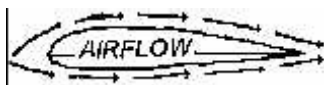


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The purpose of the Radio Control Club of Rochester is to aid and encourage interest in the design, construction and safe operation of radio-controlled model aircraft, boats, and cars.

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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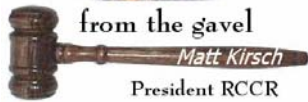
Upcoming Club Events

Meetings:

Feb. 11 - RCCR Meeting 7:30 p.m. at Our Mother of Sorrows Church
Feb. 25 - RCCR Meeting 7:30 p.m. at Our Mother of Sorrows Church
Mar. 11 - RCCR Meeting 7:30 p.m. at Our Mother of Sorrows Church
Mar. 25 - RCCR Meeting 7:30 p.m. at Our Mother of Sorrows Church

Other Events:

RCCR Annual Roast – February 13
RCCR 3RD. Annual SWAP meet – February 14 / 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at Our Mother of Sorrows Church
WRAM Show - Fri, Feb 20th, @10:00am - 05:00PM Check out this years WRAM Show sponsored by Westchester Radio Aeromodelers Inc. This is the Northeast's Largest R/C Expo. 3 Days of fun
Location : Westchester County Center, White Plains, New York



Sample the Gavel

Our executive lineup has seen a couple of changes for the 2009-2010 term. Jim Capuano took over the Membership Director position for Bob White late in 2008 when Bob resigned to take care of his ailing wife. Jim was officially elected to the position at our annual membership meeting last December. Taking over the VP Programs director position from Ed Britton, who has been an officer in various forms for several years now, is Bill Gerew. I'm looking forward to working with both Jim and Bill in the coming year.

2009 is here, and with it, our annual New Year's gathering called the Chilly Chili Fuhn Fly. Not sure where the extra "h" came from (McClure perhaps?) but it gives the title a little character. Quite frankly, I can't remember when we had this much "winter" for a Chili Fly. A good foot of snow fell on New Year's Eve, and the temperature at chili tasting time was a mere 13 degrees. The snow was perfect for floatplanes and belly-whompers (i.e. planes with no landing gear at all), and many braved the cold to get the first flights of the year in.

Trevor counted 28 people in attendance at its peak, and there were six entries in the Chili Cookoff, including John Floyd's traditional black-eyed peas, deviled eggs, and a Jambalaya dish. First place went overwhelmingly to Bill Gerew who took it home for the second year in a row. Phil Evans came in second place, and yours truly came in a distant third.

What amazed and impressed me most about this year's event was that everyone was actually observing the flight line rules! Now, that may have been due to the cold weather, and people huddling together for warmth, but I'd much rather think that the message is finally getting across. There were up to four planes in the air at any given time, but never any more than four. Everyone was flying from the same general area and flying IN the same general area. We didn't have one person flying East-West from the tarmac, someone else flying North-South from the main runway, and a third flying from somewhere in between. It was a great day at the field.

I promised you a review of winter flying etiquette at Hasman field for the annual business meeting, but there was just too much going on and quite frankly, I wasn't prepared. We'll go over these at the January 14th meeting, but I'm going to publish them here for everyone's benefit:

- All AMA Safety Code rules and RCCR club rules apply. Treat flying from the hangar the same as you would flying from the East-West runway.
- Establish a flight line, and a pattern when multiple planes are in the air. This is part of the AMA Safety Code, but it's the one rule that's most often overlooked when flying from the hangar at Hasman, and deserves extra attention here. Everyone flies from the same general area, IN the same general area, facing the same general direction.
- No flying South of the mowed area between the hangar and the self-storage facility. This line extends all the way across the Hasman property, from the driveway on the West, across the runway, to the woods on the East. South is off limits under any circumstances, even for takeoffs and landings. If conditions make North-South takeoffs and landings necessary, be sure to move far enough up the North-South runway so that you can make your turns before reaching the end of the runway.
- Do not run your engines in the hangar. Exhaust residue and spilled fuel damage the tarmac, and get on anything stored in the hangar. Always point your exhaust away from the hangar, and fuel up off the tarmac.
- Use the pin board and startup stands. The grounds crew moved them up to the hangar to be used, and snow doesn't prevent frequency conflicts.
- Park only in plowed areas around the barn and hangar. If the driveway isn't plowed, ask the self-storage people for permission to park along the back of their lot, and walk in.

These guidelines will remain in place until flight operations are moved back to the East-West runway in mid-April.

