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495th R/C Squadron

February 1st. Club Meeting – 28th Annual R/C Auction with Master Auctioneer Joe Ramaci.
Free Coffee and Donuts!!!

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Rules and Operational Procedures for both of our premier flying sites located in Groton and Tewksbury, Massachusetts!

View From The Left Seat □

By

John Morley, President, The 495th R/C Squadron, Inc.

I hope that everyone in the Club had both a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!! Hopefully, many of you found some new R/C goodies under the tree this year, and are now hard at work on your new winter projects! It's hard to believe at the moment, but the spring weather will soon be upon us, so don't waste any time getting a new plane or helicopter ready for the upcoming flying season!!

As your President, one issue that I will emphasize in the coming year is noise! As most of you are well aware, it is our responsibility as a Club to be a good neighbor in the community, and to be vigilant in the fight against excessive noise. For the most part, as a Club, we have done a good job of keeping noise pollution under control, but there is always room for improvement! By being proactive on the noise issue it is our goal to prevent any of the ugly noise problems that have plagued so many other Clubs. To do this, I envision a two part approach to the problem. The first part of the process is education – showing our members how to fly to minimize their noise impact. This includes proper throttle control, and techniques to avoid specific areas around the field. The second part of the process is more technical in nature – showing our members which engine, prop and muffler combinations provide the best performance consistent with a minimum noise signature. To further the goal of noise reduction, the Club will hold a Noise Awareness Day at the Ogonowski Field this Spring to highlight all of these recommendations! This is a very serious issue, and by starting now, I'm confident that we can prevent any future problems!!

“If you aren't part of the solution, then you're part of the problem” was a popular mantra during the 1960's. While no longer popular, its meaning is just as valid today as it was then. There are a number of very dedicated individuals in the Club that work hard everyday to make your membership in the 495th R/C Squadron, Inc. a positive one, but there is a limit to what they can get done without the help and support of the Club. Our organization is only as good as you wish to help make it, so I encourage everyone to get involved and help out in any way that you can!!

We are off to a great start this year with the success of the Cookie and Hot Chocolate Social at the January meeting. Approximately fifty members enjoyed delicious Chocolate Chip Cookies and Hot Chocolate while watching a Top Gun 2005 video. We have a number of fun and exciting meetings planned this year, so please stay tuned so that you don't miss any of the fun!!

Again, a reminder that each month the BOD will meet on the Thursday evening immediately preceding the regular Club meeting. Our meetings are held at the Jade East Restaurant, on Rt. 38 in Tewksbury, beginning at 7:30PM. There is plenty of room, and the atmosphere is informal, so we invite interested members to attend!

I'm looking forward to an exciting year in 2006, and I hope you see all of you at upcoming Club meetings, and at the field!

John Morley
President, the 495th R/C Squadron, Inc.

Jan. 24, 2006

Info and Misc. Announcements

Change to the Club By-Laws

At the March membership meeting, a proposed change to the Club by-laws (Article III, Section 2) will be discussed. The BOD has recommended that the President of the Club be responsible for maintaining the Club's Gold Leader Club status, and that this duty be formalized in the by-laws. The BOD proposes that the following language be added to Article III, Section 2 of the bylaws: The President shall be responsible for maintaining the Club's Gold Leader Club status with the AMA.

February Auction

The 495th R/C Squadron, Inc. will be holding their annual R/C Auction on Wed. February 1st, 2006. The Auction begins at 7:00PM and runs until 10:00PM. Free coffee and donuts will be served! For more information, please visit the club website at: <http://www.495thsquadron.org>.

Lost and Found

A digital tachometer was found at the Pinnacle Street field in late December. Please contact John Morley (pres@495thsquadron.org) if you lost this item, so that arrangements can be made for you to get it back!

2.4GHz Spread Spectrum Radios

There has been some discussion lately about the use of the new 2.4GHz Spread Spectrum radios at Club fields. Based on some incomplete information from the AMA, the BOD voted to allow these radios to be used at Club fields without restriction. Subsequently, however, it was determined in a follow-up conversation with Steve Kaluf of AMA that these radios are to be restricted to Park Flyer type aircraft, per the recommendations of the manufacturer, Horizon Hobbies. While this might change in the future, for now there are a number of very good technical reasons for this limitation, and we intend to follow the AMA's guidelines.

