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## The Johnstown R/C Club

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## Upcoming Activities.....

**April Club Meeting:** Our April meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, **8:30** pm at the Richland Twp. Municipal Building-Note Time Change

**Spring Work Day:** Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 9am at the field.....bring tools!

**Annual Mall Show:** Our Annual Mall show will be on Fri-Sat & Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, and May 1<sup>st</sup>. during mall open hours. Set-up night will be on Thursday, April 28<sup>th</sup> 7pm until closing.

**May Club Meeting:** Tuesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Again, Note later start time at 8:30 pm.

**Sunday Hot Dog Cook Outs:** Will commence when the weather is suitable,

## Mall Show Exhibit.....

Get your planes ready, all of them! We need to have 50 or more planes ready for the Mall Show exhibit. So, if you still have some in the box yet, get busy! If you have some that need a few repairs, let's get them fixed up so we can show our hobby off to the thousands of folks who visit the Galleria Mall each weekend. We usually get a few new members to the club as a result of the show, so plan on bringing some planes up, and to also schedule some time yourself to "man the booth" during the three day exhibit. We always have a great time sharing stories and talking to new folks while at the Mall Show! Hope to see you there!

## Member of the Month.....



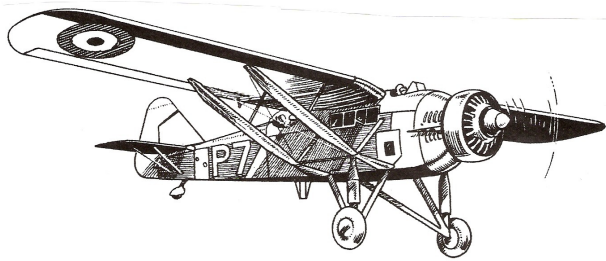
## Member of the Month Fred Rhode

Fred Rhode has been an active member of our club for many years, and is one of the few who fly gas, glow, electric, and control line planes! Fred is an excellent flyer in all those categories. He builds, flies, uses ARF's and really does it all! Fred is retired from Penelec and lives with his wife Cathy in the Westmont area. Fred has become the "go to" guy for RC engines and really knows his stuff. Since Fred is retired, he can often be found at the field on nice mornings, but he also flies on Sunday's with the Hot Dog group! Quite often, he and neighbor Bill Rosage come to the field together to fly on

weekday mornings. They belong to the morning flyers group that include Fred, Bill, Roger, Caleb, Bill M, Steve, and Grant.



Above, Fred watches the action on a Sunday afternoon along with Bruce Thomas.



## March Meeting Recap.....



The March Club meeting was held on Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>. Twenty one members were present. Club Vice President Ken

Reeseey filled in for our President Sam Kaplitz, who was absent due to work requirements, along with Secretary Paul Yuhas and Treasurer Ken Shilling. Paul reviewed the last meeting which was our January In-Door Fly-In. We now have 43 members with paid 2011 club dues, and 33 members with paid AMA dues up to this point. Our treasurer gave us his report and with dues coming in, our finances are in pretty good shape. He has been working to get our club into the 501 non-profit category to get the IRS off our back. We need to complete a 990N form to complete the paperwork. The club mowing bill, along with our field rent, and 2011 AMA charter have now been paid. Ken also reported on the annual banquet arrangements and so far only 16 people have paid for reservations. We hope this will improve, as last year we had over 50 people attend the banquet. He also reported that Izzy Leonardis has been in the hospital, and now is home but wheel chair bound at the moment. Dick Davis is also now wheel chair bound, so we wish these members along with club veteran Caleb Butler our best wishes for a full recovery. Ken also reported that a number of members are planning to drive to Lebanon, PA on Saturday, March 12th for their annual Flea Market, which is usually a very well attended event.

Roger reported that the former Mulligan Hill RC Club, now renamed the Valley Brook RC Club, has now finalized their relationship with the Conemaugh Power Plant for the use of their land for a new flying field. The required construction work will be completed in the coming two months, and therefore flying should begin sometime in May. This has turned out to be a very good arrangement, with no annual rental fee, and many improvements provided by the station owners. We all look forward to flying down there, and all of us at the Johnstown Club wish this reborn RC club our best wishes and "smooth flying" in the coming years.

During the "Show and Tell" portion of the meeting Al Stein, in the picture below, showed us his stick built "Kadetito" which is still under construction.