Minutes from Nov 12, 2008 meeting at OMOS

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

New Members: None

Guests: Jim Sample, Greg Holcomb

Membership Report: 117– Including Jim Sample and Greg Holcomb

Programs Report: Indoor flying and Tom Foolery

Field Report:

- All work at NH has been completed. Ready to put it to bed for the winter. Thanks primarily to Ed Wingate and Les Rogow for Primary maintenance of the field, with thanks to the fillins, as well. There were over 500 man hours of work, this year. The removal of the metal sheds has improved the scenic view from the Spectator area
- Craig Donaldson has been the Primary mower at Hasman Field. Joe Somers has organized work parties to prepare the winter flying field and clear brush along the runway to improve the visibility of Incoming and Outgoing full scale aircraft. Phil Evans also was involved in some of the mowing. A chipper party is scheduled to grind up the remaining bushes. The flight benches need to be moved to the hangar
- Hasman PortaPottie has been picked up
- Dale Romognollo reports that a few non RCCR electric flyers have been flying off the parking lot in BC park. There were concerns expressed regarding AMA coverage for this type of flying and whether or not RCCR could be responsible for non club activities that might result in accidents.
- Both Greg Kesel and Bob McClure have indicated that there are No signs that indicate where the official flying site is located at BC park.. John Floyd explained that due to ongoing construction, as a result of WetLands project, the proposed flying site has not been completed and the proposed area is not well defined, as yet. The discussion was tabled until the upcoming BOD meeting. Joe Somers will contact Dave Rinaldo regarding the receipt of our new Field Proposals at BC and Greece Canal Ponds

Committees:

- **Field Monitoring Committee**

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- **Field Search Committee:**

1. Ron McGrath was not present. Mike Rotherforth had some questions

- **Turbine Committee:** None

- **Events:**

- Annual RCCR Roast – Lodge on the Green – Friday, Feb 13
- Annual RCCR SWAP meet – Sat, Feb 14 – OMOS church hall – 9 to 3
- Matt Kirsch suggested he cook Beef Brisket and serve that in lieu of a Pilot's Dinner at June FF

Old Business:

- BOD Meeting Nov 19
- RCCR Roast – Friday, Feb 13
- RCCR SWAP meet – Sat, Feb 14
- Jim DeTar will ensure that the Mercy Flight donation is forwarded

New Business:

- RCCR Annual Elections – First meeting in Dec – Ed Britton wants to retire from VP position and Craig Donaldson does not want to continue as Newsletter Editor
- We will postpone discussing the Hasman Winter/Spring flying rules until BOD meeting and next RCCR meeting
- Joe Somers reports that Phil Evans donated a Tx, Rx, and charger, to the club, to be used on Tuesday NH Training Night. Anyone who wishes to donate a Trainer Box, to the club, see Joe Somers

Announcements:

- Next meeting is on Dec 10 at Our Mother of Sorrows Church Hall – Annual Elections
- Annual Show + Tell Drawing
- RCCR Annual Roast – Feb 13
- RCCR Annual SWAP meet – Feb 14

Show and Tell:

- Paul Weigand – Star Lantern LED strobes
- Chris Snelling and Tony Mangus died
- George Steiger – Foam Flexible Ucando electric
- Greg Kesel – Phase3 EDF F16
- Matt Kirsch – Ultra Sport 1000 electric

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Minutes from Nov 26, 2008 meeting at OMOS

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

New Members: None

Guests: Devin McGrath

Membership Report: 117– 85 members still have not renewed – We have 5 Honary members – Chuck Boyer, Ed Granger, Shirley Hunter, Dick Smith, and Norm Marasco

Programs Report: Micro Heli Combat and Micro Pylon Racing

Field Report:

- Joe Somers organized a Happy Chipper Party at Hasman Field – Jim Bloekl was the Chip Master – 2 Flight Stands and the Frequency Board were moved to the Hangar. The tractors were stored for the winter
- We will review the Hasman Winter/Spring field rules at the Annual General Meeting
- NH gates are closed for the winter, however, the field will be open if you care to walk in

Committees:

- **Field Monitoring Committee**

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- **Field Search Committee:**

1. Joe Somers reported that he had been in contact with Dave Rinaldo, of the MCP department, regarding the status of our various Proposals. Dave indicated that staffing was down, but the Proposals would be reviewed, in time. Joe indicated to Dave that we wanted to concentrate on Greece Canal Ponds, if we had to choose between there and BC park. There are other parties, besides the RCCR, interested in developing areas of the various MC parks for their purposes

- **Turbine Committee:** None

- **Events:**

- Annual RCCR Roast – Lodge on the Green – Friday, Feb 13
- Annual RCCR SWAP meet – Sat, Feb 14 – OMOS church hall – 9 to 3

Old Business:

