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June Meeting Announcement

At the June 7th Club meeting, we will be showing a video presentation of Florida Jets 2006. We will also be showing a number of photographs taken at Top Gun 2006. The fun begins at 7:30 PM. Coffee and refreshments will be served and we will have a raffle.

July Meeting Announcement

We are trying to arrange a special guest speaker from Yellow Aircraft for the July meeting. More details will follow in the July newsletter.

View From The Left Seat™

By

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

Well, the 2006 flying season is off to a great start! On April 8th, the Club held a very successful Spring Cleanup and Opening Day at the Pinnacle Street Field. We had a great turnout to help us clean up the field, eat some delicious hot dogs, and fly model airplanes. Unfortunately, a few weeks later, the Spring Poker Fun-Fly was rained out on May 13th. This event will be rescheduled soon, so check the website often for updates! Finally, now that the days are a bit longer, we have begun "Training Night" at the Pinnacle Street Field each Thursday evening during good weather. If you want to enroll in our training program, or just brush off some of the rust that has accumulated over the winter, come on down and join us!

As many of you know, we have had a number of noise complaints from a neighbor adjacent to the Pinnacle Street Field. As a result of these complaints, I have taken it upon myself to measure our noise "signature" in the neighborhoods surrounding the field this spring. I am happy to report that we are operating well below the limits specified in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection Noise Control Regulation 310 CMR 7.10. This regulation states that "the source of sound will be considered in compliance with the DEP noise regulation 310 CMR 7.10 if the source **does not** increase the broadband sound level by more than 10 dB(A) above the ambient sound level". Quite frankly then our challenge is not a technical one, but rather a public relations one. Following the most recent complaint, as your President, I wrote a letter to this individual outlining the

club's noise policy, and detailing the steps we have taken to ensure continued compliance with state and town noise ordinances. I also made a point to describe the many community activities in which the 495th R/C Squadron, Inc. has become involved, hoping to make the point that the Club is a positive asset to the area, and to the Town of Tewksbury. I am cautiously optimistic that this strategy will solve this problem.

The BOD recently presented the membership with a plan to erect a storage shed at the Pinnacle Street Field to store the lawn-mowing tractor. We felt this was necessary given the uncertainty surrounding the continued operation of Wilson's Landscaping Supply where we store the tractor currently. Following the approval of the membership, we have decided that the most cost-effective way to erect a high quality shed at the field is to build it ourselves. On Saturday June 10th, we will have a "shed raising" party at the field. Most of the components will be "pre-fabbed" off-site prior this date, so all that will remain is the assembly of the shed. We are actively seeking volunteers to help with this project, so if you'd like to get involved please plan to attend.

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.

May 19, 2006



Blame it on Gus, folks! Here he is planting corn at the Ogonowski Field.

RC Tails – Chapter Ten

By Roy Arsenault

After breaking up the border smuggler's cocaine ring and the rodeo race event, Terry and Josh found things too quiet around the ranch. Another of their favorite pastimes was investigating the surrounding area on horseback. It was on such a ride that they found themselves at the Mexican border. "Say Josh ----let's cross over into Mexico for a short distance and look around. We are here in the middle of nowhere with no one in sight. I don't see anything to worry about if we just cross over for a short distance" said Terry. "Okay with me" replied Josh. "I can't see anything for miles in any direction". They prodded their horses towards the other side of the road that formed a border between the two countries. They proceeded into Mexican territory following an almost invisible trail that seemed to lead to nowhere. The ground was covered with a variety of weeds and scrubby vegetation. An occasional small lizard was seen scurrying nearby, dashing between the small rocks and stones in an attempt to avoid the soft clip clop of their horses hooves. "You know it's a good thing we brought a compass along with us as this territory looks the same in every direction" exclaimed Terry. After they had ridden a few miles Josh became a bit concerned that they should be thinking about getting back to the states. "We don't want to get too far from home Terry" he exclaimed. They proceeded around a hill, wondering what might be on the other side. What they saw there added a whole new outlook to their so far dull ride. "Hey Terry look at that" yelled Josh -----a small cabin with a fenced in corral was in plain sight before them. "Let's ride over there and see if we can get some directions and water our horses." "O.K. Josh, the most they can do is chase us away" replied Terry, "but folks around here are pretty obliging, and I could use some water myself. They urged their mounts towards the cabin expecting to see somebody in the area, but after getting to the front door of the cabin, dismounting and knocking on the door ----received no answer. It seems like the place has been abandoned. As the two boys investigated the surrounding area looking for anyone or anything that might shed some light on where they were and might also provide some water for their horses. The quiet afternoon silence was suddenly interrupted by the sound of motor vehicles approaching. Not one but two dune buggies appeared coming in their direction at a fast clip. ----- Getting back to their horses, holding their bridles to prevent them from running off in case they should panic because of the two vehicles coming fast, the two boys waited as the two vehicles approached. They were definitely headed for this cabin, of that there was no doubt. The two dune buggies roared into the front yard of the cabin and came to an abrupt stop amid a huge cloud of dust. Turning off their engines -- and after the dust settled down a bit, two men in each buggy approached the boys and demanded to know who they were and what they were doing here. Terry answered them saying "we were out riding and saw the cabin and we thought we might get some water and some directions here". "We can let you have some water okay and directions ----well where do you want to go" asked one of the men. "Which way is the USA border" asked Josh. Pointing north, he told them that they were about five miles away from the border. Next to the corral near a horse trough, were two fifty gallon drums of water where their horses drank to their fill. While the boys drank from their canteens as the water in the drums was on the warm side, but that did not deter the horses all the while the four men remained outside the cabin and watched the boys while they watered their horses. "You guys had enough water" chimed in one of the men, "yes thank you" replied Terry. As Terry and Josh walked their horses towards the front of the cabin where the two dune buggies were parked, Terry noticed the rear section

