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The Johnstown R/C Club

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March 2008 Newsletter

Johnstown R/C's Forty-Sixth Year

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Next Club Meeting.....

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 4th at 7:30 pm. At the Richland Twp. Municipal Building. Hope to see **you** there!

Annual Banquet Coming up!

Our annual get together in the form of our big dinner is going to be held on Saturday, March 15th, 6:00 pm at the Windber American Legion. We hope you and your wife/girlfriend, & guests will come and show off any new planes you have been working on the past few months. We have secured a speaker for the event. He is the chief instructor pilot for MTT Aviation Services, the new fixed base operator at the Johnstown Municipal Airport. MTT Aviation provides fueling, hanger space, and other services for general aviation at the airport, as well as providing pilot instruction for folks who want to earn their private pilots license. He should be able to provide an insite to all our general aviation questions. In addition, we will be able to watch a photo journey of our clubs activities during the past year. So, please fill out the enclosed form at the end of the newsletter and send in your reservation for this years annual banquet!

Annual Mall Show in May!

The Clubs Annual Mall Show is planned for May 2nd, 3rd, and 4th with a setup night on Thursday May 1st. Get your new planes, and a couple old ones into shape for display at the Johnstown Galleria Mall Center Court. We will need help getting things setup on Thursday evening, and of course a few guys there during the Mall's open hours to explain, show, and talk with passer's by. We will have our annual raffle tickets to sell which helps to fund our clubs activities throughout the year. Please plan on attending the March meeting to get a packet or two to sell or buy! Your choice!



Here is a picture from last years mall show, we had about 40 planes of all types on display. This show gives a lot of people a look at our hobby, and just may get us a few new club members!

Veteran's Corner.....

This month we feature Paul Yuhas in our veteran's corner. Paul has been one of our longest continuous members, having been there 46 years ago when the club was started. He has served us well in many capacities over the years, including newsletter editor, club secretary, president, instructor, and who could forget his regular Sunday afternoon offerings for our family picnics! We want to thank Paul for his many hours of work to help make our club a success over the years. Next time you see him, give him a pat on the back and a big Thank You! We appreciate you Paul!



2008 Dues are now "Late"

Club dues are now overdue, but you haven't missed the boat yet. Dues are \$40 per year now since you missed the January 15th discount cut-off date. If you want to fly this summer, or be a member of our club, please send

in your check pronto to our treasurer, Ken Shilling. Make the checks payable to Johnstown RC Club, and send to Ken at 109 Hoyt Street, Johnstown, PA 15904

We want you as a member of our club for 2008!

Editor Hopscotch Again.....

Regular newsletter editor Al Stein is out traveling again, and asked for some assistance with the monthly missive. Since Paul took care of things last month while I was in Florida, I guess it's my turn again! I think it's good we have some backup to our regular's. If you have ideas for articles, or wish to submit one yourself, please do so. Give me a call anytime, or send me some copy. Roger Luther ... 814-266-2630

Field Check.....

I went out to check our flying field the other day, and it's in pretty darn good shape for this time of year. We had some snow still on the ground, and it was very wet and soggy, but by golly I think in a few weeks we will be able to fly again, and none to soon! I'm getting cabin fever. I've kept my skills up by flying with my G-3.5 simulator and you know I am still discovering new things about that program. I've learned how to "download" new planes from the internet, and also how to go

“online” and fly with other guys from all over the world! I’ve flown with guys from Germany, Sweden, Australia, the Netherlands, and from many different states in the good old USA! Its really a fun way to get practice and try new manuevers without the fear of a real “crash”. For new flyers, it’s worth the cost to buy a program like this because it will make you a better flyer, and you get a brand new plane everytime you crash for FREE!You can’t beat that deal!

Website now in 2nd Year.....

Our clubs website is now in its second year, and seems to be getting lots of traffic. We have had over 1600 visits to the site’s “Guest Book”. Visitors have left comments from all over the country, and even the world! Check them out by visiting the guest book pages.

www.johnstownrc.org

Each month the news of the club is listed, as well as upcoming events, club history, field info, meeting info, our officers, and pictures of our members. We also feature the clubs activities in pictures, as well as many pictures from the field. We even have a “crash” page, and we will begin posting new pictures as this years flying season gets started. Any ideas for improving the site are welcome. Give Roger a call.

