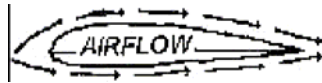


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The purpose of the Radio Control Club of Rochester is to aid and encourage interest in the design, construction and safe operation of radio-controlled model aircraft, boats, and cars.

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 28<sup>th</sup> 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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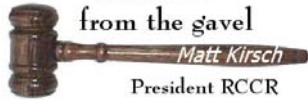
## Upcoming Club Events

### Meetings:

Mar. 25 - RCCR Meeting 7:30 p.m. at Our Mother of Sorrows Church  
April 8 - RCCR Meeting 7:30 p.m. at Our Mother of Sorrows Church  
April 22 - RCCR Meeting 7:30 p.m. at Our Mother of Sorrows Church  
May 13 - RCCR Meeting 7:30 p.m. at Our Mother of Sorrows Church

### Other Events:

Mar. 29 – Hamburg NY, Radio Control Aircrafters Inc. Of Western New York present their 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Auction  
April 3, 4, 5 – “The Toledo Show” R/C Model Show At The Seagate Centre  
May through September:  
“Monday Night Fights” unofficial RC Combat (Dog-Fighting) practice at Hasman field from 4:30 until sunset  
“Tuesday Night Training” is Reserved for Training at Northampton Field from 4 PM until sunset



# Sample the Gavel

I think we've found a winning formula. For three years now we've been running our swap meet on the day after our annual Winter Banquet / Roast, and for three years now we've had a packed house. This year we moved the venue to Our Mother of Sorrows church hall, where we hold our meetings. We'd pretty much outgrown the Rochester Police Locust Club and the church hall provided us plenty of breathing room. Even with the extra room all the tables were filled and then some. We sold 23 tickets in the limited raffle, 60 pulled pork sandwiches, and a couple hundred admissions. All of this turned a healthy profit for the club; not bad for a few hours' work, eh?

Maybe I say this every year, but if you weren't at the Roast, you missed a great party. It's always a great party, especially since we found the Lodge on the Green. This year we went multimedia. New VP Bill Gerew brought a projector and laptop which displayed pictures taken throughout 2008 by Don Henry. Later during the festivities, we were treated a very well done slide show set to music, also arranged by Don. Look for the slide show on YouTube.

Taking home top honors as Man of the Year was Jim Detar, who was presented with the award via telephone, as he was on vacation in Florida. Trevor Ewell, barely a day after cancer surgery, was on hand to accept the Trainer Cord award for his above-and-beyond efforts at Northampton Park during the summer. Scott Miller took home the Golden Screw for his incredibly generous sacrifice to the airplane deity. Bill Stauber received the Busted Prop award, given the sheer quantity of sacrifices he made during the year. Cheryl Wingate presented several of her own custom awards to various club members in appreciation of the entertainment value they had provided her during the year.

When you're flying this summer, or hanging around the field on trainer night, keep an eye out for deserving youngster that's really excited about getting into the hobby, but may not have the means. Trevor Ewell is in possession of a complete US AirCore trainer setup that was donated to the club for this express purpose. I apologize for not knowing the exact details of the donation at this time to give our benefactor proper credit, but I'll look into it and present the exact details in the next article. Trevor is going to get the setup ready to fly, and we'll be presenting it to that deserving youngster some time this summer. If you have any ideas for a good candidate, see Trevor or any of the club instructors.

Call me optimistic, but I am going to go out on a limb here and proclaim an early spring. That overgrown rat in Pennsylvania doesn't know his shadow from a hole in the ground. With better weather comes more flying, and for the time being we're going to be operating from the tarmac at the South end of Hasman. Please make sure you go back and read my previous column for some reminders on "winter" flying at Hasman. Most of us will be a little rusty on the sticks, so take a little extra time to make sure you're flying from a location that you are comfortable with. Fly "old reliable" a few times to shake out the cobwebs before you try to maiden your winter project.

## Minutes from Jan 14, 2009 Annual General meeting at OMOS

**Officers Present:** Matt Kirsch – Pres, Bill Gerew – VP, Rich Brook – Sec, Jim Capuano – Memb, Jim DeTar - Tres

**New Members:** None

**Guests:** Glen Ruta was the designated guest

**Membership Report:** 62

**Programs Report:** Free Fly

**Field Report:**

- Cold and Snowy
- Ed Wingate reports that some flight stands, at NH, were damaged
- Bill Wegman reports that the Flight Station Fences, at Hasman Field, need repair
- John Floyd reports that he purchased a \$15 lock that not only has a combination, but a Finger Print Reader that only responds to Bill Wegman's fingers
- Dave Rinaldo gave the OK for the NH parking lot expansion but asked what the RCCR could provide in terms of manpower and equipment
- Joe Somers and John Floyd intend to meet with Dave Rinaldo to discuss further issues
- The AMA has a program aimed at providing monies for Flying Field improvement

