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495th R/C Squadron November Meeting

November is the month we hold elections for officers. Come to the meeting and vote for your choice to lead our club's direction for the next year.

Nominating Committee Report

At the October 6th 2004 meeting the committee of Roy Arsenault, Gus Deltwas and Al Kinnon presented the following slate of officers for 2005; President Ron Quattrochi, Vice President John Morley, Secretary Chris Rines, Treasure Paul Gosselin and Chief Instructor Jim Thompson. In addition they had these folks to serve as the 3 directors, Dick Adams, Adam Lynch and Dave Silva.

They tell us that we were fortunate to have 3 other people nominated for director from the floor and the field gathering later in the week. The four additional folks nominated for director are Gus Deltwas, Bill Copp, Roy Arsenault & Steve Jackson.

On the bad side, for various reasons, we have lost 3 of the 7 people nominated for Director, Adam Lynch, Roy Arsenault and Bill Copp.

So here we are with a slate of potential officers and directors, 10 in all. So the hard part will be the selection of only 8 of these 9 folks and any more nominated from the floor on November 3rd.

So join us at the meeting on November 3rd to vote for the following;

President Ron Quattrochi
Vice President John Morley
Secretary Chris Rines
Treasure Paul Gosselin
Chief Instructor Jim Thompson
And 3 of the following for Director:
 Dick Adams
 Dave Silva
 Gus Deltwas
 Steve Jackson



Maynard Hill, John Morley, Ron Q., Dave Silva and Chris Rines at the New England Air Museum.
In August of 2003, Maynard flew an R/C model 1,882 miles across the Atlantic ocean!!

From The Editor

We are getting close to the end of another year. It seems we hit a high with our picnic and field dedication. I want to challenge the entire club to keep the momentum going through the rest of the year. Of the over 175 members in our club I have heard from less than ten with contributions for our newsletter. I am sure there are some interesting stories out there just waiting to be shared.

How about some winter project plans? The snow is coming and I spend more time building than flying when it gets too cold out. If you have a project in the works send some info to share.

There are many areas where we can enjoy our sport/hobby. I have tried many and am always on the lookout for more ways. One that interests me is formation flying. Anyone else out there want to work on flying in formation? If you have different ways of enjoying the hobby let us know. There may be others that have never thought of your idea.

Jim Thompson
Editor

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www.495thsquadron.org/Fields.htm

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

Presidents Message

By Ron Quattrochi

Thanks to George Desrosier for designing and installing our new R/C flight station safety/flightline barrier fence shown in the photo.

A few potential situations may have been averted from my observation of several tears in the fence. Subsequent discussions with George indicate a few planes have struck the fence in flight - 'props tear through the plastic material but the models have been contained on the other side. Most AMA clubs have a safety barrier...now we are proud to say we do to!

I attended a horse riding demo on Sunday 10-3-04. This was a return favor to MJ Marcucci, Executive Director of the therapeutic riding program at the Hospital who was gracious enough to attend our field dedication to Capt. Ogonowski on 9-11.

MJ shot a photo of your prez. with new friends Meghan and one of the horses named MARCUS.

Thanks to T.H.E. farm for their efforts to keep our land conserved!

Maine Jets

By Jim Thompson

Attending the Maine Jet Rally has become a tradition for me each year. Each year I am glad that we don't have a paved runway close by or my bank account would be hurting. The sound of turbines just calls out to me and flying 200mph sounds fun!

Adam Lynch, Dave Silva, Mark Silva, Chris Rines, Steve Jackson, Dave Swanay and I enjoyed the day of jets and a nice drive through Maine and New Hampshire.



Adam made a contact with one pilot that flies out of Cape Cod near his parent's home. Now if he can get a bit closer maybe I can get on a trainer box with a jet. Well, maybe not.

The Prosnappers R/C Club of Portland Maine hosted the event for the Jet pilots. The JPO organizes Jet events around the country and looks for AMA clubs to host each event. In previous years the airport at Biddeford Maine was used but they outgrew the airport and looked for a new home this year. The Sanford Regional Airport in Sanford, Maine was chosen and the event was on. With some confusion about the event happening with the venue change pilot attendance was down this year, but the skies remained full of ducted fan and turbine models all day long.



