



MONTHLY CLUB MEETING...

Tuesday, June 1st, 7:00 pm

Outdoors at "The Field"

(Weather Permitting)

Our Changing Calendar

LOGISTICS – Meet us once again at the flying field, this month for an EVENING meeting! It's a new normal as we continue to gather outdoors. The blessing of a diverse membership also means some flexibility is important. We've missed the members who were unable to attend the last couple of months' afternoon meetings and this month's schedule is designed to help with that – I hope you'll all join us there at 7:00pm this coming Tuesday!

Coming Events

May 29-30 – [Westmoreland Cty Airshow...](#)
Arnold Palmer Fld, Latrobe, PA

May 31 – JRC Club Family Picnic

Jun 1 – JRC Club meeting at the Field

Jun 5-6 – Mid-Hudson RC [Early Aviation Fun Fly](#), RhineBeck Aerodrome, NY

Jun 12-13 – [Warbirds Over Gettysburg](#), Gettysburg, PA

Jun 19 – [Indians Flyers Soltice Fun Fly](#), Homer City, PA

Jun 27 – JRC Club Family Picnic

Jun 29-30 – Invitation to fly at Indiana, PA RC club

Jul 6 – JRC Club meeting at the Field

Jul 30 – JRC Club Family Picnic

What Day Is It, Anyway?

A lot of things hit the calendar this time of year so it's worth a bit of forethought to be able to enjoy and attend to the ones that are important to you.

The May monthly Family Picnic and the June monthly meeting are just two days apart and they straddle the Memorial Day holiday. Moving into July, then, we meet just two days after the next big national holiday, Independence Day. Bottom line: there's a lot of celebration going on, especially as pandemic restrictions are relaxing, and the coming 100 days are the year's most dangerous, even in a normal year...so plan ahead, and be safe! We want to see you at lots of holidays and events in the months ahead

While we're on the subject of holidays,. I hope we all are in the apparent minority who are aware that the Fourth of July is actually the date on which we celebrate Independence Day – the anniversary of signing the Declaration of independence.

And the related holidays? Coming right up is Memorial Day, one of the three holidays celebrating the military. Memorial Day: is set aside to remember those who lost their lives while serving to protect our freedom and way of life. It's preceded by Armed Forces Day, celebrating all military defending our country and national interests and deterring hostilities against the US. And come autumn, Veterans Day honors all who have served in our military.

I hope you all take some time to enjoy the holidays, reflect on their purposes, and get in some flying and recreation!

What'd I miss?...

The monthly meeting for May convened beneath the canopy at the club aerodrome at 1pm on May 4th

Started off by President Sam Kaplitz with about eleven members in attendance, the meeting began with reading and approval of minutes from the previous meeting, April 1st, by Secretary Paul Yuhas and review and approval of the month's financial status by Treasurer Ken Shilling.

Current business focused on maintenance of the field. The club sends best wishes to Don Hoffman for his continued recovery and produced plans for grass, at least for the time being. Ken Shilling will be cutting the field as needed for expenses of \$45 per cutting, billed monthly, and noted that past requirements averaged 26 cuttings per season. Helping the field's recovery and maintenance, Roger Luther is providing 10lb of grass seed at his own expense. The plan with respect to amendments and treatments is to see how the grub and skunk situation responds to treatments made to date and table further treatments of that or weeds for now.

Lesser discussions reminded the membership of dues – Club, AMA, and FAA registration should all be up to date for flying season. The canopy looks great and the porta-john is ready to “go” ☺. The club website is on the brink of a rebuild in response to the hosting company eliminating the development and support tools our site has been built with up until now: Al Stein will be reengineering the site as soon as practical. And last but not least, Neil Woffinden brought RC equipment for anybody whose current systems can make use of it.

So that's about it for welcoming the month of May. See y'all next time!

Credit Where Credit Is Due

In addition to ongoing service, decades of loyal membership, and generous support to the club, Paul has donated postage for the next few months' newsletters. Thank you, Paul (and Happy Birthday)! And thank you, Ken, Roger, and Scott for your contributions to keeping the runway in top shape!

SIG: “Reports of my death are greatly exaggerated”

Tom Lagerhausen, the financial and operations anchor of Sig's new ownership/leadership team has brought the company's status back into the light. Tom is now providing frequent updates on the Company's status, activities, and projects.

