OK to submit a proposal for extending the NH Parking Lot, as far east as the end of the runway.

Committees:

- **Field Monitoring Committee** -
- **Field Search Committee:** None
- **Turbine Committee:** None
- **Events:**
 - The Great Electric FF was a complete success – There was adequate parking for Club Members as well as Spectators – Weather was good on both days – Attendance better on Sat – 37 pilots.

Old Business:

- Joe Somers and John Floyd talked to Norm Hasman about a recent incident, at Hasman Field, where a Full Scale pilot aborted a landing attempt because he was unsure whether or not an RC pilot, taxiing towards the N/S runway, was aware that the Full Scale was landing. Norm advised us to keep alert and develop a plan that would minimize the chance of a problem in the future
- Ed Wingate reported that a NH Park neighbor mentioned to Ed's wife that she thought the sound levels at our flying field seemed higher lately. The Sound Committee was tasked with looking at current sound levels and reporting results – As always, there is no analytical tool that can reliably determine how sound is perceived in the air, but benchmark readings, on the ground, do not hurt.

New Business:

- It was reported that Trevor Ewell received a \$50 donation, to the club, from a fellow he was training
- Matt Kirsch has some equipment that can be used to support our NH Training Night effort
- John Floyd, and Matt Kirsch will be writing up a proposal, to be submitted to the Monroe County Parks Dept, to extend our NH Parking Lot, to the East. This would effectively double the parking space and enable us to continue to host our summer events on the South side of the runway, rather than the North side.
- Bill Wegman reported that he was surprised by another Full Scale aircraft, landing from the North, at Hasman Field. There was no incident but it reinforces the need to check the skies and runway before attempting to fly at Hasman Field.

Announcements:

- Next meeting is on Sept 10 at Our Mother of Sorrows Church Hall
- Sky Rovers Warbird Meet – Phelps – Aug 30-31
- DOGS Scale Meet – Dayton, OH – Aug 29-31
- Kitchner – Sept 6-7

Show and Tell: None

50/50 – None

Great Electric Fun Fly – August 16th and 17th, 2008



Great weather and lots of beautiful airplanes!



Bill Stauber and his Showtime.



Greg Covey with his 1/3 scale Cub.



Business was brisk at the food stand.



Paul Weigand showed the crowd that his Travelair Mystery Ship flies as nice as it looks.



Devin McGrath and Greg Covey with the Little Toni just before the 197 MPH speed run.

Northampton Drainage – The Sequel

On Tuesday, September 9th, a work party was held to complete the next stage of the improved drainage system at the Northampton Park flying field. This will help assure that the pits stay drier should we get another summer like we had this year. An informed source reports that the project only took an hour. And a big thanks goes to Don Phillips for the use of his tractor. Everyone did a great job.



Photos by Bob McClure

Storm Damage at Hasman Field in July

As if all the rain wasn't bad enough this summer, on July 19th a microburst hit Hasman Field, downing trees, blowing over the Portapottie and damaging one of the tables. A crew consisting of Dick and Judy Foster, Dick Peterson, John Floyd and Joe Somers did an excellent job of cleaning up the debris. Thanks!



Photos by Joe Somers