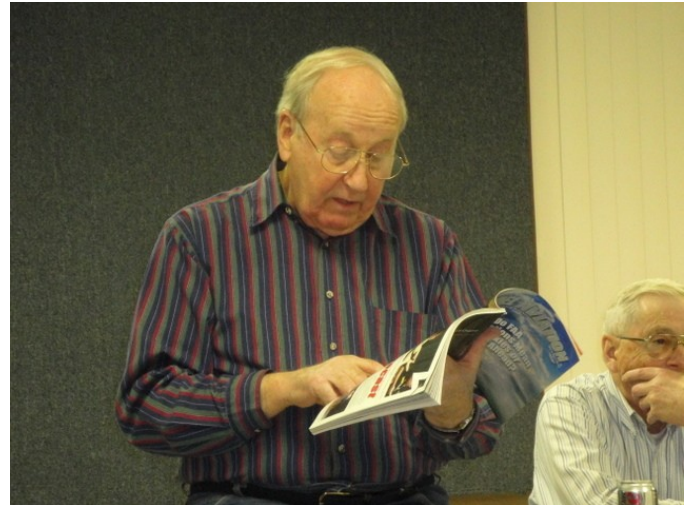


**Al Stein**



Ken Reese showed off his recently acquired "Micro Stik" which is a new small electric indoor plane from Hobby Lobby which cost \$75. This plane comes with it's own 2.4 Mhz radio and battery, but is meant for indoors, or very calm flying conditions.

We also discussed summer fuel requirements. Anybody who might want fuel can talk to someone who is going to the Lebanon Flea Market, where fuel is usually available at a good price, and Roger said he will make a run to J&C Hobbies later in the month. He will obtain info on their prices prior to the Club Banquet. Give him a call if you wish to purchase fuel at 266-2630.



Secretary Paul Yuhas reported on the many recent articles about the potential new regulations affecting our RC hobby, due to the proliferation of the UAV industry. This industry, and our hobby, seem to be on a course to intersect, and many members are worried that the new expected rules and regulations might adversely affect our hobby. This is something we will all have to keep an eye on in the coming months. It is also why we need to support our national AMA group, who lobbies and fights for our sport. This activity is just one of the many items our annual dues support.

## **Mall Show.....**

Remember the dates, April 29<sup>th</sup>, April 30<sup>th</sup> and May 1<sup>st</sup>. This is the weekend we show off our sport to thousands of folks who visit the Galleria Mall. We again will need 50+ planes and helies to put on display for the event. Plan on attending sometime during the three days and to put some time "in the booth" to welcome folks, show off the planes, and perhaps sell a few tickets. This is our only real fundraiser for the whole year, and the proceeds go to help pay our annual mowing bill. Everyone always has a good time, and we sometimes net a couple new club members during the weekend. Set up is on Thursday, April 28<sup>th</sup> from 7 pm until the mall closes.



The picture above is from the 2007 Mall Show when we were at "center court". This year we will again be in the area opposite the Bon Ton on the lower level, where we have been located for the last couple years. In recent years, we have been able to muster at least 50 aircraft to display. So, dust off those planes, and get to building!

## Spring Flying.....

The weather has turned much better, and the activity at the field has picked up! It's been cold, sometimes windy, but the "spring flyers" have arrived! Don't miss out, get your planes "on charge" and we hope to see you at the field real soon!



Above, Roger Luther and Eric Brown enjoy some early spring flying on St. Patrick's Day. The field was wet, and it was a little windy, but hey, it's been a long winter!

## Spring Work Day.....

Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>. We will hold our annual spring work day to get our field ready for the flying season! It's time to "put up the tent", "uncover the port-a-john" pick up rocks, trim, cut down saplings, and any other spring jobs which need to be completed. Please put this date on your calendar and we hope to see you at the field that day to help out! See you at 9 am, Thanks in advance!

## Banquet Recap.....

Since the timing of the Banquet and the publishing date for this month's newsletter were almost identical, I decided to hold up sending it out until after the annual dinner.

We had a wonderful Banquet again this year, with about 40 people attending. The American Legion prepared a wonderful meal, we had a dozen or so planes on display, and many members were recognized for their service to the club over the past year.



**Myrna and Neil Woffingden with Sam**

In the picture above, president Sam Kaplitz presents an award of appreciation to Neil and Myrna for their dedicated work in hosting our annual In-Door Fly-Ins at the LDS church over the past 7 years or so. This event has grown more popular each year due to their efforts. We thank you both for all the work you do to make this popular event so successful.

## Banquet Continued.....

Everyone who attended agreed that the banquet meal was wonderful. Sam, Paul, Kenny, Herb, Cliff, and many others provided gifts for the drawing, and everybody who attended won something! Many club members received awards for their building efforts over the winter months.



**Steven Moxim with Sam Kaplitz**

Winners were as follows:

Ladies Choice Award for Best In Show

1<sup>st</sup> place.....Jim Patterson

2<sup>nd</sup> place.....Ken Reese

3<sup>rd</sup> place.....Caleb Butler

Best ARF Plane

1<sup>st</sup> place.....Ken Reese

2<sup>nd</sup> place....Rick Oxford

3<sup>rd</sup> place....Jim Patterson

Best Hand Built Model

1<sup>st</sup> place.....Caleb Butler

2<sup>nd</sup> place.....Paul Yuhas

3<sup>rd</sup> place.....Jim Patterson

To the right is Jim Patterson with his first place in the "Ladies Choice" Award.



Above, Caleb Butler poses with his German Storch WWII plane that he built from scratch. Cal took the first place ribbon yet again with this unique model.



Ken Reese took first place in the ARF model category with his "Shoestring".