The latest good news regards Sig's backlog of ARF and kit orders. Faced with prohibitive domestic manufacturing costs, Sig's ARFs are now being produced overseas. Sig's working on increasing from the established two ARF shipments per year up to four per year and hopefully more. Right now they're unloading and processing the latest, a container of 480 ARFs, about 400 of which will turn right around to fill existing back orders. Sig hopes for another full shipment by late this summer.

Meanwhile, kits and balsa wood products are once again being produced in Sig's own saw room, which was the center of their catastrophic fire. The saw room is now equipped with a new industrial grade band saw and going into the final stages of installing two 500 watt CRC laser cutters. The Company has received its first shipment of 26,000 board feet of balsa from an Ecuadorian company promising to ship direct to Sig, who has arranged to augment that supply with larger sized pre-cut balsa products from companies in Indonesia and New Guinea.

With many requests, this fall the Company plans to start expanding to additional products, like reviving discontinued kits and designing new ones. Sig is, indeed, alive and kicking, so keep an eye out for lots more good stuff to come from them!

Roaming the 'Drome...

The weather's getting better (off and on, at least) and it's great to see the activity level at the field is picking up quite a bit. Flying's been top of the list, of course, but we've also seen rock picking, mowing (both the runways, setup areas, and picnic area), and even chopping out of some nasty tree roots that have been pouncing on mower blades

Along with these human activities, the local animals have been busy at the field. Unlike previous years' skunk damage, this spring has left us with large areas torn up in half-foot square chunks -- damage a plane can't come close to rolling over and even a riding mower doesn't like too well at all. We haven't yet witnessed the perpetrator in this damage, but two of us found some big scat in one of the torn up areas... nothing a skunk is capable of producing. Still, summer's coming with a lot more food for hungry critters, so let's hope for the best and a healthier field as the season progresses.

Here's a few of the guys at the field -- let's ALL get out there and be in the picture!



And a parting shot...

To keep up with the latest in the ever-changing COVID landscape, Pennsylvania has lifted all associated travel restriction policy. On the vaccination frontier, the FDA Emergency Use Authorization has now been expanded to allow all individuals 12 years of age or older to receive the Pfizer vaccine.

One is considered fully vaccinated two

weeks after receiving a second dose of either of the two emergency authorized vaccines – at which time they may live unmasked and in close proximity to others except as prohibited by regulation including workplace-specific guidance.

Otherwise we're required to wear masks if indoors among others not in our defined clique or outdoors if among others not in our defined clique AND UNABLE to maintain sustained physical distancing.

Application for Membership in the Johnstown RC Club

Date Paid: _____ Check #: _____
Name: _____
No & Street: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone No: _____
Email: _____
AMA #: _____
Spouse's first name: _____

Make checks payable to "Johnstown RC Club"
Send Application and Check To: Ken Shilling
109 Hoyt Street, Johnstown, PA 15904

Note: All club members must have a current AMA card to fly.
What Channel's do you use: _____
Do you use 2.4 Mhz: Y N
Date of Birth: _____
OK to receive your Newsletter
via Email: Y _____ N _____
Membership Categories:
Full-Open Member: \$55 _____
Non-Flying Member \$20 _____
Jr. Membership \$10 _____ (Under age 19)
Dues are for the calendar year

Spring Fun-Fly

Early Aviation, WWI, Classic Era (pre WW2)



June 5-6, 2021

**Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome
Rhinebeck, NY 12572**

\$10 Landing Fee

- Flying Saturday and Sunday, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM
- Food NOT Available on site - Bring your own

More information: www.mhracs.com

Contact: Warren Batson (batson.warren@gmail.com)

A vertical poster for an airshow. At the top, a blue and yellow Super Hornet fighter jet is shown in flight against a blue sky. Below the jet, there is a banner that reads 'SHOP 'n SAVE WESTMORELAND COUNTY AIRSHOW MAY 29 & 30 * 2021 "A HEROES' TRIBUTE"'. To the right of the jet, the text 'WITH THE US NAVY' is written vertically. Below that, the 'Blue Angels' logo is displayed in a large, stylized font. At the bottom right, there is a small crest with the text 'BLUE ANGELS' and '1946'.