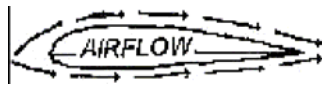


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The purpose of the Radio Control Club of Rochester is to aid and encourage interest in the design, construction and safe operation of radio-controlled model aircraft, boats, and cars.

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, November 26 at 7:30 p.m. – Our Mother of Sorrows Church

**Wednesday, December 10 at 7:30 p.m. – Our Mother of Sorrows Church
(Annual Membership Meeting)**

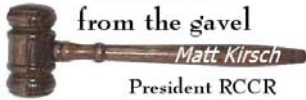
Wednesday, January 14 at 7:30 – Our Mother of Sorrows Church

Wednesday, January 28 at 7:30 – Our Mother of Sorrows Church

Other Events:

RCCR Annual Roast – February 13

RCCR Annual SWAP meet – February 14



Sample the Gavel

With the flying season winding down and access to our normal fields getting difficult, it's a perfect time to talk about park flying and the so-called "park flyer problem."

The small electric airplanes we call park flyers are perfect for this time of year when the flying fields are no longer easily accessible, but the weather is still flyable. One can take care of their flying "jones" without trekking long distances through the mud on foot, or spending significant amounts of time out in the chilly fall weather.

"Problem" is, we're not the only ones that know about these great little machines. Because they can be flown easily and discretely in most any open space, the activity of park flying has become popular with people who do not belong to AMA or a flying club.

How can that be? How can someone fly R/C airplanes and not be a member of AMA or a club? It's a proverbial, "Why pay for the cow when the milk is free?" situation. When virtually any open area can be your runway, there's no need to join the local club for access to their field. If there's no need to join the club, there's no need to join the AMA either, because AMA is a simply a "requirement for club membership."

Notice that I have always quoted the word "problem" up to this point. That's because the biggest "problem" with park flyers is PERCEIVED. Sure, there's the risk that independent park flyers operating too close to a club field could cause a shootdown for one of the groups, but really, how often does that happen? Has it ever happened? Yes, it's a real possibility and we should all be concerned, but the reality is that we only have control over what we do at our own flying field.

The real problem comes when we decide that we're the "Model Airplane Police." We aren't, and we can't be. Any authority we have ends outside either the Northampton or Black Creek park flying areas. We have no business confronting people flying at other parks, or flying in other areas at Northampton or Black Creek.

The real problem is in how we interface with people flying casually outside Northampton or Black Creek. We are salesmen, not shock troopers. We want to convince people to join AMA, to join our club. Getting in someone's face, or a shouting match is not the way to convince them what a bunch of nice guys we are, and how worthwhile it is to belong to our group. Leave enforcement of park rules to the parks department.

I've personally heard an account of park flyers being aggressively confronted by someone claiming to be from the RCCR, claiming that the RCCR had authority to enforce model airplane rules at any Monroe County park. Just to be crystal clear here, once again, we do not have authority outside either the Northampton or Black Creek flying areas. Such behavior is completely uncalled for and is unacceptable. It does more harm than good. If you feel that an activity going on at a park is dangerous and/or against park rules, call the parks department.

Look at people flying in parks as opportunities, not enemies. Try making friends instead of telling them what they're doing wrong, or how they "have to" belong to the AMA. Ask if you can lend a hand when you see someone having trouble with their airplane. Don't forget to mention trainer night at Northampton.

Don't forget our annual membership meeting on December 10, 2008 at Our Mother of Sorrows Church. We will be electing officers and at-large board members, and drawing for our annual Show and Tell award.

Minutes from Sept 10, 2008 meeting at Our Mother of Sorrows

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

New Members: None

Guests: Phil Hazen, Adam Hertzlin

Membership Report: 110 – Including Ron Fogerty, who was voted in

Programs Report: None

Field Report:

- \$963.00 was spent and a considerable amount of work to install an additional 75 foot of drainage tile and stone, not to mention the ditches dug to accommodate it.
- Thanks go out to the crew involved, including Russ Schlino – NH Park Foreman, Joe Somers, John Floyd, Matt Kirsch, Dick Foster, Greg Kesel, Trevor Ewell, Don Phillips, and many others. John Floyd was of course the Ringmaster.

