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495 R/C Squadron, Inc.

Next Meeting	Wednesday, August 2nd 7:30 P.M. @Pinnacle
Next Events	National Model Aviation Day Fun Fly August 12th
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From the Editor

Newsletter is for everyone. If you have great ideas, stories and photos to share, please do email me @ (sales@advancednotebook.com)

We all know what happened. The corn is back this year. It does intimidate me to bring any of my high \$\$\$ planes to fly because I am afraid of the crash and not able to retrieve it.

For the planes that I do dare to fly before the harvest, I do want to do something about it. I thought about putting the Apple "Air Tag" inside the fuselage. I decide to share this idea with you all. I explain it latter in this newsletter, take a look ! For idea sharing only, the best way is to never dip your plane into the land!

Hope to see you all at the field !

Calvin Hsieh
495th Newsletter Editor



Gorgeous field in the morning (Saturday, Aug 6th @6:30am)

2023 Club Calendar

Please be sure to check the 'Events' page on the club website on a regular basis, and stay up-to-date with all the fun and important activities we have planned this year

Date	Location	Event Description
Jan. 4, 2023	Tewksbury, MA	Club Meeting - TBD!
Feb. 1, 2023	Tewksbury, MA	Club Meeting - Italian Banquet!
Mar. 1, 2023	Tewksbury, MA	Club Meeting - Scale Building with John Hayes!
April 5, 2023	Tewksbury, MA	Club Meeting - Winter Project Show-n-Tell!
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View From The Left Seat™

By
John Morley, President, The 495th R/C Squadron, Inc.

As we approach the end of July, the rainy weather pattern that has been with us all summer appears to have broken! With all the rain we've received, the flying field and the car track are both in great shape! Everything is green and lush on the flying side of things, and on the driving side of things, the track is dust free and hard packed! Please take advantage of the hard work that our volunteers provide to enjoy these precious club resources! The only negative to the field this year is the reappearance after about 8 years of the corn! Currently, the corn is 6+ feet tall, which makes finding a plane that goes down anywhere but the runway a real chore! We expect the corn to be harvested in late August or early September, and to be gone prior to the club picnic on Sept. 9th!

One other important rule that we need to re-emphasize is flying within the perimeter of our flying field regardless of whether you fly gas/glow or electric! We have several "noise sensitive" & "overfly sensitive" areas to the right (houses), and left (condo's) at the flying field. With regard to noise, sound level is a function of proximity, so the farther we stay away from our neighbors with our airplanes the better off we are! This means that there is absolutely no flying beyond the boundary defined by the tree line at the edges of the field. If you can't do that, it means you probably need more practice, or a smaller airplane! **Out-of-bounds flying is a real concern that we all must take seriously!**

I want to take this opportunity to remind the members regarding who is authorized to fly at the Ogonowski Model Flying Field. First, all flyer's **must** be current AMA members, second, all flyer's **must** be club members, and third, all flyer's **must** receive a solo checkout by a club officer. I routinely make myself available for solo checkouts! The first item ensures that there is insurance in the event of a mishap, and the third item helps ensure a mishap never occurs. The second item ensures that everyone is contributing to the upkeep of the field! Each one of these items are extremely important to **all of us** for the longevity and security of the club!

I mention all this because two recent incidents highlight that not all members are aware of these policies or members are not enforcing these policies. In the first incident, an individual and his son, with no prior modeling experience, purchased a new model at a local hobby shop, and attempted to fly it at our field with the knowledge of members at the field. Predictably, the model crashed on the first flight, but fortunately, no one was injured, and no property was damaged. I learned of this incident later in the day when a member forwarded me the individual's phone number in the event that the crashed plane was recovered from the tree! Of course, my immediate reaction was to question why this individual was allowed to fly at the field in the first place?? Had a serious injury accident occurred by an untrained and unvetted pilot, our field would certainly be at risk! In the second incident, an individual contacted me to see if anyone had

found a transmitter and batteries that had been left at the field. The individual's name rang a bell for me, and I checked to find that I had corresponded with him **six weeks** earlier about joining the club. He had already been using the field, but were rightly told they needed to join! At the time, I communicated the three requirements to fly solo at our field, and offered to meet him to complete his membership. So, you can imagine my surprise to learn that almost two months later that he was still flying at our field without being vetted! This individual stated that several members "insisted" that he could fly for the day "under their name"..... It really irked me that this guy had been told not to fly without joining and being checked out, and then took advantage of the good nature of our members to keep flying. So, this is a **reminder to all members** that everyone that fly's at our field must fulfill the three requirements mentioned above! Please don't risk the security of our field by allowing non-members to use our field and put all our flying at risk!

The annual Member Picnic is coming up on Saturday, September 9th from 10AM until 4PM. This event is held each year at the Ogonowski Memorial Model Flying Field, and is the primary social gathering of the membership each year. As always, we will be serving a full barbecue of hamburgers, hot dogs, salad, chips, soft drinks, water, and dessert, followed by a 'candy drop' for the kids. We will have a large raffle, and giveaways for the kids all day! There will be flight demos throughout the day, and open flying when nothing else is scheduled. Buddy box flying will also be available for newcomers! Please add this event to your calendar, and join us for this exciting and highly enjoyable event!

