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495th R/C Squadron July

Club Meeting - Bring your latest projects for Show and Tell. Let see what everyone has been building lately!

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

Super Fun Fly Report

By Roy P. Arsenault

They started to arrive early anticipating a hot and muggy day, their enthusiasm matching the weatherman's predictions of a hot and scorching day All these 495th RC Squadron members knew this SUPER FUN FLY was to be a long remembered and enjoyable series of events.

Canopies and chairs were placed in strategic positions so as to be able to better view and enjoy the upcoming activities as they occurred. This was not to be a one person endeavor ----far from it ---everybody pitched in one way or other to make the day all that it became. YES it turned out to be one of the most entertaining and enjoyable events ever to have been presented at our flying field.

Our flag was flying high and after a really stirring rendition of the STAR SPANGLED BANNER -----a profound period of silence was observed in memory of Captain John A. Ogonowski for whom our Pinnacle flying site has been dedicated. A very nice photo of Captain OGONOWSKI was on display on the memorial in his honor for all to see, courtesy of the OGONOWSKI family and with the help of Dick Fedorchuk who procured the photo. George Werber then greeted everyone in attendance with his flyby towing the 495th Squadron banner welcoming everyone to our Super fun fly.

The first contest event proved very definitely that our current chief instructor ----JIM THOMPSON was beyond any doubt the fastest flier in the 495th RC Squadron. He performed the required three loops and three successful passes under the limbo ribbons in the amazing time of 29 seconds, a record that will surely stand for some time to come. Coming in second was RICK BRETON at 45 seconds and BILL COPP in third place.

This event provided many spectator thrills with five crashes as the tiny crepe paper ribbon suddenly became an insurmountable barrier to many a flyer who approached it with grim determination. With thirteen contestants it was also great to behold MIKE RIDLON's attempts as he successfully proved that even his big and slow Eindecker surely could and did perform these maneuvers even if his time was above all the others. His flight with his antique plane was a beautiful sight to behold.

The static display showed that the 495th RC Squadron is endowed with not only great builders but also some of the most beautiful airplanes seen anywhere. Mr. GUS DELTWAS ' diligent adherence to meticulous scale reproduction earned him a first place recognition certificate for his excellent rendition of his L-4 SUPER CUB. BOB MICHAUD's giant five cylinder Stearman put him in second place. with JOHN W. HAGGERTY in third place with a very spiffy P-51 fighter. This was a very tough event to judge as there were so many great planes to see and enjoy. Three judges were selected and they did well in their selections, I personally believe that all entries were of top quality.

At about noon time hot dogs, burgers and chips/soda were served by the JOHN MORLEY food purveyors. Thanks JOHN very much.

In order to induce as many of our members to participate in a contest on an equal basis with one another, our third event provided what can be believed to be exactly what it was designed for. A TRUE FUN FLY. It started out with only six contestants but before it was over. almost two dozen flyers had joined in to enjoy what may prove to be the best time they ever had in a flying contest.



A great no stress or pressure introduction to a flying contest where all entrants were on an equal basis regardless of their flying abilities or past experience, This event was just a lot of fun due to the applied scoring system employed to determine the winners. MATHEMATICAL MANIPULATION is the name of this scoring system that put all contestants on an equal basis making it a truly fun event.

Actually as this particular event progressed most members were caught up in the peculiarities of the final scores and the genuine exuberance that erupted into total enjoyment and wild expectations as scores were tallied for each contender. Great disbelief and amazement appeared on many faces as the totals were announced. That changed quickly into smiles of enjoyment as the event progressed and everyone realized they were actually enjoying themselves and having a great time in a contest with no stress or pressure being applied to their flying abilities. Even a student on a buddy box took part in the festivities. The winners -----Dave Silva and Dick Adams tied for first place, with Dave winning the run off flight and Michael Kou coming in third place, a big surprise for him.

Let us not forget the amazing demonstration of 3-D flying put on by CODY WOJCIK who proved that YES RC planes can do these unbelievable maneuvers. With his background music enhancing his superb performance this young gentleman completely mesmerized everyone.