Committees:

- **Field Monitoring Committee**
 - Rich Brook had the opportunity to meet a new flyer at NH. His name is Flavio and he recently moved here, from Delaware, with his wife and son. He had an H9 Showtime, with glow motor, and a 33% Aeroworks Yak with a ZDZ80. The ZDZ motor had a stock Pitts muffler. Flavio was advised that the motor/muffler combination was too loud for NH and unless modified, it should not be flown there. Flavio was a fairly good 3D pilot and was constantly hard on the Throttle
 - Trevor Ewell took Db readings from Steve Uhl's Katana and Rich Brook's Extra 300, both 50cc gassers. Both aircraft were found to be borderline and needed further modification for noise reduction.
- **Field Search Committee:** None
- **Turbine Committee:** None
- **Events:**
 - The RCCR End of Season Picnic will be held at the NH Ski Lodge, on Sunday, Oct 12, starting at Noon. Some may come early, and if the weather is good, flying before and after the event.

Old Business:

- Lou Sorriero is recovering from surgery and Bob Shoptkey's wife has passed away
- Work has been scheduled, at Hasman Field, to take down brush on the NW side of the N/S runway, North of the E/W runway. This will help to identify incoming full-scale aircraft landing from the North.

New Business:

- Joe Somers reports that due to manpower shortages, at NH Park, The gravel road running from Salmon Creek Rd to Sweden Walker Rd, will be closed, after 3pm, on Mondays, in October only. Flyers will need to leave that area before 3pm, and exit out Salmon Creek Rd, as the W gate may be closed earlier.
- A Board of Directors meeting will be scheduled in the near future
- This is an RCCR election year, and it looks like Jim DeTar may need a replacement
- Thanks to Don Steeb for arranging our meetings at the OMOS church. We will be paying \$175.00 rent for this fall, and \$200.00 for next spring
- George Hartman reports that the RC club he belongs to in Florida charges \$5/member, for an ID card that they can wear on their caps, to easily identify them as club members. He suggested the RCCR might want to adopt the same plan.

Announcements:

- Next meeting is on Sept 24 at Our Mother of Sorrows Church Hall
- OcTurboFest 2 Jet Rally– Sept 26-28, Titusville, PA

Show and Tell:

- George Hartman – Free Stuff
- Russ Steenhoff – Eflight Taylorcraft repair
- Don Steeb – Spektrum DX7 Tx battery wire damage, Pictures from St John Fisher Science Expo. Pictures of model Blimp
- Rich Brook – Related a story regarding and RCU thread where talk of mating Male and Female Spektrum Bind Plugs drew complaints from some offended readers
- Greg Kesel – When plugging in a charger to the charge jack on a JR Tx, turn on the Tx, first, to disable the charge port, plug in the charger to the Tx, and turn off the Tx. This will eliminate the chance of blowing a fuse on the Tx
- Papa Jeff – Multiplex Cularis Glider

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Minutes from Sept 24, 2008 meeting at Our Mother of Sorrows

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

New Members: Ron Fogerty

Guests: None

Membership Report: 112 – Including Scott Peters – New, and Keith Buckingham – Renew

Programs Report: Carry on

Field Report:

- Joe Somers and John Floyd are installing E-track brackets, in the Storage Container at NH, in order to add shelving. Everything we need to store will fit in the container, now.
- Norm Hasman has given us the OK to mow a runway, like we do every fall, for winter flying. We also have permission to clear bushes, on the West shoulder of the N/S runway, just North of the E/W runway, at Hasman Field

Committees:

- **Field Monitoring Committee**
 - Trevor Ewell reported on discussions he had with several modelers at NH regarding the noise levels of their large gas planes
 - Trevor – We need to be aware that the sound of large gas engines penetrate further, especially when doing vertical maneuvers
 - Ron McGrath – We need to establish a more consistent way of dealing with persons flying questionably loud aircraft. The sound committee needs to meet and establish some firmer guidelines as well as take some perimeter readings at NH when questionable aircraft are flying. Report by second meeting in Oct.
- **Field Search Committee:**
 1. Ron McGrath is working on proposals for flying sites at BC and Greece Canal Ponds
 2. John Floyd has written a proposal for expansion of the parking area at NH, 225' to the East.
- **Turbine Committee:** None
- **Events:**
 - The RCCR End of Season Picnic will be held at the NH Ski Lodge, on Sunday, Oct 12, starting at Noon. Some may come early, and if the weather is good, flying before and after the event.

Old Business:

- No need for BOD meeting until November
- Jerry Joseph brought up a discussion concerning the proposal to sell Name Tags to each club member, for identification at the field. Trevor Ewell asked how many members would actually wear them or even remember to wear them. Julius Hebling said that is was useful posting pictures of each member on our club web site.

