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| Coming Events                                  |   |
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| Thursday, September 28 8:00 p.m.               | Club Meeting<br>East Brunswick Library  |
| Tuesday, October 24, 8:00 p.m.                 | Club Meeting                            |
| November                                       | No Meeting                              |
| Wednesday, December 6, 8:00 p.m.               | Club Meeting, Election of 2007 Officers |
| Saturday, December 9 <sup>th</sup> , 7:00 p.m. | Annual Dinner, O'Connor's               |
| Tuesday, January 23, 2007 8:00 p.m.            | Club Meeting                            |

**Annual Dinner** by Mike Forbes

It doesn't matter if you're Christian, Jewish, Islamic - whatever, as long as you're hungry. I've selected O'Connor's Beef & Chowder House this year. It's been a favorite of Melissa & myself for a while now. The dinner will be at 7:00 on Saturday, Dec. 9th. Bring your wife, girlfriend, or both! All kids are welcome too, except mine. Something about a restraining order....

They have offered us five different meals to choose from. The cost is \$30.00 per person attending. Please use the coupon at the end of the newsletter to fill in your name, mark how many of

each you will be having, and return this with your payment.

The choices are:

- Top Sirloin
- Maryland Crab Cakes
- Chicken Charlemagne - (Sautéed with Broccoli, Mushrooms, Swiss, Gruyere and Sherry)
- NY Strip Steak
- Scampi and Prime Rib
- Kids meal (choose from their kids menu) - \$10
- Vegetarian meal available upon request

Coffee, Tea, Soda, Salad Bar, Vegetable, Starch & Ice Cream Sundae are included. There will be a Cash Bar.

Please get cash or check to George Vetricin by Tuesday, October 24<sup>th</sup> (October meeting date)

O'Connors is located at 1719 Amwell Rd, Somerset, NJ 08873. Their phone # is 732-873-3990.

Their website is [www.oconnorsbeef.com](http://www.oconnorsbeef.com)

At the end of the newsletter there is a coupon for you to fill out and give to George Vetricin

Directions will be printed in the October and December newsletter.

## Elections

Alex Szemere ([TCRCY2K@aol.com](mailto:TCRCY2K@aol.com)) (732-821-5644) and Milton Silverstein ([MiltSilver@verizon.net](mailto:MiltSilver@verizon.net)) (732-390-5496) have volunteered to be the election committee.

If you are interested in an office or know of someone who might be interested, let the committee know of your interest.

### “From the Leader of Your Pack!”

I don't have much to report this month. I do get to fly most weekends (weather permitting) and am having an 'interesting' season.

The 'interesting' is that for the first time in several years I broke a couple of airplanes – nothing serious, but none-the-less, I have dinged, banged up, and mangled more than one for sure. The group I generally fly with is looking at me funny because it is not something I do very often.

Even more interesting is that those incidents are all pilot error incidents – stalled on landing, lost airplane in the shadows over a stand of trees that was backlit, and a little bit of plain old stupidity thrown in.

The good news is that it is all fixed and ready for more fun and games.

At this meeting we start to collect for the dinner at \$30 per person. It would be very helpful if everyone who will attend can sign up early and make it easy for the organizer (Mike Forbes) to get this thing together, and please, no last minute guys! Money will be collected September and October, and then it is closed.

Please use the dinner coupon in this newsletter. I would also suggest that we try to get in a fall picnic before the weather changes. I would suggest the last Saturday in October at Edison (for our members only). We have organized same at Edison 3 or 4 times and no reciprocation, so I feel it is time we take care of ourselves since none of the other clubs have offered to sponsor or support the program. This is something we can discuss at the September meeting.

We also need someone to organize elections for 2007 officers. (This was written before Milt and Alex submitted the information on page 1- Ed.) I will not serve as president next year, and we really need someone else to take over. I've done 6 years, and now it is time for someone else. We need someone who is a flyer and has been active with the club two or more years so at least that person will know what is expected. FRESH BLOOD is needed urgently.

I don't know about the other officers – most of us have been in the same positions throughout my tenure and I assume they may have similar feelings.

I will be willing to sit on the board in some capacity, but it is clearly time for a new leader.

I have been semi-busy in the shop at home. I am putting together a Hanger 9 P40 (60 size) and powering it with an RCV 91 – It is nearing completion, and if I can, I will bring to the meeting for you all to salivate over.