WRAM Show Trip

The 495th R/C Squadron, Inc. will once again be making a van trip to the WRAM Show on Fri. February 24th, 2006. The van will leave Tewksbury at 6:00AM, returning at approximately 9:00PM. The cost for the trip is \$25.00. Prepay for the trip at the February Club meeting. For more information, please visit the club website at: <http://www.495thsquadron.org>.

Submitted by John Morley

INSIDER'S VIEW

Submitted by Roy Arsenault

So you think you would like to get into radio controlled airplanes ? You drove by Pinnacle street and you were amazed to see the great memorial to captain John Ogonowski, then you also noticed several individuals looking up at the sky. It was then that you realized (after reading the inscriptions on the monument) that you were witnessing several persons enjoying their hobby/sport of flying radio controlled model aircraft .

The longer you watched the ongoing events the more your interest was piqued to find out more about this great pastime. All this sounds so familiar to most of our 495th members . Now I would introduce you to a person who epitomizes radio control aviation in all its phases, his name is Gus Deltwas yeah good old Gus (as if you didn't know). Over the years this author has had the opportunity to get to know Gus a lot better than most of our members .

Let's start with his open invitation to visit with him at his home. He lives in South Lawrence with his wife Diane and let's not forget his ever faithful pal and buddy, the friendliest dachshound in this here world (this is a proven fact) Maxie. Maxie is a legend in his own right.

Gus' entire home is dedicated to everything aviation especially radio controlled planes and photos of planes adorn the walls and the ceilings all over his entire house.

You enter his workshop and you are greeted by a huge "super cub" in the process of being scaled to match the original plane with all the aluminum plating and the rivets, plus the rib stitching installed. The cockpit is fully equipped with all sorts of scale instruments and controls that give the large super cub a look of reality that is truly amazing.

On your left side is a wing rack, hanging on the wall loaded with more than a dozen wings of every description for many of the aircraft that you see in this area.

There is a large beech "Bob Cat" all framed and covered with a "million" wires protruding from the wing. Twin engines with retracts and all sorts of navigation lights that really work, add to this a fully instrumented cockpit and it makes this plane a true work of scale art.

There is a rebuilt /repaired Nieuport biplane ready for its next outing, a red cub over thirty years old that is still in flying condition, a Waco biplane that is ready for covering, plus hanging from the ceiling and adorning the walls are multiple types of other aircraft in all phases of construction ---even a helicopter sits nearby waiting its turn to get back into the air .

A fully equipped workbench with all the necessary accessories is ready for its next task with a small table saw and a lathe nearby to facilitate any special repairs or parts that must be manufactured to bring yet another plane to flying status .

Gus is an expert at aircraft repair and building, no job is beyond his expertise, as you probably already know ----and if you don't know, you will by the time you leave his work area. You're left with the impression that you have met a fully qualified RC aircraft specialist.

You may think that the aforementioned statements in this article are somewhat prejudiced but believe me they are all true .

Now to finalize this praise that this author has heaped on Gus here is some more news that will make you a believer in his abilities .

Anytime that you have a problem with any type RC aircraft (he does boats too) and you require some assistance or advice; ask Gus. You may be familiar with a dope addict's need for drugs

Well, radio controlled aircraft are Gus' addiction.

He is pleased to hear from you and more than willing to assist you in any way. He also enjoys having you visit him at his home workshop. He will help improve your enjoyment of radio controlled flying.

Now if you believe that this author has painted an overly colorful picture of a man, seeing is believing. Get to know Gus (and Maxie) and you too will become a believer. No Gus is not a saint but he sure knows radio controlled aircraft and he is also always ready to help .



Gus and his pal Maxie

RC Tails

By Roy P. Arsenault

Chapter 6

They checked out the plane and found the fuselage loaded with dark plastic bags. "What do you think is in those bags Terry "asked Josh?