Club Member in for repair.....

Club member Ken Reeseey was recently in the hospital for a problem which was corrected with surgery, and he is now recovering nicely. He found out like all of us that you don’t “snap back” as quickly as we did when we were younger! You young guys will find that out in a few years! We are glad Ken is up and about again, and “ready to fly”! We can’t wait to see his new B-25 Mitchel twin get into the air.

DIY Channel features RC.....

My wife Bonnie discovered while channel surfing one day, that the DIY channel now has a program called “Radio Control Hobbies” We have viewed three of the shows and they are really great. One featured an expert modeler and showed how to repair a damaged wing. Another featured the weeklong activities in Florida at the “Top Gun” contest. Very well covered and interesting. The third show featured the G-3.5 simulator program. Bonnie taped them for me and maybe we can view them at the Mall Show or at an upcoming meeting. In any case, if you get the DIY (Do it Yourself) channel where you live, keep an eye out for the Radio Control Hobbies show. After checking with her I found out that it is on very early Sunday morning!

Indoor Fly-in Big Success...

We owe a big thank you to Bob Anderson, and Neil Woffinden and their wives for hosting the annual fly-in in January. We had a great turnout, and the group picture is featured on the front page of the clubs website. Thanks to all of you who attended and those who helped out with food and setup. Here are a few pictures from that night!



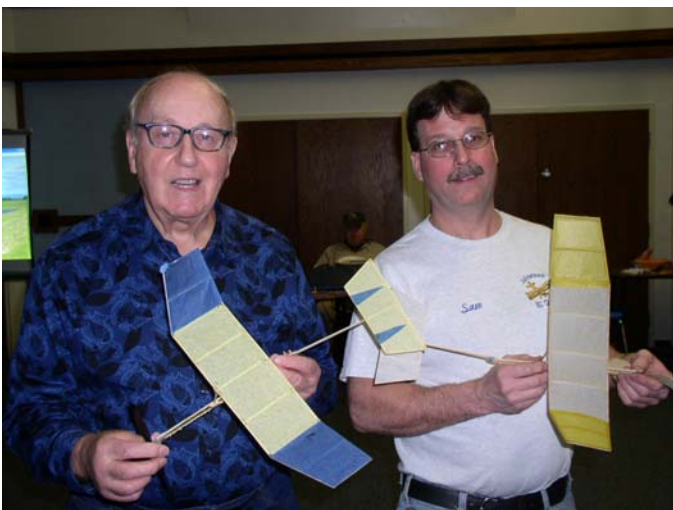
Tony and Calib doing a preflight



Fred "winding up" for launch



Jim and Park enjoying the chow



Paul and Sam prior to launch



Cliff, Bill, and Bill

One More Chance to get your 2008 Dues paid.....

Johnstown R/C Club Membership for 2008

Ken Shilling 109 Hoyt Street

Mail or bring to the next meeting.

Johnstown, PA 15904

Date Paid: _____ Check #: _____

Name: _____

No. & Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____

AMA# _____

(If applying for an AMA#, you must turn in your current AMA # before flying)

Date of Birth: _____ / _____ / _____

Membership Category: (check one)

_____ Open Member (over 19 yrs \$40)

_____ Junior Member (under 19 yrs. \$5)

_____ Non-Flying Member (\$15)

Note:

- 1. All flying members and guests
Must have a current AMA card.
- 2. All radio equipment must be narrow band (1991 specs)
- 3. The club uses all available legal radio frequencies

List all Channel Numbers you use

2008 Annual Club Banquet - Saturday, March 15th, 6:00pm - Windber American Legion

Menu: Swiss Steak and Roast Turkey with all the fixins

Cutoff date: March 9th. Make your reservations now. Cost - \$16.00/person

We will have a good program w/ guest speaker, pictures of the year 2007 and awards.

Send your check and the names of those attending to Ken Shilling, 109 Hoyt Street, Johnstown, PA 15904 (Youngsters 12 and under are half price)

Name: _____ # Adults: _____ # Youth: _____ Total Enclosed \$ _____

