

Hoosick

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Aeromodelers

Hoosick Falls, NY

This month we have a few more people in our club who have donated money in support of the Hoosick Aeromodelers. These people have made more than a donation; they have made an investment in our great flying club. If you see these folk, thank them!! They are among many of our members who are the BEST OF THE BEST. One of our favorite older members donated \$100.00. One new members donated \$ 50.00 and a special school bus driver set up the first of it's kind "a special fund" in which to help some of our club members who need some extra financial support, he donated \$15.00. I personally will also donate Art Berry's dues because I don't think it's fair to have a special deal just for him when all other members are paying their fair share. I do want to thank each and every one who has helped to make our club one of best around. Let's hopefully continue on in this tradition. As President Kennedy said "Ask not what your country has done for you, but what you can do for your country". Just substitute a few key words and you have, "What have you done for our club lately!"

What makes a great flying club is not only helping out financially but also all that have donated their time and money on building flying benches, new protective wood doors for the tractor shed, newsletter editor, flying instructing and many other projects. At the last meeting George asked why the club has not received the pin numbers and updated member list. Instead he should have said "what can I do to help with this project?" I don't understand why some one would pose a question without a solution. If you have the extra time, donate it, we will be glad to get the extra help!

Two new bylaw changes are as follows: A junior member is now anyone under the age of 18, we decided the words "son or daughter of a regular or senior member". The other bylaw change was to define what a senior member is." A \$ 10.00 discount off of the regular club dues for a senior member who is a least 75 years of age by July 1 and is active in the club for at least 5 years".



Art by John Foster

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We have also set the dates for both the Electric fun fly (July 7, 2007) at Strawberry acres and the clubs Regular fun fly on (June 9,2007) again at Strawberry Acres. We have decided to discontinue the chicken barbecue end of this as it's too much of a gamble to purchase all the chickens and extra food and have a very low turn out. Last year we didn't make any money to speak of and if it wasn't for the people who donated hamburgers hot dogs and soda, we would have lost money. So this year we will start to enjoy ourselves and concentrate on just flying and provide the basic hamburgers and hot dogs.

The road into Meerworth has started. I got a chance to talk to the job foreman and he assured me that the drainage and placing extra gravel on top of the road was all part of the job. When done we will have a beautiful crowned road without potholes and no standing water. Finally!!!

Last idea is to update the web page and to work on the club monthly calendar, as I would like to propose a club fun fly picnic over at Meerworth field ever third Saturday on good months of flying weather. I think just to have a set date where everyone in the club can remember and just come out to fly or eat is what the club is really all about.

Richard Scheer
President Hoosick Aeromodelers

Mark Your Calendar!
Next Meeting
February 4, 2007
Strawberry Acres
7:00 PM

Safety First Column

Gregg Templeton - Safety Officer –Hoosick Aeromodelers AMA chapter #691

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With the coming new year and the winter season we know that building is a big part of our hobby. Most seasoned builders know about some of the risks associated with building model airplanes but some inexperienced builders may not. Here are a few things to remember when working with the adhesives and tools we use to put together our favorite new model.

When using Cyanoacrylate glues (CA) always allow for adequate ventilation. It is strongly advised not to directly inhale the CA fumes. Repeated exposure to CA fumes has been known to cause pulmonary problems.

Medium and thick CA glues also emit these fumes but not as strong and they are not noticed as quickly. However, you should still use caution and adequate ventilation. I also strongly recommend keeping a bottle of CA de-bonder around should skin be accidentally joined. It is possible to get burned by CA should it come into contact with skin with the use of accelerator.

On another note, hobby knives (X-acto) can pose particular dangers. It is recommend to always put down your knife before attempting to pickup other items. It can lacerate skin quickly and will minimal force. Always cut away from you body as you would with any sharp cutting instrument. I recommend Xacto rubber sleeved hobby knives. The rubber sleeve provides an excellent grip and the quick blade release mechanism is much preferred to the traditional twist type. It helps prevent blades from coming loose inadvertently.

These are just a few helpful safety recommendations. You can pick up good ideas from other club members or any of the numerous model airplane magazines available.

Don't forget to bring your projects to the meetings so other members can see them.

Classified Ads

For Sale, ZDZ 40cc Gas engine. Includes Tru Turn polished spinner, Bisson muffler w/smoke, ignition system, prop drill jig & bit and Carburetor air filter. Use about 100 flights with about 13 gallons for fuel run thru it. Its ready to put in your next giant scale project. All items new would be \$790 new. Its used in very good condition. \$600.00 OBO, Call Gregg at 518-663-9267 or email gtempleton59@yahoo.com

For Sale, Align TREX 450X Micro Electric kit assembled. Kit has all XL upgrades installed. 325mm symmetrical main blades Longer CF tail boom, Motor and Esc installed. CCPM mixing of head. 90% assembled, never flown. Needs servos, battery and Gyro. Includes all necessary original parts to finish kit. A new arf with motor and ESC for much more. Yours for \$239.00 Call Richard @ 802-442-3522 or email at richardscheer@yahoo.com

Photos from the Pit