" I don't know but I'll bet that whatever it is, it's not a legal operation that is going on because there is too much mystery about the entire situation like the shotguns and RC planes. We should let the sheriff in on this.

I think I'll call my uncle on my cell phone and see what he says we should do.

Returning to their horses, Terry dialed Uncle Bruce and relayed the day's events to him.

Uncle Bruce told them to mount up and get away from there fast.

Terry also described the old building to his uncle, who told him he was familiar with the old bar. He knew exactly where it was located.

" let's have a last look inside the barn before we leave, Terry' said Josh.

"Okay, maybe we might have missed something ".

They brought their horses back to the door of the old barn, tied them to the side of the barn, on a broken board and entered the old building to investigate further.

While they were examining the far end of the barn, where the RC plane was located, they failed to hear a car pulling up to the barn door.

Two burly men jumped from the car even before it came to a stop, running into the barn one of them shouted "stay where you are or you're dead " while pointing a sawed off shotgun at them. They took the two boys completely by surprise. "Who are you guys and what are you doing here?" shouted the other guy menacingly. "Come on step outside so we can see just what you are up to" he grumbled.

"We were just riding by and saw this old barn when we decided to stop and see what might be in it, we've done nothing wrong. we didn't know it was private property honest mister we don't know anything else. Can we go now " pleaded Terry.

"You'll go when we let you go "he growled, as he went to speak to the driver of the car.

"What'll we do with these two kids Charlie? "

" I don't know we'll have to talk to Antonio and see what he says. meanwhile we tie them up till Antonio gets here, I'll contact him on the phone now ".

"Hey you two guys ----- get over here ".

Opening the trunk of the car, he produced some rope and tied both boys to a post inside the old barn.

"Gee Terry what's going to happen to us now ?"Asked Josh.

" I don't know,, but I hope uncle Bruce gets here soon ". Replied Terry.

The three men meanwhile were sitting in the car with the doors open, waiting for whoever was supposed to be coming there. A half hour passed when an SUV arrived on the scene. As the boys surmised, this guy must be the big man of the group. He would make the decision as to their fate in this matter.

(Continued in chapter seven)



Submitted by Bobby Knight

Here's a 2 year old rumor, I have been hearing!

"John Morley is going to put up a new Pin Pole".

Rumor has it the Jack Bergland bought a new A.R.F. Airplane, with a 65 Saito /4-stroke engine. This I can't wait to see!

Well Duck Tape, Tony Covino "U-Can-Do", can't do it anymore.

Henry Duffy got a new Moped. Second Childhood coming up, huh Duffy!!

George Desrosiers finally advanced to the modern age of R/C-ing. He came out of the Dark Ages with a new computer transmitter.

Paul Nawossa got a new puppy and one year's worth of dog food. Now into 7 months with the puppy, he found out it is a Horse. He is now looking to trade off 5 months of dog food for a few bales of hay.

Steve Jackson bought a hearing aid, because of several complaints about his Smith Mini Plane's DB Level.

Lastly there is a Rumor out about Paul Howard flying Model Airplanes. I suggest you go to the field around 7:30 am, to check out this Rumor and see if it's true.

Winter at Pinnacle Street Reporting & photography by Bob Knight

The Parking Lot was plowed again on January 7th, Saturday, thanks to Mike Johnson. Mike is a club member and a nice guy to talk with. If you see him, don't forget to say hello and thanks for the snow plowing.



Bill Johnson, was out there Saturday, January 7th flying. At 75 years old, with the temperature at 36 degrees, he sure puts a new slant on age. He is a long time model flyer with a lot of good ideas. Electric or Fuel, he loves all of it. Keeping up with the younger guys, isn't any problem with Bill. If you go to RC Warehouse, say hello to him. He works there part-time and if you can't recognize him, he's the good looking guy behind the counter.



Jack Bergland showed up January 7th, Saturday, at his regular time 2:30 pm. This meant that the house is clean. The washing, ironing and supper preparations was done so he could take an hour out for flying. After a couple of flights, he checked the time on his watch. He then mumbled a few short words and was gone, to put the supper on the stove.

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