Jack Berglund, Jim Thompson, Dave Silva and Gus Deltwas put on a very fascinating pylon race followed by a great dog fight with Bob Dionne, Jim Thompson and Dave Silva gyrating all over the sky to the amazement of all the viewers. A helicopter demo flight by DAVE SILVA kept viewers breathless with some of his astounding maneuvers

We have arrived at the time for kudos -----in no particular order a special thanks is given to HARRY DUFFY for his impeccable timing of our first event and his assistance to the contestants as they came to the



flight line to begin their contentions in the flying events. Also JACK BERGLUND who did the honors in the second flying event and was instrumental in getting the pylon race. plus all the other chores he performed (AND THERE WERE MANY) to make our fun fly the success it turned out to be. To JOE RAMACI OUR INTREPID EMCEE and FULL WIT who kept us all abreast of the events as they went on and MR. WOJCIK who provided the superb sound system so that we could all appreciate what was occurring as it happened. DICK ADAMS and GUS DELTWAS who without their help and assistance there would not have been a June 11th SUPER FUN FLY.

To all of you who attended our SUPER FUN FLY, I ROY ARSENAULT extend my most sincere THANK YOU. If you participated I know you had a great time. It was a really great pleasure just to be there with all of you.

To add to all the festivities, a full size Robinson helicopter piloted by our own BILL COPP landed at our field. A raffle was held, with Mr. Copp donating a ride in his helicopter as the prize. JOHN MORLEY won this honor and enjoyed the flight.

If I missed mentioning the name of anyone who attended and helped out. I am sincerely sorry. I had a rather busy day trying to keep up with all the events and my best excuse is ----- remember I am a senior citizen and we should not be expected to remember everything.

Once again A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU to all -----Sincerely ROY ARSENAULT

Insider's View

By Roy P. Arsenault

Where will it be

In past 495th news you've heard mentioned "The Guard Rail Group". A bunch of 495th members who inhabit the area around the guard rail that borders our Pinnacle Street flying site.

This group of enlightened and savant gentlemen mostly seniors, are always ready to help solve any and all types of problems that may be burdening any of our members. Domestic, technical or personal problems make no difference, Well to get to the core of this dissertation, there has been a great deal of mind searching and controversy over some of the changes that have occurred at our flying field.

One problem in particular that has caused these gentlemen to go into deep thought and soul searching and has provoked all sorts of discussion among not only our revered Guard Rail Group but many other of our members who come to our field and observe just what it that is causing all the emotion and controversy This writer is fully aware that, YES there really is a major problem here at our flying field. By now you must be aware of the seriousness and anxiety being felt by all our members.

For those of you who are not fortunate enough to be able to get to our field to view this miscarriage that is causing all this heartfelt searching among the membership of the 495th RC Squadron. I would like to bring you up to date.

In my modest opinion, I too am at a total loss in this case to come to a satisfactory solution to this enigma. In order to facilitate and perhaps reduce some of the mind racking pain involved with solving this problem. I have humbly assigned a name to this problem which I hope everyone will accept as the first step in its solution. The name that I have chosen should prove in the long run that all the wordage used in this article has not been in vain --and that it will help bring a speedy and proper solution to this.

Now for the name which I must admit took a lot of deep thought on my part to arrive at. THE PICNIC TABLE CHECKER GAMES. You may all be aware of a checker game is entirely made up of many moves before a settlement is reached.

Our two new picnic tables arrived on May 27th 2005 in bare naked clean as a whistle brand new wood. A very welcomed addition to our already great looking flying site. As soon as these two tables were unloaded from the manufacturer's truck, the checker game began. Seems like everyone present had their own Idea as to where they should be placed.

Whoever happens to be at the field places these tables where they want them to be. The next day, sometimes only a few hours later when the original location chosen by the now departed individual is viewed by

the next interested person, he takes it on himself to relocate the tables to another location that, in his mind is more appropriate and the beat goes on and on.

On a day to day basis, it is anybody's guess as to where these two tables will end up. In all seriousness, it may take a radical change and addition to our bylaws to finally find the proper hallowed ground where these two picnic table will finally be laid to rest, so Gentlemen --keep in touch with your club's activities and if asked you may use your influence and bring an end to this dilemma.