At this point I have too many airplanes and can't seem to part with any either. You know this hobby is a sickness for some of us?

Hope to see you this month, work permitting.  
Norm

## Guest

Francis Nyguen came to our August meeting. A resident of Piscataway, Francis is interested in our club. His goal is to learn to fly both fixed and rotary winged craft.

## August Drawings

The “50-50” drawing was split between Bill Keller, George Vetricin, and John Schwolow.  
Milt won the gallon of fuel.

## Qualified Fliers and Beginners' Night

- Alex Szemere

Ah, the feeling of success. If you see some really big smiles on the faces of Ricky Camacho and David DeLeo, then you know that they both have successfully qualified at the Edison field. (Alex

didn't say if shirrtails were cut, but, then again, I can't remember the last time that was done. – the Ed.)

That's two, and there are more getting closer to earning their wings. So come on out and get in some flying time before it gets cold and dark.

Every Tuesday night is beginners' night at Edison Field. We have some very qualified instructors that really want to help you get your wings.

Currently Alex Szemere (732-821-5644), Rich Dvorin (732-254-2679), Charlie Bisette (732-251-5103), and Ed Pochinski (732-846-4895) are our regular Tuesday night instructors. However, instruction is not limited to Tuesday nights. If you would like to train some other night or on the weekend, just call an instructor and work out a convenient schedule.

### **This Month's Classic Mystery Ship** by Bill Keller

The ancestors of the "Skunk Works" designed our Mystery Ship this month. Like most of their work, this job was cutting-edge technology at the time: 1936 (which was a very good year, ref Chrysler's "Airflow"). Later versions of this plane were "Junior" and "Senior." ...Whatzit?

### **August's Classic Mystery Ship** by Bill Keller



Our Mystery Ship last month was (as you probably guessed) the de Havilland D. H. 98 "Mosquito." It was the "Lockheed SR-71" of its day, like the "Skunkworks" Blackbird of Kelly Johnson. Only this one was built by de Havilland and made of plywood and balsa (sound familiar?) due to anticipated light-metal shortages brought on by WWII. The Mosquito was a home-run design, far

exceeding its flight goals. It could flat-out leave any attacker far behind and was used initially for unarmed recon/photo missions, exceeding 400 MPH. For display purposes, it could do climbing slow-rolls on one engine. The wood/composite structure enabled it to absorb intense punishment and still bring the crew home. The fuselage was built in a plywood-balsa-plywood sandwich on top of spruce formers, and constructed in two halves, each having the control/component hardware installed, then glued together. The demand for Mosquitos dictated that they also be built in Australia and Canada; a total of 7,781 being built. The basic airframe was built into 43 variants. What a hot-rod: 14,000 lbs. and powered by two 1620 HP Rolls-Royce Merlin engines, giving a service ceiling of 33,000 ft. and a range of 1650 miles.

Some of the above data was taken from the Complete Encyclopedia of World Aircraft.....Bill Keller

### **Uncle Milt's Adventures.** By Milton Silverstein SOARING ABOVE THE MOUNTAINS

What a fantastic flying experience I had! Last week, Sherry and I were in Durango, Colorado. I spotted a pamphlet to "Fly Like a Bird." It was the Durango Soaring Club offering scenic glider rides. I told the pilot that I had flown before, so they put me in the front seat of a two seater with the pilot behind me. We went up in a Super Blanik L-23. Wing span 60 feet. Weight about 700 pounds. The tow plane was a low wing crop duster. It took us up to about 10,000 feet over the San Juan Mountains and released us. That's when the pilot gave me the stick and I was doing the flying! The plane was very responsive to the controls. I had no trouble keeping the plane level and making the turns. The ride was 45 minutes, and I brought the glider down with the pilot's help. We made a super landing that Charlie and Alex would have been proud of!

It was so exciting, I could see forever!  
Milt

## For Sale

Cutting back on the hobby. Many goodies for sale. Wing and fuselage jigs, props, planes, covering materials, engines, spinners, mufflers, landing gears, wheels, motor mounts, fuel tanks, Kraft servos and trays, prop balancers, retract gear, and miscellaneous goodies. The kits and engines are up to "60 size."

If interested please call William Bloom, 908-232-5714, [officehouse@comcast.net](mailto:officehouse@comcast.net).

