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495th R/C Squadron March Meeting

Have you ever wanted to know how to make a professional paint finish for that winter project? Come to the March meeting and learn how from an expert in our club. Bill Copp will give a presentation on how to paint like a professional!

On The Cover

By Jim Thompson

While in California in January I enjoyed some RC soaring off the cliffs of Sunset Beach. The cover picture shows the runway of sand on the top of a cliff next to the ocean. My brother and I flew a Tercel and T-Hawk for two hours before stopping because the transmitter batteries were getting low. How would you like to have this view while flying.

Perhaps some other club members have done some slope soaring in the local area. If so, send me some information on the local soaring sites. Maybe we can get a club road trip together!



President's Message

Members Al Kinnon, John Morley Ron Quattrochi and mutual friend to all, Don Payne(Don built the starting benches is 2003) made a road trip down to visit a R/C Hobby outlet located in North Providence, braving the hellacious traffic and cold weather.

WHY drive to North Providence, R.I. after working hours? Well...we wanted to get together as a group to share stories, grab some dinner, and make fun of yours truly...and also to see what this store was all about.

BRANDS is the former site of BRANDS family clothing, a staple enterprise for many decades. BRANDS became a hobby outlet in 2002 and is run by the same family, Andy and Anna Argenio of Smithfield, Rhode Island.

By the way - Andy is our new AMA District One Vice President. We arrived at 7:30 PM to find Anna and a few employees. Andy was on the road to Muncie for an AMA meeting. So much for pre-planning...It was our fault...we just winged it.

Well, John and Don and Al started to pick out needed items. Ron was busy being anti-social sitting down at a dedicated workstation featuring G2 and G3 R/C flight simulators. After a half hour of flying most of the aircraft in the pull down menu, I had enough. After, we just stood around and had a nice bull session with Anna. She is one hot ticket! Just ask Al!

We left at closing around 8:30 PM and set out to find a local restaurant. Many of us slipped under the bedsheets around Midnight, albeit all in different household mind you!

Rainy Saturday? bored? want to talk to some great people? then set your motor vehicle south to the Providence area and go visit BRANDS HOBBY, Mineral Spring Blvd in North Providence RI.

PS - I mailed Andy a letter inviting him up to have dinner and take in the Scale Show in April. Will let you know if he accepts my offer.

SAFETY: EVERY MEMBER is RESPONSIBLE

www.495thsquadron.org/Fields.htm

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

Some Days You Should Stay In Bed

By Joe Ramaci

I finally wend and did it. I drive from West Roxbury to the field with a fully charged plane and forget the transmitter. With over 40 miles to go back to retrieve it I sat at my chair and sulked. I scanned the flag post and no one was on my frequency to borrow a transmitter. Steve Jackson came over and said that he had a transmitter he had bought from Bob Knight and that he only lived 15 minutes away and would get it for me.

We put the transmitter on and nothing happened! With that Rupert Kosmala came over to give a hand and has a receiver that he can change frequencies with and put it to mine. Nothing happened! We unwrapped the receiver in my plane and re-affirmed the frequency and then checked the on board battery. Fully charged from a Little Trickler system. Now what? A light comes on in my head that I have an AM system and we are trying to transmit with a FM system. We have a great bunch of guys that will help without being asked, but it doesn't make up for the dumb things we do.

P.S. - To add insult to injury, I went to the field the next day and crashed on takeoff on the first flight!

Special Meeting May 4th

During the February board meeting some changes to the club bylaws were proposed and are to be voted on by the club membership during the May 4th club meeting as the business portion of the meeting. The proposed new bylaws include the following additions to **Article IV**:

9. The field marshal(s) for all club flying sites will be selected by a vote of the board of directors. A two thirds majority of the board members is needed to approve a field marshal.

10. All field rule changes must pass a two thirds majority vote of the board of directors before becoming effective.

The following proposed addition is to **Article V** Classes of membership:

7. Lifetime memberships to the club includes lifetime membership without paying dues. A lifetime membership is achieved by the following process:

- A. A club member in good standing writes a recommendation to document the accomplishments of a candidate member to support the request for lifetime membership for the candidate member. This document must show how the candidate worked beyond the call of duty for at least 15 years service to the club.
- B. The board of directors must unanimously approve the recommendation for a lifetime membership to be given to the candidate.
- C. The club general membership at a club meeting must pass a two thirds majority vote on granting the lifetime membership to the candidate.

During the May 4th meeting these additions will be discussed, changes can be proposed, and the final versions voted on for addition to the club bylaws.