Leave us all hope that this does not bring on utter dissension to our great flying endeavors. LET THE GAMES BEGIN.

Helicopter Fun-Fly

September 17th is the date of the first Helicopter Fun-Fly event for the 495th! There will be a flightline fee of \$10 to join in the fun with your helicopter. Food will be available and a Raffle with great prizes. Pass the word around the Northeast and come see all the fun! We expect a large crowd of pilots from the entire northeast!

RC Tails

By Roy P. Arsenault

Well I'll be doggone

If you reside in a middle American neighborhood as many of us do, you or your next door neighbor probably own a dog. Josh's home was just such a place, no he did not have a dog but his next door neighbor did. This was a very special dog ----not a giant guard dog or a pedigreed show dog with all sort of ribbons attesting to his special breeding. This dog was the friendliest most lovable dog you would ever come across.

Having slightly odd proportions, he was still very pleasant and enjoyable to behold. Built low to the ground and a little longer than he should be for his size, he was still a magnificent creature in his own right. A dachshund fits this description to a tee. The name has German origins and as such this particular dog is called Maxie.

Maxie loves everybody, with no objections to whoever they might be, he just loves everybody and firmly believes that everybody also loves him. To give you an example of his attitude and friendliness, at one time he was home alone when the house was broken into and ransacked. Maxie made the burglar feel right at home by not challenging him one iota, in fact it is the firm belief of Maxie's owner that Maxie was so happy to see this home invader, that he welcomed with what we would call "open arms".

Late one afternoon found Terry and Josh at their club's flying field enjoying the early evening hours together. Practicing touch and go maneuvers and each trying to outdo the other playing follow the leader with their RC planes. All the other members had finished their flying for that day and gone home.

Josh's neighbor happened to watching the flying activities between the two buddies as he had in the past. He found that he enjoyed watching the planes go through their maneuvers while at the same time he could let Maxie romp around the area. Maxie was never still for long on these occasions. He enjoyed chasing squirrels or chipmunks and field mice every time he was at the flying site.

Terry and Josh had parked their vehicles nearby and left their rear doors open after removing their planes. Each of them carried a multitude of RC equipment as is the habit of any well equipped RCer. They were both accustomed to seeing passing motorists stop and park to watch the model planes in action and usually paid little attention to any spectators that might be there. This particular evening was no different.

Nobody noticed the panel truck that parked a short distance from where the boys' vehicles were parked, nobody except Maxie, whose curiosity was aroused at seeing another vehicle in the area. This he must investigate Terry and Josh were still in the air, the occupant of the panel truck exited his vehicle and walked past the open rear doors of Terry's and Josh's vehicles. Slowing his pace as he passed and taking notice of the contents of each vehicle. Terry said to Josh "I've had enough for now ---I'm going to land". OK Terry go ahead, I'll do the same as soon as you get down and out of the way "

The next few minutes passed rather rapidly- Here is how things went. Maxie was snooping around the newly arrived panel truck. The panel truck operator made a sudden move toward Josh's vehicle and took a radio transmitter from inside the open rear door. Terry had landed his plane and was taxiing into the pit area when he noticed what had occurred behind Josh's vehicle. The thief, with Josh's transmitter in his possession turned and ran toward his truck. Maxie seeing him running got all excited and ran to meet him. The thief seeing Maxie coming toward him swerved to avoid him.

Now Terry sprang into action with what he figured was his best shot. He put full throttle to his plane and aimed directly at the fleeing thief. The thief who was in a complete frenzy trying to get away, avoiding Maxie, now saw a plane coming directly at him at full speed This caused him to turn sharply to avoid being struck by the plane. As he made his turn rather quickly, he ran directly into a telephone pole knocking himself out and falling to the ground.

By now Josh had landed his plane and called the police on his cell phone. When the thief was revived, the radio transmitter was still intact laying on his belly, Maxie was licking his face and a burly policeman was patiently waiting to take him into custody. Rather an interesting chain of events to say the least. A later interview with Maxie quoted him as saying " Well I'll be doggone"

Worst Definition of the month

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