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The Johnstown R/C Club

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Johnstown R/C Club's Forty-Ninth Year

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Upcoming Activities.....

March Club Meeting: Tuesday,
March 1st, 7:30 pm at the Richland
Twp. Municipal Building

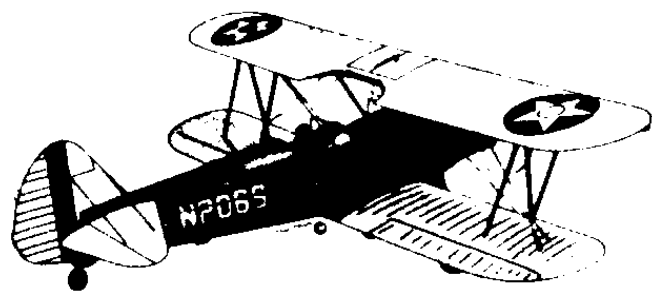
Annual Club Banquet: Saturday,
March 26th, 6:00 pm at the Windber
American Legion Hall.

April Club Meeting: Tuesday, April
5th, 7:30 pm

Annual Club Mall Show: Friday,
April 29th, Saturday April 30th, and
Sunday May 1st. Galleria Mall, Rt.
219 and Rt. 56, Across from Bon-Ton.
Set-up on Thursday April 28th .7-9 pm.

Banquet Agenda Set.....

Arrangements are coming together for our upcoming awards banquet, and if you haven't signed up to attend, please do so promptly. This annual event is always well attended and not only do we have a great meal, we get to show off our winter "building projects" and see some of our members receive awards. So, bring your spouse or girl friend, one of your planes to put on display, and send in the reservation form today!



Member of the Month



Member of the Month Sam Kaplitz

Our Club President Sam Kaplitz, has given so much to our club over the years serving for the past 15 years or so as our very able president. Sam has given new flyers countless hours of instruction and help over the years and of course is a very fine flyer himself. Sam is always willing to help in any activity the club undertakes, and keeps our hand mower at the field tuned and ready for trimming around the tables and fence. Sam and his wife Barb, live in the Davidsville area, and he works for a firm that repairs electrical motors, primarily for area power plants. Sam is very handy,

having made a number of his "wind planes" for the field, and for others. Sam has helped countless new members learn the ropes and has helped them earn their "wings". He also makes fantastic "Slow Flyers" for use at our Annual In-Door Fly-Ins.



Above, in a very common scene, Sam helps little Zack learn to fly a control line airplane. Sam is one of the handful of club members who still enjoy control line flying. We appreciate all the efforts you have expended over the years to help make our club the success that it has become. Thanks Sam!



Sam with his "old faithful" bi-plane



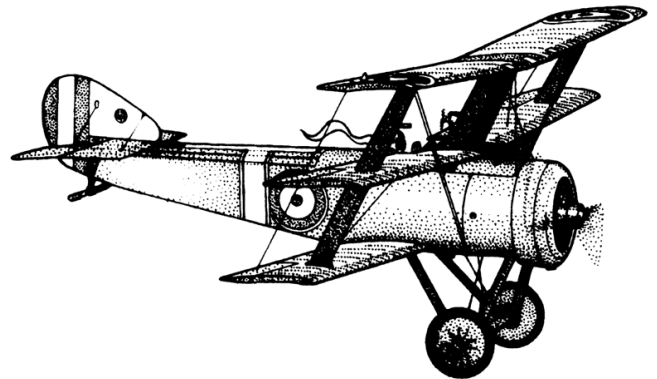
Sam giving some help to Savas

Club Meeting Canceled...

Due to a bad ice & snow storm, plus the fact that our meeting room was somehow given to another group, it was decided on Monday, January 31st, that we would not have a February meeting. See you in March!



Club President Sam Kaplitz



More Pics from the Fly-In



The group photo from the 2011 Indoor Fly-in



Our 2011 Club Officers



See over 40 other pictures from the Fly-In on our website:

.....www.johnstownrc.org



Neat RC Sign.....