New Business:

- It was reported that Jim Warner suggested that the club Restructure the Work Credit program and Increase club dues, in order to build a Nest Egg for the future purchase of a club Flying Site.
- Dick Foster said that if we aren't trying to make money, at club events, for the Concession Stand and Ice Cream sales, then why would we want to Tax the club members to raise money.
- John Floyd suggested the BOD discuss this at it's next meeting
- Ron McGrath reported that due to some restrictions that result from hosting events at a County Park, it is more difficult to raise money at such events
- Russ Steenhoff suggested that higher dues would drive away potential members
- It was decided that the Events committee should discuss the best way to structure giveaways and such
- John Floyd made a motion to take apart the metal sheds, at NH, and sell the metal for scrap. The motion was passed.

Announcements:

- Next meeting is on Oct 8 at Our Mother of Sorrows Church Hall
- End of Season picnic at NH Ski Lodge – Oct 12 - Noon-5

Show and Tell:

- Don Steeb – Bob Kesel's Craftsman Bench Lathe is for sale in Lyndonville, NY. He also reported that there was a Get Well card circulating for Chuck Boyer
- Ron McGrath – FMA Cellpro 10S charger and Eagletree Flight Recorder
- Trevor Ewell reported that a Canandaigua newspaper had coverage of the Sky Rovers Warbird rally
- Ed Britton – new charger for the NH shed

Minutes from Oct. 8, 2008 meeting at Our Mother of Sorrows

Officers Present: Matt Kirsch – Pres, Ed Britton – VP, Rich Brook – Sec, Jim Capuano – Memb

New Members:

Guests: Ron Whitney and Ed Woods

Membership Report: 112 – Including Scott Peters – New, and Keith Buckingham – Renew

Programs Report: Carry on

Field Report:

- John Floyd reports that mowing will be limited to Fridays. Only 2 or 3 more weeks
- The metal sheds at NH have been torn apart and sold for scrap - \$62 – A work party will be assembled to remove gravel from the site, add topsoil, and seed – Friday, Oct 10 – Dining canopies will also be taken down and stored.

Committees:

- **Field Monitoring Committee**

- Trevor Ewell assembled the members of the Field Monitoring Committee, at NH Park, to conduct an analytical and subjective measurement of sound levels at several points on the perimeter of our NH park flying site. Scott Miller, Greg Kesel, and Steve Ewell flew various types of aircraft, including ones with gasoline engines, while the committee observed from Colby St and Rt260. As a result of the assessment, the committee drew up a proposed amendment to the Gas Engine Policy rules. In the draft, the most notable change was the requirement that aircraft powered by gasoline engines 50cc or higher should be equipped with canister mufflers, at NH park. If the aircraft in question does not have a suitable tunnel to accommodate the use of a cannister muffler, the flyer can attempt to quiet the engine using other means and have it assessed by the Field Monitoring Committee.
- While conducting the assessment, from Rt260, the local neighbor, who lives closest to the West end of our E/W runway, stopped by and commented that we had been successful in keeping the aircraft away from his home and keeping the noise down.
- It was very apparent that keeping the aircraft further East and below the tree line minimized the noise tremendously
- It was also noted that the road traffic on Colby St and Rt260 was significant and that when traffic was near us you could not hear any noise from flying aircraft. Also noted was that Full Scale aircraft was significantly louder, as well.

- **Field Search Committee:**

1. Matt Kirsch reported that the proposal to expand the parking lot at NH has been submitted to the MC Parks dept
2. Ron McGrath reported that the proposal to develop an RC model flying site, at Greece Canal Ponds, was almost ready
3. A question arose regarding the development, at Black Creek Park, of the new Glider/Electric runways. It was reported that the commitments were verbal and formal proposals had not be submitted.

- **Turbine Committee:** None

- **Events:**

- The RCCR End of Season Picnic will be held at the NH Ski Lodge, on Sunday, Oct 12, starting at Noon. Some may come early, and if the weather is good, flying before and after the event.

Old Business:

- Bob Gears has returned to the hospital with Congestive Heart Failure and Kidney problems
- The End of Season picnic is Oct 12, at the Ski Lodge. Matt will bring food and cook. Everyone bring a dish to pass
- Rich Brook will check on the reservations, with the Lodge on the Green, for our February 2009 Roast
- Our annual SWAP meet will be scheduled for Feb 14 at the Police Locust Club. A suggestion was made that the SWAP meet could be held at the OMOS church hall, if necessary
- Trevor Ewell reported on the Monroe County Parks luncheon held at the Big Gazebo in Genesee Valley Park. Some of our club members were invited. We had good weather. 100 or so people attended including Maggie Brooks, members of the Seneca Park Zoo, and the MC Sheriffs dept. Larry Staub, the Director of Parks, was serving food. He was upbeat about the impact of the MC cutbacks on the various parks. There are currently 74 full time and 100 part time employees.
- Trevor Ewell had a chance to speak with Maggie Brooks and informed her that we had been using the facilities at NH park for 40 years