Indoor Flying Report

By Jim Thompson

Bill of Bill's Hobby Barn has been working at getting an indoor facility for RC flying that our club members could use. Bill managed to get the Boys Club in Salem to let us come in and try out their gym for an evening with some of our electric flyers. Once we got used to the area we were to return a week later and give a demonstration to some Boys Club members to show them what RC flying is all about. The volunteers that were recruited for the demonstrations included Chris Rines, Dave Silva, and myself. The demonstrations went well without any crashes!

Dave flew his Shogun 400 helicopter first which turned a lot of heads. Next I flew my AT-6 for a few laps around the gym. The boys had an RC car track setup with a start finish line about two feet off the ground across two orange cones. I couldn't resist making this a limbo event and after a couple tries just made it under the wire. Next came a Slow-V trainer that made a few laps to show what a beginner might fly. And last of all was the smallest RTF RC aircraft on the market, the Wattage Micro Flyer. With rudder and throttle only this is interesting to fly and we learned quick that no throttle meant a dive straight down!

Well that covers the good news and we wait to hear more from Bill about some upcoming indoor fun fly events he wants to hold. The first day of flying we used to feel out the place and was a bit more destructive. Chris Rines started with an E-Flite Tribute attempting some 3D flying. I saw him bounce off the walls, ceiling, and scoreboard before the gearbox gave out. We all know Chris is a great pilot so for him to bounce off the walls there must be something going on!

The size of the gym is the issue! The gym we flew in was the size of one basketball court. Not very big for flying models! I tried flying my E-Flite Ultimate but could just manage to harrier around a bit before landing

hard and making the landing gear come loose. When I started to fly my AT-6 I learned where the edges of the gym were by running into all four walls and both basketball nets. After a number of successful a final crash into the scoreboard mashed the front of the AT-6 up enough it would not fly again that night. When I got home it took a little white glue and 10 minutes to make it ready to fly again. Those foam AT-6 pylon racers are tough!

WARNING WARNING

This is the first of a series of warnings to all 495th rc squadron members of upcoming events that you should all mark on your calendars. On June 11th (rain date June 12th) you are all invited to the John A. Orgonowski memorial RC model flying field on Pinnacle street. This is a saturday. Now you may be all wondering just what will be happening there on that day?

The 495th RC squadron will be sponsoring a super giant fun-fly and bar-b-que for all club members. Now this is not a family picnic but family will be welcomed and you can show off your RC prowess and brag as to how great an RC pilot you are. We expect to find out just who is the greatest whatever in this club, be it the best flyer, helicopter pilot or fastest aircraft of any sort, fuel or electric powered. Even rubber powered planes will be allowed. If it can get off the ground it will be allowed.

If you can take off and land, you have as good a chance to be a winner as anybody there as we will have scoring systems to handle any situation making it all legal and proper. So let's get that plane (aircraft) of yours all set up and get ready for a great day to come soon.

We also have a few surprises in store for you that you will not want to miss, so keep checking the newsletter and the club web page for more news as things progress. Most important of all is we will need your participation. Bring a plane and come on down. You will not be disappointed.

Event Director - Roy Arsenault

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. Pass the word around the Northeast and come see all the fun! We expect a large crowd of pilots from the entire northeast!

Treasurer's Report

February 2005 Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance \$3,181.29

Income:

 Deposits (Dues) 880.00

 Auction Proceeds 534.00

 Cashed CDs 2,000.01

Payments:

 Checks (4) 2,219.27

Ending Balance \$4,376.03

- I have not received the Bank Statements yet, so Interest Income and Fees are not shown here.
- All reimbursements for the Ogonowski Memorial Sign are now paid.
- Arthur Alfano accepted \$200 of the allocated \$300 for the Scale Show.
- This year's rent of \$900 has yet to be paid as of 2/19/05.

Insiders Views

By Roy P. Arsenault

Being an avid reader of the 495th WEB site, I find that any member of our organization who does not take advantage of all the club's news there presented, is not getting full value for their annual dues. Most of you probably do not realize how much of an advantage you are receiving via this tremendous method of dissipating information of club activities, photos, and instructional data.

A great deal of thought and work goes into the production of this web page. From what I have observed the 495th web site ranks way up there with the best in the world. That may be a very large statement to make but if you peruse (SURF) the other RC club web sites, you will soon come to the same conclusion, as many others have, YES -----the 495th RC Squadron WEB site is top drawer---far and away better than most others, and as great as any of the others.

Now I suppose you are thinking that we are tooting our own horn-----As a matter of fact -----yes we are doing just that. We have so many reasons to do so. The best way for you is to view our web site and you too will agree with our findings.

Since its inception we have had more than eleven thousand hits. With that many inquiries you have to believe that we are doing not only some thing right, but we are doing lots of things right. Many of our 495th members are involved with the production of this web site making it the great success it has become.