Back in June, the club was forced to cancel our much anticipated Multi-Club Swap Meet at the Ogonowski Model Flying Field due to heavy rain on both the event day, and the rain date! We have rescheduled this event for Saturday, Sept. 2nd from 10AM until 3PM. The rain date for this event will be Sunday, Sept. 3rd. This event is open to all, and will be a great opportunity to buy and sell RC related models, parts, and equipment! Please join us and clean out your workshop or garage, or to acquire a new model for your collection! Open flying, and flying demonstrations will be conducted thru-out the day, so non-members be sure to bring proof of AMA membership if you'd like to fly! A barbeque lunch consisting of hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, soda, and dessert will be available for a nominal donation to the club. The barbeque will begin at 12 noon. The rain date for this event is the following day on June 25th. As always, full details are available on the website!

A reminder that the weekly 'Car Race Night' on Tuesday evenings, and 'Flight Training Night' on Thursday night has resumed for the 2023 season! The weather has improved significantly, and we are off to a good start so far! The plan is to have an informal barbeque of hamburgers and hotdogs at each of these weekly events when the weather permits. These activities are a great excuse to get out of the house on a weekday evening, so please plan to come out and enjoy the fun on Tuesday and Thursday evenings all summer!

Again, a reminder that each month the BOD will meet on the **Wednesday** evening immediately preceding the regular club meeting. Our meetings are held at the Tewksbury 99 restaurant on Rt. 38 in Tewksbury, and begin at 7:30PM. Occasionally, the BOD does not meet in a given month due to schedule or calendar conflicts, and every effort will be made to notify the membership by email when this happens. As always, there is plenty of room at every BOD meeting, and the

atmosphere is informal, so we invite interested members to attend! The next regular BOD meeting will be held on Wednesday June 28th, 2023 at 7:30 PM.

I hope you see all of you at upcoming club meetings, and at the field!



John Morley
President, The 495th R/C Squadron, Inc.

June 30st , 2023

New “Solo” Pilot

Eddy Di Giuseppe – New ‘Solo’ Pilot – Summer 2023



New club member Eddy Di Giuseppe of Somerville, MA just became one of the club's newest solo pilots! Eddy has a background in corporate aviation and is extremely passionate about all things airplane related, included model airplanes!

After his recent retirement, Eddy decided to pursue his long-time interest in model aviation! Flying the Horizon Hobby 'Turbo Timber' airplane, Eddy progressed at a rapid pace under the expert tutelage of Bob Merlino, and had soon mastered the Timber!

Not only is Eddy a quick learner, and a great flight student, he's also one of the nicest guys you'll ever have the pleasure to meet! Be sure to say 'hello' to Eddy at the field, and congratulate him on his achievement!

Submitted by: John Morley – July 2023



Eddy and his E-flite Turbo Timber (2023.7.26)

New England Jets at Plum Island

8/14 ~ 8/20

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7 days of flying at a newly paved private airport
Plum Island RC Group is a 501c charity to support the Airport.



Plum Island Airport Radio Control Flyer's

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Pot luck dinner Friday night

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Campers welcome no hookups

TENT'S AVAILABLE
Payment's for tents must be made 2 weeks prior to event
20X20 \$500 20X30 \$650 20X40 \$800