of both buggies were covered with a tarp . He silently wondered what might be under there. As he proceeded to mount his horse , he noticed what looked like the tip of a model airplane wing protruding from under one of the tarps. "You all set Josh" he asked his friend .----- "yes I am" he replied ." Let's go thanks for the water and the directions guys -----see ya ". Swinging their mounts away from the group , they headed back in the direction that they were given . rounding the hill and away from the view of the four men at the cabin , Terry reined in his horse and said "Josh did you notice what I saw in the back of one of those dune buggies "----- what was that answered Josh . "It looked like the wing tip of an R/C model plane hiding under the tarp . "Terry you don't think that we found the Mexican connection to the drug ring that we helped break up in the States do you"?

To Be Continued

The Legend of Bob Knight

By Roy Arsenault

As much as it against my better judgment I find myself unable to curb myself from tooting a person's horn . Be that as it may , this writer has come to a decision (it was not easy) that an opinionated revelation (for lack of a better word), well maybe we could call it a quick view into the drab existence of Bob Knight .

The facts in this case (which Bob is, a case that is) are mostly legendary, that is to say , there are a great number of stories in existence concerning this individual that are true, semi true and downright false. I will leave it to the individual reader of this epistle to make up his/her own mind as to the validity of the truth in each instance. Here are some "for instances " in this regard. We are all aware of Bob's expertise in the fine art of being a top of the line carpenter (cough--cough) . He is a strong advocate of what the perfect union carpenter should be . He has proven himself by his many examples and prowess at this trade .(choke--ugh) his woodworking skills and abilities rank up there with the best of them (ugh-- cough--cough gurgle ---choke) his finish work is superb (excuse me while I throw up)..... Nothing can be taken away from his professional woodworking abilities . You want proof --- just ask boob --000ps I meant Bob ---he knows it too . He will be more than glad to solve any building problem you may be having or even dream up . I must admit (painfully) that yes Bob really knows his business . Hey-- you-- do not even have to ask him --- he will tell you anyway . It is a well known fact that once he is away from his spouse ----you just cannot shut him up . But when mother is around he is the perfect milktoast ---kind gentle and thoughtful and almost adorable by certain standards (isn't this getting sickening ---yuck) Why do you think Bob spends so much time at the Pinnacle field ? While he is there he can spout all the baloney he wants too without being chastised by mama. A great deal of his oral projections are the result of some poor unsuspecting club member asking Bob a question about almost any subject .-----that starts it off ---then Bob goes into the deepest depths Of whatever the subject at the time may be-- till you wonder if he will ever either run out of breath or subject information . I must confess that a lot of the information that emanates from his vast storage of information has merit-- (oh my goodness--- I can hardly go on) . He has even helped me out on more than one occasion (gulp--brack--upchuck). Bob is easy to get along with ??????????????If he don't want to be in your company , he will distant himself from

you--and will tell you what he thinks of you . He is usually very outspoken at all our club meetings .(didn't I tell you he never shuts up) there aren't too many things that he is satisfied with ----- World events are one of his favorite hates . Bob is very innovative---give him anything (for free) and he immediately has figured out several other uses for whatever he has just acquired , no matter what it happens to be . Bob also has a jealous streak in him----- you see he actually believes that he is more frugal (cheap) than I am (that really pisses him off) To finalize (its about time) I expect a brutal rebuttal to this article in the near future --so keep an eye out for it , since he tried his hand at poetry he believes that he has attained superiority over the rest of us mere humans. (we still love you Bobby)