At lunch time there was a set of demonstration flights that are worth the trip alone. An Extra flew a freestyle routine to music that seemed to defy the laws of gravity. With a DA150 motor, canister mufflers, and three bladed prop it also was amazingly quiet for this size plane. Hopefully more effort will be made to make all giant scale planes this quiet.

The JPO

If you are interested in R/C jets it is worth joining the JPO (Jet Pilot's Organization). The JPO is the special interest group that works with the AMA on the rules. A newsletter is published that follows all the Jet events and has regional reports similar to the AMA magazine. I learned some of the jet rules for this year that are geared around safety:

- Max 45 pound thrust
- Speed limit of 200MPH
- Pilot re-qualification process - must fly 20 flights in previous 24 months
- Buddy boxes can allow any AMA member to fly a jet if the master is controlled by a certified pilot (Maybe I will get that buddy box flight in!)

To keep track of the next Maine Jet Rally check out their web site at <http://www.icommercesystems.com/mainejets/>. If you are interested in contacting the JPO, the district I representative can be reached at:

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The Trip home

Adam Lynch and I were enjoying the ride home from the jet rally when we hit traffic near the New Hampshire tolls. We complained about the hold up until we saw the reason for the delay. Chris Rines was standing next to a twisted motorcycle with police and rescue vehicles all around.

After getting his wounds covered enough to keep my new car from getting soaked in blood Adam and I took Chris to the hospital for some cleanup work. When you see him at the field ask how the road rash is doing!



RC "Tails"

By Roy P. Arsenault

Chapter Five

The next day the two buddies decided to check out the local veteran's hospital to see if they could come up with some answers to their questions. It was easy to track Jerry down, as he was a permanent guest at the local veteran's hospital and well known by the staff.

They had a slightly different story to relate concerning our WW 1 hero. Jerry was a disabled veteran, sure enough, but not due to his WW1 experiences. Jerry was a combat infantryman and was seriously wounded in combat in Europe during WW TWO. Confined to a wheelchair, he also had received serious head injuries. After a long series of operations which affected his memory, he was put in a veteran's rehab hospital for a long time.

These rehab hospitals are crowded with many disabled veterans. He was assigned to a room with a true WW 1 disabled veteran. They became fast friends even though there was a great difference in their ages. Jerry was to hear over and over many times exactly how his roommate, who was really the WW 1 pilot that had experienced all that Jerry had related to Terry and Josh about his adventures during WW 1.

Jerry's memory as you remember was affected by his disability, so he became easily influenced by the stories he heard from his WW 1 friend. He heard those stories so many times, he got to a point that he really believed that they all had happened to him. If you ever get the chance to visit a veteran's hospital, you will fast realize that a case like this one is not a unique occurrence. To this day Jerry still believes that he became a disabled veteran due to his WW 1 flying experiences as a pilot flying an SE-5 in a dogfight.

If you have never been to a veteran's hospital -----do visit one. You will be amazed and humbled by your experience. Only then will you come to appreciate and realize what these veterans have been through. It is a heart wrenching experience. You will end up with a very high regard for these heroes, who for God and country put their lives " IN HARMS WAY "

A few days later found Terry and Josh back at the flying field. Terry was going to check out his pal for his flying solo. "You sure got caught up with that old veteran didn't you Terry? Yes I did, he was really a nice guy. Let's check out your plane before we get to your solo. Terry inspected Josh's plane and found all was in readiness for his solo flight. Josh performed his solo flight in great order and was congratulated by all those at the field. Josh was astonished at his success -----Hey I just soloed !

WOW look at me shake all over. For the remainder of the day Josh made several solo flights to prove to himself that -----Yes he had soloed. All summer long Terry and Josh were inseparable friends at the field. A truly solid friendship has developed between these two pals. Late one Saturday afternoon as most of the fliers had left the field, Terry and Josh had been experimenting with Terry's Telemaster. They had mounted a camera in the plane and were taking turns photographing different areas at and around the flying field.

"Hey ---Josh how about coming to my house and we can develop the pictures we took today. Great idea Terry. After cleaning up their planes they headed to Terry's house, Terry had a complete photo lab adjoining his plane hobby room. After developing and printing the film, they found most of the photos were pretty clear. The landing strip was well defined. A couple of photos even showed another model plane in flight.

One photo in particular caught their attention. It was a picture of a clearing way over to the far side of the flying field, away from everything. Surrounded by trees, it could not be seen from the flying area. Closer scrutiny showed what looked like several persons in this clearing.