**Committees:**

- **Field Monitoring Committee**  
Trevor Ewell sent the overall Field Policy document to Matt Kirsch, for review
- **Field Search Committee:**
  1. Ron McGrath indicated that the cost of purchasing land for a flying site was not practical at this time. He asked club members to keep a sharp eye out for possible sites
  2. Bill Stauber indicated that the MC Parks dept had property that while not suitable for anything else, might be used as a flying site
- **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
  - Jan 17 – DART Flea Market in Mayville, NY
  - Jan 31 – STARS+ARCS Forum – Syracuse
  - Mar 14 – SWAP Meet in Lebanon, Pa
  - Mar 21 – Canandaigua Chiefs Swap Meet

**Old Business:**

- Ed Britton is collecting monies for the Roast
- There were 30 attendees at the Annual RCCR Chilly Chili FF. Winners were Bill Gerew, Phil Evans, and Matt Kirsch

**New Business:**

- Review of Flying Field Rules at Hasman Field – NO flying South of the N/S runway and one flight line only. Don't run engines in the hangar or get fuel on the floor. Exhaust away from hangar. Ask for permission to park in Storage Garage lot
- Jim Warner is the new Newsletter Editor

**Announcements:**

- Next meeting is on Jan 26, 2009 at Our Mother of Sorrows Church Hall
- RCCR Annual Roast – Feb 13
- RCCR Annual SWAP meet – Feb 14

**Show and Tell:**

- Tony Joseph – Flat Foamie X29
- Bob White – Enhanced Vacuforming device and modified Tx Mitt
- John Floyd – Eflight J3 Cub on floats
- Paul Weigand – Electric ME 163 Comet
- Scott Miller – QuiQue Yak54
- Pete Fierentino – Blade MCX modified charger for flight batteries
- Trevor Ewell – Spoke about meeting the owner of the Storage Garage, near Hasman Field, and getting his son, Anthony, up on a Buddy Box

**50/50** – Pete Fierentino

## Minutes from Jan 28, 2009 meeting at OMOS

**Officers Present:** Matt Kirsch – Pres, Rich Brook – Sec

**New Members:** None

**Guests:** None

**Membership Report:** 65 members – 52 yet to renew

**Programs Report:** None

**Field Report:**

- Ron McGrath flew indoors in Batavia

**Committees:**

- **Field Monitoring Committee**
- **Field Search Committee:**
- **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:**

- Matt Kirsch reported on his visit to the museum at DART Airport, near Fredonia
- Matt Kirsch announced the fees for the upcoming Annual RCCR SWAP meet – Admission - \$3, Tables - \$5, Auction - \$5
- Matt Kirsch will be making his famous Pulled Pork sandwiches for the Refreshment menu
- Insurance has been obtained for the Annual SWAP meet
- Matt Kirsch and Ed Britton will pick up the supplies
- Annual RCCR Roast – Deadline for a headcount is Feb 1

**New Business:**

- Brighton High School Festival of Ideas – This year we will be offering the students the opportunity to fly electric Park Zone Vapors, on a Buddy Box
- Matt Kirsch received an email asking if anyone had heard from Bob O'Neal

**Announcements:**

- Next meeting is on Feb 11, 2009 at Our Mother of Sorrows Church Hall
- RCCR Annual Roast – Feb 13
- RCCR Annual SWAP meet – Feb 14
- Lebanon, Pa SWAP Meet – Mar 14
- Canandaigua Chiefs Swap/Auction – Mar 21
- BHS Festival of Ideas - Mar

**Show and Tell:**

- Greg Kesel – Hobby Lobby StarMax F5 EDF with retracts
- Mike Mance – Sporster 40 knockoff from pre-enjoyed aircraft
- Rich Brook – Crash on 390
- Ron McGrath – Vapor 5ch Rx
- Matt Kirsch – Eflite F15
- Tony Joseph – Blade MCX with custom paint job

**50/50 –**

## Minutes from Feb 11, 2009 meeting at OMOS

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

**New Members:** None

**Guests:** Ron McGrath

**Membership Report:** 74 members – 44 yet to renew

**Programs Report:** General Flying

**Field Report:**

- NH Parking lot expansion project – Joe Somers has is arranging a meeting to discuss the specifics

**Committees:**

- **Field Monitoring Committee**
- **Field Search Committee:**
- **Turbine Committee:** None
- **Events:**
  - Annual RCCR Roast – Lodge on the Green – Friday, Feb 13 – 6pm arrival for cocktails – see Matt Kirsch if you have any awards to present as Matt will be the MC
  - Annual RCCR SWAP meet – Sat, Feb 14 – OMOS church hall – 9 to 3 – Matt Kirsch has 30 raffle tickets – Bill Stauber will bring a cooler – Dick Peterson will bring donuts – Matt Kirsch has a sign for the road – 8am setup – Dick Peterson will run the Concession Stand
  - Brighton High School Festival of Ideas will be held on Mar 7 at the BHS on Monroe Avenue. Arrive at Noon – 1-4 event