New Business:

- There was limited discussion regarding the items completed to qualify the RCCR, again, for Gold Leader Club status. Among the items were the \$100 donation to Mercy Flight, newspaper coverage of our events, and magazine donations.
- Jerry Joseph reported that this year, AMA was electing a new Dist II VP. Gary Fitch, from the STARS of Olean, has been interim VP since Dave Mathewson was elected AMA Pres. Vote for Gary Fitch for DII VP
- Trevor Ewell spoke with Gary Fitch regarding declining membership in AMA. Gary said that growth in the AMA will come from participation by Retired people more so than youngsters
- Trevor Ewell reported that Walt, on of the staff at NH park, will be retiring on Nov 28. Russ Schlino, the foreman at NH park, will be retiring in 2 ½ years.
- Paul Weigand has flown his Boomerang Sprint jet at Hasman Field, several times.

Announcements:

- Next meeting is on Oct 22 at Our Mother of Sorrows Church Hall
- End of Season picnic at NH Ski Lodge – Oct 12 – Noon-5
- Jamestown Swap meet on Oct 25
- Skyrovers of Phelps swap meet on Oct 25

Show and Tell:

- Don Steeb – Reported on Paul Weigand's jet flight at Hasman Field

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Minutes from Oct. 22, 2008 meeting at Our Mother of Sorrows

Officers Present: **Matt Kirsch – Pres, Ed Britton – VP, Rich Brook – Sec, Jim Capuano – Memb**

New Members: **Ron Whitney**

Guests: **None**

Membership Report: **115 – Including Ron Whitney and Edward Smith**

Programs Report: **None**

Field Report:

- NH flying site was cleaned up. One more mowing. Signs and Frequency board will be taken down and stored soon
- Hasman Field will be mowed tomorrow, including the winter runway. Dick Foster and Joe Somers will clear the brush on the West side of the N/S runway
- Trevor Ewell suggested that we review the rules for flying, at Hasman Field, during the Winter and Spring, when we fly at the South end of the N/S runway.

Committees:

- **Field Monitoring Committee**
 - Trevor Ewell read the final draft of the NH Gasoline Engine policy, to be posted at NH and circulated to all members, for review.
- **Field Search Committee:**
 1. Ron McGrath reports that the Greece Canal Ponds proposal has not been forwarded, yet.
- **Turbine Committee:** None
- **Events:**
 - Annual RCCR Roast – Lodge on the Green – Friday, Feb 13
 - Annual RCCR SWAP meet – Sat, Feb 14 – Site to be determined – Hopefully the Police Locust Club or OMOS church hall – 9 to 3

Old Business:

- BOD Meeting Nov 19
- RCCR Roast – Friday, Feb 13
- RCCR SWAP meet – Sat, Feb 14 – site to be determined

New Business:

- Craig Donaldson may have to give up the RCCR Newsletter Editor position – This will be discussed at the upcoming BOD meeting
- Bob McClure encourages everyone to visit the RCCR web site – www.rccr1957.com
- Phil Nguyen wants to know when the BHS Festival of Ideas will be held. Usually early in March – Perhaps we can give students the chance to fly Vapors, on a Buddy Box, rather than just Delta Darts and Flight Sims.

Announcements:

- Next meeting is on Nov 12 at Our Mother of Sorrows Church Hall
- RCCR Annual Roast – Feb 13
- RCCR Annual SWAP meet – Feb 14

Show and Tell:

- Matt Kirsch – Shoulder mount for video camera
- Jim Warner – Blade MCX Bind and Fly electric Heli

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Annual End-of-Season Family Picnic at Northampton Park – October 12, 2008

A beautiful fall afternoon was enjoyed by the many RCCR families who turned out for the Annual Picnic. Great food was complimented by great flying conditions afterwards.



Photos courtesy of Bob McClure

Jet Sighted at Hasman Field



Paul Weigand has flown his Boomerang Sprint numerous times in recent weeks.



All who have seen Paul fly at Hasman have been awed by his flying skills and the jet's performance.

Runway Safety Improvements at Hasman Field



Dick Foster was lead man on the chain saw.

In order to make it easier to see incoming full-scale aircraft at Hasman Field, the brush along the west edge of the north-south runway has been removed. This will make for a much safer flying environment for both full-scale and model pilots. "Thanks!!" to those who have worked so hard to bring about this improvement.



Brush Busters:

Dick Foster, Joe Somers, John Floyd, Judy Foster, Bob White.

Northampton Container Project Completed



Container loaded for winter



The Container Master on guard



All neatly stored

Photos courtesy of Joe Somers