Ideas to share

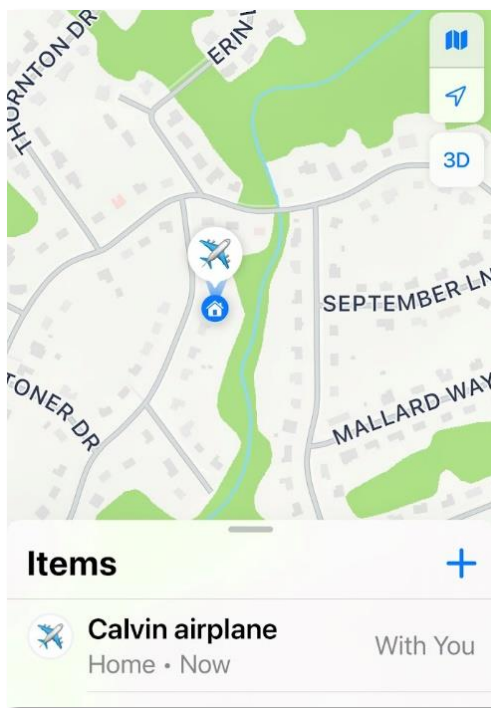
Airplane locator

Calvin Hsieh

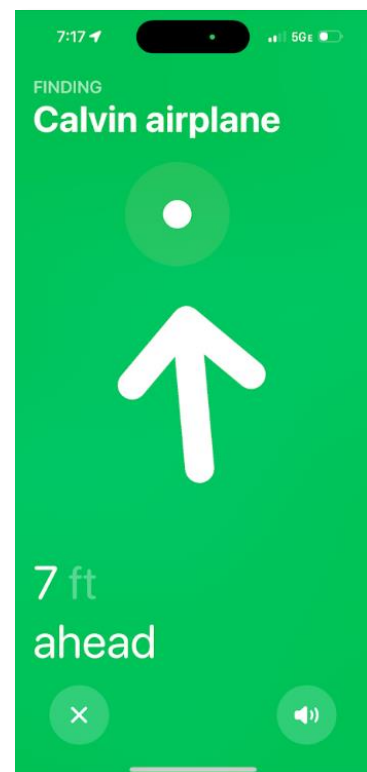
We all know what happened, the corn is back this year. The farmer really makes the most of it by planting it only 5 inches in between, plus leaving no buffering area on both ends of the runway. It certainly present a degrees of risk to all flyers. Once you crash the plane into the corn field, it's almost impossible to locate the crash site. Consider yourself lucky if there are fellow club members happen to spot the crash so he "maybe" able to point you the right direction (even with that still tough). With my limited time at the field so far this summer, I've already witnessed 2 crashes. Luckily, in both cases many people were there for the search and rescue, both planes were retrieved with slight damage.



How can the plane be located? I thought about the **Apple "Air tag"** (\$25/ea). Velcro is used to attach the air tag inside the fuselage and have the freedom to move between planes. The iPhone APP can point you the direction and the distance to the airplane. I think this is the most affordable/cutting edge solutions if you really want to put a tracer on your precious planes. Certainly, I will try to be very carefully not run into this approach. Just an idea to share...



iPhone APP can point you to the crash site





Even you find the plane, it will take you forever to walk out the "Over -Crowded" corn field.



Use Velcro to mount inside the fuselage and have the freedom to move between planes

@ Pinnacle



Mike Wall and his P-40 Flying Tiger



Dana helping out Jerry to setup T-28



Dick and his E-flite Clipped Wing 1.2m Cub



James and Rob



John Locke



Steve and Dave



New member Eddy



Calvin's FreeWing P-38 Lightning

Happy to see Bob Prescott show up (w/James)



Bob and Jack



Mike making sure everyone follows the field rule



James, Jerry and Dick





Planes for sales By Jerry Pacelli

All electric

Some of the photos are planes that do not depict the listing, only referencing planes. If it states NIB, they are new.

FMS Yellow Avanti NIB

FMS Jap Zero NIB (Beige) 1400

FMS P40 NIB 1400

E-flite Prometheus BNF mint

Hangar 9 Christen Eagle II 90 ARF NIB

E-flite Mustang 1.4 BNF

Great Planes RV 4 70" BNF

VQ P39 NIB

Phoenix Corsair built never flown BNF

Phoenix Spitfire built never flown BNF

Seagull Grob Tudor rare NIB

E-flite Trojan 1.2 BNF NIB

Flex Innovations RV8 10e BNF

Buyer inquire for price of individual planes

Please contact Jerry Pacelli (jerrythehamptons@yahoo.com)



Corky Lowe (1946 – 2023)



Several weeks ago, I received word that a good friend of the club, Col. William ‘Corky’ Lowe had passed away as a result of injuries sustained in a car accident in Virginia on May 24th. Corky was not a flyer, but he loved to visit the field with his ever-present Kindle reader, and watch our flying activities!

Corky’s life was devoted to public service; first in the US Army, then the New Jersey Department of Veterans and Military Affairs for 25 years, the Army National Guard for 30 years, and finally ending his working career as the Emergency Management Coordinator for Tabernacle Township, NJ.

A devoted husband to his wife Laurelle “Lauri” Lowe, for 50 years, Corky was passionate about traveling, history, and storytelling.

Corky relocated to Tewksbury in 2020 following the death of his wife, so as to be close to his daughter and grand-daughters living in Andover. I met Corky shortly after he arrived in Tewksbury when I observed him reading at the field one evening. I stopped, intending to just say ‘hello’, and to see if I could help him with anything! An hour later, I was still there talking to this amazingly generous and gifted story-teller! I only left because it was getting dark, and I was way late for dinner, but it would be the first of many great conversations with Corky!

Corky was a man devoted to his family, his God, and to his country, and he will be sorely missed by all that knew him!

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Toughest Planes

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<http://www.amazon.com>

Extra All Around

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<https://www.modelaircraft.org/joinrenew.aspx>

495th Membership Application

http://www.495thsquadron.org/PDF_Files/Membership_Application.pdf

Online Groups

<http://www.rcgroups.com/forums/index.php>

<http://www.helifreak.com>

<http://www.wattflyer.com/forums>

<http://www.rcuniverse.com>

Local R/C Groups

<http://www.mcrcf.org>

Billerica, Mass

<http://www.burlington-rc.com>

Burlington, Mass

<http://www.nhflyingtigers.com/>

Derry, NH

<http://www.snhrc.org>

Hudson, NH

<http://www.snhflyingeagles.org>

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