It has been a well known fact that an RC club is not a fully functioning club unless it has a newsletter. Over the years the 495th RC Squadron has always had a newsletter. The backbone of such a publication is the editor. He is the guy who unselfishly donates hours of his valuable time and expertise to the production of this gem. He coordinates all the contents to make it as appealing as he possibly can.

True he is not alone in its production but without his leadership, there would be no newsletter. With the able assistance of the 495th;s club officers and several other contributors, you get to be included in past, present and future club activities as they progress and occur. Their dedication to improving each upcoming

issue in order to provide all of you with the latest club news and events shows dedication and dedication is what makes for a more interesting and livelier organization for the greater enjoyment of all members.

From all the previous commentary in this article, YOU ----YES YOU the 495th member should draw one conclusion. There is an old adage to the effect that states THE MORE THE MERRIER. That holds true in this case. The more the merrier who take part in and/or contribute to our newsletter as well as have a part in our web page will make these two club functions much better.

Our 495th RC Squadron is loaded with all types of talented people who possess a world of very important and interesting information and other talents that will enhance the overall enjoyment of our membership if they would only get it in their minds that they would like to improve our club. So if you only provide/produce one item or article for one time. you would have made your mark on the world. You will be very much appreciated for all and any contribution you have made for the betterment of your club.

You could write an article (if you need assistance we got loads) or if you have photos or any item of interest-----let's hear from you.

We are already great let's improve on that greatness. HAPPY LANDINGS

WRAM Trip First Report

By Ron Quattrochi

WRAM show was a good take again this year. John Morley, with his capable and GPS equipped-electronic PDA touting side kick, Al Kinnon had the chore of keeping the like of Rick Breton, Clarence White, the Dionne's, Lew Sanderson, David Silva, Paul Howard and Peter Nordberg safe and happy. Again, this was the second time John organized this trip with private funds - no money was kicked in by the club.

Personally, I had the opportunity to present Dave Brown with a beautifully cut and beveled piece of black glass holding a certificate our our appreciation. The cert was neat as it had the Ogonowski Memorial sign logo in the background as a watermark.

Dave looks great after his heart operation and he thanks the 495th.

Also, had a nice chat with our new VP District 1, Andy Argenio. Andy is a great guy and he took me up on the offer to attend Art's Scale Show this April.

The day was rounded out by attending the annual staple - Watching Faye Stilley apply heat shrink model airplane covering like nobody's business.

495th Flashbacks

By Robert and Ralph Dionne

The 495th Squadron,..... Fact or Fiction?

Back in 1972, the name " 495th RC Squadron Inc" was selected to represent a group of local RC flyers, essentially living within the general area of Route 495, north of Boston. This chosen semi-military name was in fact most appropriate for this group. When heard or read, it implied, as it should, the existence of an aviation related organization involving Radio Controlled model aircraft.

Do any current members ever wonder if there was a "Real" 495th Squadron back in WWII, whose name we proudly share? As a matter of fact, there WAS a 495th FTG, and know what? It had a similar role to that of our own 495th RC Squadron,... It was a pilot training group, performing an important function, a tradition that is well carried-on today by our own organization!

Both the 495th and 496th Fighter Training Groups were units of the U.S. mighty 8th Air Force operating out of England during WWII. Their functions were to train fighter pilots in P-38s, P47s and P-51s etc., for many

Fighter Groups consisting of the 4th, 20th, 55th,56th,78th,339th,352nd, 353rd,355th,356th,357th,359th, 364th, and 479th. A number of these Fighter Groups gained great fame status. The two Fighter Training Groups, the 495th and496th were also involved with the operation of a Scouting Force Squadron, the 5th Emergency Rescue Squadron, and the 7th Photo Recon Group. Indeed, a heritage to be most proud of!

It is rumored that prior to rotating home, the 495th Commanding Officer was impressed by an aviation-dedicated English youngster he had met when visiting and distributing gifts at a local hospital. He knew at once from the child's interests and demeanor that this young boy named "Rupert", we believe, would some day, with inspiration, find a place in the USA, that would allow him to "carry on" in the finest tradition of Flight Instruction, as exemplified by the 495th and 496th during WWII.

There are a number of interesting photos and information regarding the 495th and 496th FTGs, including 8th Air Force personnel and aircraft at that time. Refer to <http://www.littlefriends.co.uk/495ftg-gallery.jsp>

There is a very good story on that site about a new P-51 fighter pilot's first combat mission, "Ramrod to Munster." Click on it, next to "Home" in the gray band. The amazing tie-in, we believe, is that the pilot author, Lt. Steve Ananian returned to the States to eventually become our Roy Arsenault's High School English teacher! Just read his story and you will be convinced!

There are other 495ths?..... Fact or Fiction? Stay Tuned!

Worst Definition of the month

Fuel Tank: Plastic bottle, designed to leak when placed in totally inaccessible locations.

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