**Old Business:**

- Luncheon to honor the NH Park employees was a success. Catering from Grampa Sams – 10 RCCR members and 5 NH Park employees were in attendance – Russ Schlino – NH Park foreman supports the Parking Lot Expansion project.
- Joe Somers will be scheduling a meeting with Dave Rinaldo to further discuss the NH Parking Lot Expansion
- Dick Foster indicated that some rolling needs to be done on the Hasman Field N/S runway as a result of ruts created during brush cleanup last fall

**New Business:**

- Paul Weigand indicated that the Canandaigua Chiefs will not have an Electric meet this June. Their FF will be held on the June date

**Announcements:**

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- RCCR Annual Roast – Feb 13
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- Canandaigua Chiefs Swap/Auction – Mar 21
- BHS Festival of Ideas – Mar 7

**Show and Tell:**

- Greg Kesel – Eflite Blade MCX replacement parts
- Greg Holcomb – Hobby City Heli – Trex knockoff
- Tony Joseph – Electric Folker Triplane
- Pat Levign – VQ AT6 – Vietnamese ARF
- Scott Miller – Foam F22 from SayPac – Twin EDF
- Paul Weigand – Left Hand Rotation Master Airscrew 3 blade prop for KMP Tigercat
- Glen Ruta – Lama Heli with new anodized aluminum parts

**50/50 –** Tony Joseph

## Minutes from Feb 25, 2009 meeting at OMOS

**Officers Present:** Matt Kirsch – Pres, Bill Gerew – VP, Rich Brook – Sec, Jim Capuano – Memb, Jim DeTar - Tres

**New Members:** None

**Guests:** Julius and son

**Membership Report:** 81 paid members – 37 yet to renew

**Programs Report:** General Flying, 50/50, Roast Presentation

**Field Report:**

- Joe Somers reports that with a good Rolling, any minor ruts in the N/S runway, at Hasman Field, should be eliminated.
- Trevor Ewell advises that the grass, on the N and S sides of the White hangar, at Hasman Field, is too soft to support cars. Please park to the West of the Red building

**Committees:**

- **Field Monitoring Committee:** None
- **Field Search Committee:** None
- **Turbine Committee:** None
- **Events:**
  - Annual RCCR Roast – 52 in attendance including Trevor and Liz Ewell – Trevor just had surgery the day before – Trainer Cord Award – Trevor Ewell, Busted Prop Award – Bill Stauber, Golden Screw Award – Scott Miller, and Man of the Year – Jim DeTar
  - Annual RCCR SWAP meet – SWAP was profitable but Auction was a bust – We grossed \$1024 and netted \$625 – We had attendees from Syracuse, Buffalo, and Batavia
  - Brighton High School Festival of Ideas will be held on Mar 7 at the BHS on Monroe Avenue. Arrive at Noon – 1-4 event – We need Simulators and Vapors – Bill Gerew will bring a projector

**Old Business:**

- Rich Brook reports that the AMA Gold Leader Club application has been mailed in as well as emailed. Erin Dobbs, AMA, confirmed the receipt of the email

**New Business:**

- The sanction is in for the June FF, the first Combat Meet, and the Great Electric FF – Raffle tickets will be sold for a Bind and Fly Combat Plane
- An Indoor Electric FF will be held in the RIT Filed House, Mar 8, 11:30-5 – Clay Wheaton, Kyle Stacey, and Devon McGrath will put on flying demos
- Bob White reports that Lou Soriero has donated a Nextar aircraft and a toolbox in support of the Tuesday Night Training Program at NH. Rich Brook will send him a Thank You card
- Paul Weigand reports that Tower Hobbies will be discounting Flight Power LiPo batteries as they transition to the newer Evo versions
- Jim Detar reports that Dick Casbab has been flying Indoors in FL. Jim also recommended a visit to Graves Hobbies in Orlando

**Announcements:**

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- Lebanon, Pa SWAP Meet – Mar 14
- Canandaigua Chiefs Swap/Auction – Mar 21
- BHS Festival of Ideas – Mar 7
- RIT Indoor Electric FF on Mar 8

**Show and Tell:**

- Julius Hebling – Harbor Freight LED Flashlite
- Scott Miller – Eflite F16
- Tony Joseph – Nitro Models Rafel
- Papa Jeff – Starmax F4 and Mirage
- Scott Miller – Foam F22 from SayPac – Twin EDF
- Paul Weigand – BVM is now the East Coast Distributor for Skymaster Jets
- Devon McGrath – DX7SE, FancyFoam Osirus, and JR188 servos

**50/50** – Jim Sample