" Let's put the negative in the enlarger to see if we can get a better view of this shot " said Terry. A short time later Terry and Josh were both pouring over the enlarged photo with a magnifying glass to see if they could figure out what was happening in that clearing.

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"Terry look at that , it looks like those guys are either burying or digging up something out there in those woods, What do you think is happening out there. Gee I have no idea , the picture is not that clear "

Instructor's Corner

By Jim Thompson

The training season has ended as the days get shorter. By the time work ends on Thursday, it is already dark out so training night is done until the spring. In the meantime you can still catch a lot of the instructors on other days. I am usually available Sunday at noon at the Pinnacle Street field to give help. Contact your favorite instructor if you want to schedule some training time before training nights start again in the spring.

I have learned as much as instructed this year and want to thank all our instructors and the great job they have done and are doing. If you are interested in being an instructor next year and joining the fun please send me an email or give me a call. This year I learned about electric RC and for the first time I believe in electric power for training of all types!

Up until now our training has been for new flyers learning the basics. I have been approached by three people looking to learn aerobatics. Please contact me if you are interested in more advanced training. Maybe next year we can start some one day training sessions on certain areas with guest instructors. Let me know if you have any ideas!

Insiders Views

By Roy P. Arsenault

Never in the past history of the 495th RC Squadron has there been so much accomplished by so many of our members. It certainly has been an exiting year for the 495th RC Squadron. A banner year in every respect. All you 495th members have every right to be a very proud group of people.

About a year ago, we, 495th members voted for and elected a group of officers to take over the reins of an RC club that had become almost a disgrace. Name calling, threats, and utter chaos among many of our members was causing the club to fall apart. Never in the club's history was there ever more animosity among the membership.

Suddenly as if by magic there appeared on the scene, one, RON Q ably assisted by John Morley, Jim O'Neill, Paul Gosselin, Jim Thompson, plus a dedicated Board of Directors. The leadership and influence of this group of people set off a spark that quickly burst into a full fledged effort by a great majority of the rank and file who put forth a super effort that brought the 495th RC Squadron all the way to the top of its class as an organization that promotes good fellowship among its members and the surrounding communities.

Their efforts pleased the neighbors and raised the opinion of an entire community in holding the 495th RC Squadron to the highest esteem ever. The 495th also showed its pride and compassion for the victims of terrorism with a memorial of the greatest nature. These are just the headlines of some of the exiting events that took place this past year.

The super efforts of George Desrosier and Dick Slomba, with the able assistance of many other 495th members brought forth a truly magnificent memorial to Captain John Orgonowski to fulfill a dream of Dick

Fedorchuck, in honoring one more of our country's heroes. You can go down the 495th roster list and come up with all types of ideas and efforts on the part of many of our members.

The 495th RC Squadron being named a Gold Leader Club due to the efforts of people like Roger Carignan who put on several RC Aviation presentations for the local community, brought great comments and high esteem from the local community.

Many others are still involved in other ongoing community affairs. Our flying display at the Tewksbury Hospital directed by Rupert Kosmala is yet another event that we can all be proud to have been a part of, and the list goes on and on.

The 495th RC Squadron's RC training program, led by Jim Thompson and his group of instructors, introduced, instructed and soloed many new members. The 495th RC Squadron's annual picnic was again another grand affair that raised the club's esteem in this town. With the Academy of Model Aeronautic's National president, Dave Brown, who made time to attend and add his congratulations to our growing list of credits.

Look around at our flying field, the place looks like a million dollars, thanks to people like Bob Knight and Gus Deltwas who tidy things up and keep the grass well trimmed for great takeoffs and landings.

Never in the past history of this club has there been so much accomplished by so many people. We have many people who perform all sorts of menial tasks and get no recognition for their efforts, but they go on doing all sorts of undercover and unannounced tasks just the same not looking for any type of rewards but, they do it for the club. They are glad just to be members of a great organization with a great bunch of people and have a fabulous flying sight to enjoy whenever they get the urge to go out and fly their aircraft.

This author has personally seen all sorts of "NICE THINGS "done by many of our members. You can see the satisfied look on their faces and you can almost hear them saying "Gee I'm glad I am a member of the 495th RC Squadron "This is certainly a proud outfit with a great group of people who care about many things. Thanks to all our members the 495th RC Squadron is what it is because of YOU.

Worst Definition of the month

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