On a recent trip to Indiana, PA I went by this relatively new sign pointing the way to the flying field of the "Indiana Flyers RC Club". Very nice sign I thought, so I stopped and took a picture. Something like this would make a nice project for someone in our club to make a similar sign for our field, perhaps one at the intersection of Forrest Hills Road and Krayn Road, and maybe a second one at the intersection of Krayn and Saddleclub Road. Anyhow, it sure did catch my attention! I think the wingspan is about six feet! Pretty darn big airplane!

Repairs Completed.....

As you know, a couple months ago, we had an accident at the field where someone backed into the gate latch post and it broke off. Well, the post has been repaired, and rather ingeniously by using some steel rods, nails, screws, and some Quik-Crete. It seems to be A-OK now and should do the job of securing the swing-gate. We can take a look when we hold our spring work day and see if further repairs are necessary. Check out the picture on the top of the next column



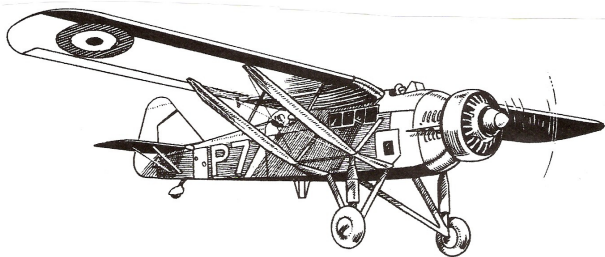
Repaired Swing-gate latch post

From the official newsletter of the Circle City Flyers of Corona, California

The Importance of Setting Headings

by Mike Lynch

One of the first goals of flying RC is to be able to make smooth, level turns. As early as your first practice flight, your instructor will tell you to bank with ailerons, maintain the turn with the elevator, and straighten with the opposite aileron. The goal is to maintain a smooth turn with no gain or loss of altitude. The time it takes to master this first step varies from one beginner to another. And the good



feeling you get from mastering this step is but one of many you will enjoy as your flying improves.

With this step mastered, you will be able to “keep the airplane in the air.” However, you may not be able to enter and exit the turns you make as predictably as you would like. You may find that the airplane is flying you, wandering all over the flying field. The second step to flying is to master entering and exiting turns precisely—and the importance of this step cannot be over assessed. As you begin learning how to land, it is mandatory that you are able to exit your last turn (during final approach) in a manner that has you perfectly aligned with the runway. You can master this very important talent only by knowing how to set headings.

Practice with figure eights. Once you are relatively comfortable making smooth, level turns it is time to begin practicing more precise turns. Figure eights are excellent for this purpose because they force you to make left and right turns equally to avoid the “I can only turn left” syndrome. To begin, we recommend making left turns on your right side and right turns on your left side. This way the airplane will always be turned away from you. (Many beginners feel uncomfortable when the model is coming directly at them, even in a turn.)

At first, you may find this quite difficult. The goal is to exit each turn with the airplane heading directly toward a corner of the field (with the center of the figure eight directly in the middle of the field). You will find that you must begin exiting the turn slightly before your desired heading is reached, which can be tricky. Your first few attempts will probably not be perfect and will force you to make minor corrections; you must be quite gentle with the controls to avoid over correcting. Once you have mastered, reverse the direction of the figure eight and start again (right turns on your right side, left turns on your left side).

Always remember the importance of setting headings. As you practice landings (and even after you have performed your first solo), whenever you are having problems setting up your headings, go back and practice figure eights. Q

Famous Quotes: A word to the wise ain't necessary – it's the stupid ones that need advice! Bill Cosby

Annual Banquet Form....

Please fill in the form below to make reservations for the Annual Club Banquet which is scheduled for Saturday, March 26th, 6pm at the Windber American Legion.

Menu: Swiss Steak, Roast Turkey with all the fixins. Cutoff date...March 20th.

The cost is \$16/person, with children under 12 years paying \$8 each.

Send your check made out to The Johnstown RC Club

Mail to Ken Shilling, 109 Hoyt Street, Johnstown, PA 15904

NAMES OF THOSE ATTENDING:

Please mark as Adult (A) or Youth (Y)

Mail prior to March 20th

Total Enclosed: \$ _____