## Wanted

I received an email the other day from another club. Seems a gentleman is searching for information about a "PB2Y." His request:

My father flew this plane in the Pacific during WWII and I have always wanted to build a RC model of it. I search the web every two or three months to see if I can find a set of plans for this plane but no luck so far.

I was hoping that maybe you or anyone in your club would have information on where I can find a set so that I can build an RC version.

Any and all help would be greatly appreciated.

Thanks and safe flying,  
Rich Michaud  
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Dover, NH

Member of the Rochester Modelers Club our of Rochester, NH

If you can help Rich, please contact him.

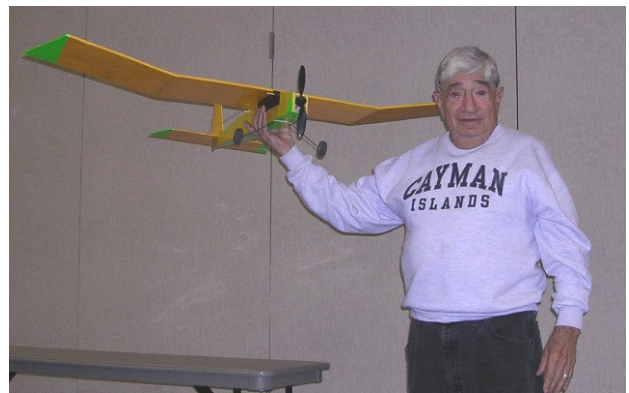
Got something to sell? Want something and cannot find it? Put it here. It works.

## Model of the Month

There were two models at the August meeting.



Bill Bender had a Great Planes EZ 40 ARF. The 59-inch wingspan model is of balsa and lite ply construction and is covered with white, red, and blue MonoKote. The 6 pound model is powered by an OS .50 engine and is controlled by Airtronics. Bill uses a 12 x 6 prop to pull the plane. Bill said he needed to put 2 oz. of lead in the tail to get the model to balance.



Milt held high his Tom Hunt designed "Slomowatt" that he built from Modelair-Tech plans. The 53-inch wing span plane is built almost entirely with 1/8 x 1/4 inch balsa sticks and is covered in yellow and green MonoKote. A geared 380 brushed motor pulls around the 14 oz. Futaba equipped plane.

Milt won a gallon of fuel for his efforts.

## Web Site

Have you visited our web site recently ([www.tricountyrc.com](http://www.tricountyrc.com))? Even though Norm is traveling a lot, he is still taking the time to update our site. Norm has been adding reminders, links, notices, and even some upcoming events. The 2007 meeting dates are posted there. The club's training manual is even listed on the main page – just be aware that clicking on the link will open a “pdf” file. This file could take a few moments to load depending on your connect speed.

## Non-Club Events

October 7. Trains and Lanes Swap Meet. Sponsored by the Lehigh Valley Radio Control Society .Easton, PA. Held at the Trains and Lanes 38525 Northwood Ave, Easton, PA  
 November 11. Annual JCSF RC Auction. Held at the Croydon Hall Gym. Go to [www.jcsportfliers.org](http://www.jcsportfliers.org) under “calendar of Events” for more information and directions.

See you at the meeting,

John

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| <b>Annual Club Dinner</b>                           |  | <b>7:00 p.m. Saturday,, December 9<sup>th</sup></b> |
| <b>Held at<br/>O’Conner’s Beef ‘n Chowder House</b> |  |   |
| <b>Name(s)<br/>(qty)</b>                            | _____  |   |
| _____   | <b>Top Sirloin</b>   |   |
| _____   | <b>Maryland Crab Cakes</b>   |   |
| _____   | <b>Chicken Charlemagne</b> (Sautéed with Broccoli, Mushrooms, Swiss, Gruyere, and Sherry)  |   |
| _____   | <b>NY Strip Steak</b>  |   |
| _____   | <b>Scampi and Prime Rib</b>  |   |
| _____   | <b>Kids meal (choose from their Kids menu) \$10.00</b>   |   |
| _____   | <b>Vegetarian meal available upon request.</b>   |   |
| <b>Total attending</b>                              | <b>Mail check payable to “Tri-County R/C Club.<br/>Mail to: George Vetrecin<br/>341 North Main Street<br/>Milltown, NJ 08850</b> |   |
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