- RCCR BOD meeting was conducted on Nov 14. The NH Gasoline Engine Sound Rules were reviewed and passed – The current group of At Large members of the BOD are up for renewal, this year. They are appointed by the RCCR President
- Joe Somers reported on a discussion he had with AMA Dist II VP Gary Fitch, regarding the AMA's and RCCR's liability for any RC activities, by non RCCR or non AMA flyers, at Black Creek Park, in areas of the park not designated as RC Flying sites. Iona Maines, at the AMA, was contacted and will contact Joe regarding the AMA's position. It is probable that non AMA members will not be covered in non designated areas of BCP
- The RCCR BOD also reviewed the RCCR policy regarding the assessment of a Late Fee for renewing RCCR membership after Mar 1. A dues renewal Incentive was proposed as an alternative to a Fine

- The BOD recommended that we hold the Annual RCCR SWAP meet, for 2009, at OMOS church hall
- Matt Kirsch will assemble a proposal for Winter/Spring Field Rules at Hasman Field
- It was proposed that a Team be assembled to gather Input for the RCCR Newsletter, with someone designated to Assemble the information.

New Business:

- Dick Casbab donated a Futaba 6EX FASST radio system, to the RCCR, to either raffle off or sell – John Floyd suggested we raffle it off at the Annual SWAP Meet – Bill Stauber agreed so there was no opposition

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- Annual Show + Tell Drawing on Dec 10 Annual General Meeting
- RCCR Annual Roast – Feb 13
- RCCR Annual SWAP meet – Feb 14
- Chilly-Chilly Fun Fly, Jan1, Hasman Field

Show and Tell:

- Tony Joseph – Flap Foamie scratch built Mig 31
- Bill Gerew – Flat Foamie Mig 29 with Thrust Vectoring

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Minutes from Dec 10, 2008 Annual General meeting at OMOS

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

New Members: None

Guests: Don Steeb

Membership Report: 118, with the renewal of Ron Britton – 45 members have Renewed and 75 have not, as yet (Bob White – Club Enforcer and Chief of Marketing – will be after you.

Programs Report: Annual Elections, Show+Tell drawing, and Indoor Flying

Field Report:

- Bill Wegman Hasman Field under close scrutiny. The gate lock needs to be DeIced. John Floyd will examine and see that it is returned to duty.
- We have had a positive response, from Dave Rinaldo – MCP, regarding the proposal to expand the NH Parking Lot. He inquired as to whether or not we would be supplying any labor or equipment. Joe Somers indicated we would evaluate the situation and our resources

Committees:

- **Field Monitoring Committee**
 - Trevor Ewell read the final draft of the NH Gas Engine Policy that was approved by the BOD. A vote was taken and passed. Every situation will be evaluated by the current members of the FMC and decisions rendered by FMC. The current display of field rules, at NH, will include the Gas Engine Policy.
 - We currently have less stringent rules at Hasman Field, but that does not mean we should not be careful with how far out we fly and how much noise we make. All flyers, no matter which flying site, should remind each other to stay within the designated boundaries of each flying site
- **Field Search Committee:**
 1. Dave Rinaldo indicated that at this time, MCP had other plans for the areas at BCP and GCP that we had proposed to develop as new RC flying sites. He suggested we look at other areas of NH Park. There was much follow up discussion regarding alternatives. Joe Somers and Matt Kirsch will follow up with Dave Rinaldo

- **Turbine Committee:** None

- **Events:**

- Annual RCCR Roast – Lodge on the Green – Friday, Feb 13
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Old Business:

- Matt Kirsch is collecting \$20/head for the upcoming Annual RCCR Roast. We need a final head count by Jan 31. The menu is the same as last year

New Business:

- Matt Kirsch read the Annual RCCR State of the Club Address. Joe Somers suggested that Matt forward the document to the MCP and the AMA
- The Annual RCCR Elections were conducted. Jim DeTar and Rich Brook will continue to serve. Jim Capuano, interim Membership Chair, was confirmed. Ed Britton stepped down and Bill Gerew was confirmed as his replacement. All At Large members will continue in their positions
- The Annual RCCR Show+Tell drawing was held and Pete Fierentino won the coveted \$100 prize
- Bill Stauber reports that at this time, there is no word on When or If we will be able to use the East Main St Armory for Indoor Electric flying

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- Chilly-Chilly Fun Fly, Jan1, Hasman Field

Show and Tell:

- Tony Joseph – Flat Foamie Stealth Fighter
- Bill Gerew – Flat Foamie Mig 29 with Thrust Vectoring
- Pete Durante – DyNam Flight Simulator
- Greg Kesel – Foam Rafel

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