Rumors from the Pin Pole

By Bob Knight

Has anyone wondered what hold Oprah has on Zari? It seems he has to rush home each day to watch her. Are we missing out on something here!!!!

Gossip has it that a training program might be in order to teach, 'How to land in a Corn Field'. Maybe Don Brassler, will become the Chief Instructor to teach this course. He has inside info on how to do it ~ Tail wheel first, is the way to go and Don is the Expert.

Steve will not be teaching this course and will be relegated to Landing Strip Only, since he flunked his first trial test on Corn Field Landing - BIG TIME –

Has anyone noticed that the **NEW PIN POLE** looks exactly like the old one???

Come Join the Club!

by Tony DiFinizio

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This is now my second year of club membership and I am working to get more involved in club activities. My mission this season is to bring more people from the club into the spotlight, especially newer members and some of you young bucks.

Right now club meetings are attended by “the usual suspects”, a group of about 30 guys who come every month. This core group always shows interest in what’s going on in the club and cares very deeply about issues pertaining to the club. These guys are to be commended for caring enough about the club that they bring their passion to every meeting.

Still, this group is less than 15% of the membership. I think it is especially important for newer members to get involved in club activities. You can bring new ideas and a fresh perspective to the meetings.

You don’t have to do anything if you don’t want to, you can just sit there and see how the club operates. Or you can jump in any time with a suggestion or issue that needs addressing. It’s up to you.

An added bonus is that there is always something going on at the meetings. They plan ice cream socials, Italian dinners, raffles, videos of flying events and all kinds of fun things to do. Last month we had a scale show where you could see some amazing scale planes. This month they had a “show & tell” night so we could see what people have been working on all winter. I was disappointed

that only about 6 people showed up with a new plane when I know almost everyone has at least one new plane in the hangar this season. Even though there were only a few planes the event was a big hit. You would have been able to see a 3 piston engine and hear about a builder who crashed a Contender almost 20 years ago and then built a new one this year. You'd even get to see my new Sig Four Star that I made from a kit! OK maybe that wasn't so exciting but I'm kind of proud of it. Lastly we got to see a real turbine powered jet plane up close. You won't ever see that at the field and may never have the chance to see one again. At the end of the meeting the owner fired it up in the parking lot and it was a sight (and sound!) to behold. The whine of that turbine was awesome and something every modeler should see and hear.

One other thing you can do is volunteer. You don't have to give 4 hours of hard labor either. A lot of work goes into an event such as a fun fly. People are needed to run the event, set up a tent, keep a stopwatch for timed events, keep score of certain events, run the grill, go get ice etc. These activities are normally conducted by the officers of the club and a few others who dig in to help out. Being a club officer is a lot of work as it is and nothing in the club rules says that the officers run the events. Anyone can host a fun fly or field activity. Anyone can help out with the day's events and tasks, especially clean up.

Volunteering can take many forms. This is one right here. Why not take a few minutes to write something for the newsletter? Have a new plane that you built this winter? Send in a photo and a few words and Paul will print it. Have a funny flying story or tale of woe from a bad crash? Send it in and share it!

A Board of Director's meeting is held the Thursday prior to the club meeting. It's an informal gathering at the Jade East Chinese restaurant in Tewksbury. Anyone can attend. I've been to a few so far and plan to go whenever I can. This is the meeting where the board discusses issues and tries to come up with a plan to deliver to the members at the club meeting. This is a great way to get to know your club officers too. You need to come to the club meeting in the fall and vote for new officers for next year. How are you going to vote unless you get to know the guys? Remember when your grandfather told you that you can't cry about the government unless you vote? He was right. Get out and vote for the officers that will do the best for the club!

OK that's enough cheerleading from me today. Let me end by challenging you younger guys to really join in and help out. It's your club.

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