

# Hoosick

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## Aeromodelers

Hoosick Falls, NY

Dear Hoosick Aeromodelers,

I know what you're thinking. "Where is last month's newsletter?" I purposely decided to combine the July and August newsletters because they will cover most of the June Fun Fly and the July Electric Fun Fly. I want to thank all our members whose contributions made these events so successful.

The Fun Fly in June went very well. We had light to moderate winds and about 24 pilots. Glen and I got our first chance to do all the required paperwork for a sanctioned event. Glen did a fine job and got everyone organized. I forgot to have the pilots fill in a certain sheet but we got that corrected with the electric Fun Fly. Tim Smith helped with the radio impound, John Foster and Bill did all the cooking, while George collected the food money and did a great job selling the raffle tickets. Many thanks also to Steve, Ken, Leik and Greg for their help on setting up the field. Jan was busy mowing the field and had it looking very much like a golf course (he came back later and mowed again as well as setting and sharpening the reel blades). Poor Ray mowed earlier. It was getting dark and he was just about done, when he ran over some wire that the kids forget to clean up after a family celebration. Needless to say he was upset and had to spend several hours removing the wire that wrapped around the reels.

Come to the next meeting (August 5th) and you will find out how much money we made for the club! Joe Sorrentino from Barn Speed Hobbies donated an expensive Striker Foam Jet all complete ready to fly, and this alone raised a substantial sum for the club. Again, thanks to George for selling tickets. George also donated a large pan of baked beans which added to our selection of food.

Normally I don't write about planes that crash, but this has a happy ending. Tim Smith was flying his Little Toni when all of a sudden the engine stopped and "Dead Stick" was heard. We saw him try to save the plane as best he could. It somehow landed upside down in the river happily floating slowly down the river. Tim and Bill found a boat and both launched it to try to save the plane. What a site, Tim was almost overboard paddling with his hands as fast as he could. Bill was in the back with an old snow shovel. They finally got it just before it sank! Tim brought it back up to the flight line to access the damage. The wing was toast and the engine and the electronics were totally

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soaked. He just last night got it all put back together, with a new wing and with his fingers crossed started the engine. Some of the old river water was still coming out! He revved the engine, tuned it and took off. It flew great and as Tim got more and more used to it he began to regain his terrific flying skills.

We have some very generous club members. Ed the Butcher donated all of the Hamburgers \$85.00 worth, I donated the hot dogs and Ken donated all of the condiments after he won the 50/50 raffle. Jan Lampman also got into the spirit of helping the club and gave Tim a crisp new \$50 dollar bill. These are the kind of people who really help keep our club together and do it out of the graciousness of their heart. This is also why our dues can stay low, because of the generosity of our members. Because of these members, all the other club members who don't have the time or energy to help out have a great place to fly when they do get the time. Way to go guys!

The Electric Fun Fly was also a great success. We had just a few flyers registered to fly, but it was the spectators who came out to see the flying demo and the WW11 L-4 that saved the day. The L-4 landed and parked the beautiful restoration so everyone could get a close up look at a great flying military aircraft. Again we had the same dedicated helpers set up the Field the night before. John did all the cooking again, George, Steve and Bobby got great results selling the raffle tickets. Joe Sorrentino of Barn Speed again donated a Striker Jet and Menno Burmeister donated two Electric Planes" WOW", that was great. Thanks Menno!

Greg Templeton really deserves a big thank you for all of his effort. He was the Contest Director for both events. He was also responsible for getting the events published in the AMA. He handled the event so that everything went smoothly. You did a fine job Greg.

Everyone got a chance to fly with no mishaps this time. The wind started to really pick up around 4 o'clock so we called it a day and everyone helped clean up.

We have a ton of frozen hamburgers and hot dogs left over from this last event. I would like to propose a club family picnic like last year; perhaps the 2nd or 3rd weekend in August. Please come to our next club meeting to help us select a good date. We also need to plan for our own club Fun Fly picnic. Obviously it will be open to everyone with or without a plane, just bring your appetite, a chair and the best part is that it's FREE.

Fly Safe and Fly often,  
Richard Scheer President



## Photos from the Pit



**Mark Your Calendar!**  
**Next Meeting**  
**August 5, 2007**  
**Strawberry Acres**  
**7:00 PM**

