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Special points of interest:

- ◆ Presidents Message
- Next Meeting Darby Dan airport on Wednesday night Aug 25th at 7:00 PM.



TORKS Chapter 2172

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President's Message -

This should be easy to write this month. Lots of things happening, some good, some very good and some not so good.

Let's do the very good first. I was at the field yesterday (August first) most of the day and noticed something that really impressed me. Everyone was considerate and courteous of one another. No one hogged the air, everyone waited his turn so to speak by being sure he was not flying before someone else had a chance. When Terry (Nitsch) flew his big jet he got all the air he needed. The pattern guys were allowed to fly alone as they need to concentrate and don't need another aircraft buzzing in their ear. Even I got the runway to myself for 10 minutes trying to learn to land a new airplane. I don't know how other clubs sort out who flies when, but yesterday at TORKS was super be-

cause of the people.

The good was the meeting on the 25th. I tried to keep it short so we could get to the fun fly and the eating. Greg(Poppel) reported that the trucks (traffic) on I-71 make more noise than we do so we apparently don't have a sound problem. He also reported that Barbee Concrete is way behind due to weather and has been unable to drill any holes (aircraft holdback) for us. Steve Seiler stepped up and took care of the problem. I like Steve's approach to problems. If he says he'll take care of it he is not talking about next week or next month. He usually means the next day or two. Anyway, the holes for the aircraft holdbacks are done. Thanks Steve.

Now the not so good. I am sure everyone knows by now that my van was hit by an R/C airplane

while in the parking lot on the 25th. No big deal and no one hurt. However, it does serve to highlight something we may have forgotten. If a plane is going into the pits or the parking lot or anywhere behind the safety fence (AMA flight line) you had better put it into the ground. You really can't take a chance of hitting someone. A tough decision, but one that must be made. If you're on takeoff I would guess you have 3 to 5 seconds to decide. Let's just start thinking before takeoff that if it quits or the wind blows it where I don't want it to go what am I going to do with it?

That really is enough for this month. Let's go fly.

Jack



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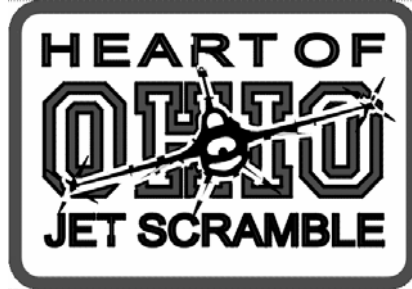
**ATTENTION:
Our Next Meeting is**

**Darby Dan airport on
Wednesday night Aug
25th at 7:00 PM.**

HobbyTown USA

Let them know that you're a
TORKS member & get a dis-
count!

5303 Westpointe Plaza Drive
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TORKS—THE OFFICIAL HOST
OF THE HEART OF OHIO JET
SCRAMBLE

Help Support The Sponsors

Last year was especially hard on the Jet Scramble committee to go out and solicit sponsors with the way the economy has been. In our newsletter we list many of these sponsors, please visit them as often as you are able to. They continue to help us out, it is the least the member of the club could do.

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Meeting Minutes

Date: Sunday July 25, 2004

Location: TORKS Field of Dreams

Meeting called to order by President Jack Rowlands @ 2:00 PM

Roll call:

Taken by Dave P, and a quorum was **Not Present** consisting of:

- 14 Regular Members
- 1 Life Members
- 3 Probationary Members
- Affiliate members
- 1 Junior Members
- 1 Associate Members

Note: Based on current membership, a quorum is 17 voting members.

Treasurer's report:

Given by Dave P. Everything in good shape

Committee Reports

Safety Committee – Chuck Elkins

Chuck was not present

No problems reported from the floor

Orientation Committee – Matt Findley

Matt was not present.

It was noted that our Trainer cords needed replacement. Jack said he could contact Matt to replace the cords.

Field Marshall – Bob Schofield

Runway sealing an painting was completed per plan

Site Retention Committee – Greg Poppel

Greg reported no concerns at this time

Executive Committee

Nothing new to report

New Applications for Membership

The following new members had submitted completed applications and were ready to be voted into Probationary status.

Dave Baxter Jr.

Dave Baxter III

Luis Uribe

Dave McCarthy made a motion that all three be approved into Probationary status, Doc seconded, and approval was unanimous.

Probationary Members voted to Regular Status

The following Probationary member was present and had met conditions to be voted to full membership.

Ron Williams

Joe Harless made a motion to approve Ron to Full member status, Bob Parish seconded, and approval was unanimous.



Old Business

Bill Murray announced that the Pig Roast would be Oct 2nd. Bill noted that he would be ordering food and drink based on those who committed to attend. All members must RSVP to Bill By Sept 10.

Jack announced no progress from Mike Barbee to drill the concrete and install big airplane anchors. Steve Seiler volunteered to do the work.

New Business

The Jet Scramble is coming up Aug 26-29. Jack noted that Sunday's teardown especially needed volunteers and asked for help from the membership. Typically Sunday's flying ends at 2:00 PM, followed by awards till 3:00 PM. The teardown would commence around 3:00 PM.

Jack noted the next club meeting would be held at Darby Dan airport on Wednesday night Aug 25th at 7:00 PM. This meeting is primarily devoted to planning for the jet scramble.

It was noted that a full scale Venom jet would be landing at Darby Dan this year.

The Hanger party Friday night Aug 27 is always a big event. All club members are invited.

Items from the floor

No items discussed.

Upcoming Events

**Wed Aug 25 Club Meet-
ing/Scramble
Planning@ Darby Dan**

Thurs Aug 26—Sunday Aug 29	Jet Scramble
Fri. Sept 10	Sign-up Deadline for the Pig Roast
Sat. Sept 11	Fish Fry/Fun Fly
Sat. Oct 2	Pig Roast
Meeting Adjourned at 2: 35 PM	

Capstone Hobbies

Westerville
562 W. Shrock Road
899-6313



Each year, Chuck Thompson is a big player in our Friday night hanger party.

They will deliver to the field also!!!
(The one in Harrisburg, numbers are posted in the building)

R/C'S Hobbies Of LaPorte,
In.
www.rcshobbieslaportein.com

HOOJS
sponsor donated the Futaba 9CAP radio system.

Burn the Mortgage Celebration

October 2, 2004

The time has come to celebrate. Mark this date on your calendar!

We plan to have open flying until 5:00 PM. At 5:00PM we will CLOSE the runway and all flying will be discontinued so we can begin the celebration.

For this celebration we will have a catered meal consisting of roast pork (we plan to roast a WHOLE HOG) with all the trimmings. We are closing down the flying because we intend to have a keg or two of beer and this does not MIX with RC flying (Safety First).

Further, on this subject, since we will have alcoholic beverages we MUST have flying stopped or our insurance is compromised.

For this celebration we are going to require that the membership REGISTER with the committee so that we order the correct quantity of food and drink. In the past, when we have not had people provide information regarding attendance, we have sometimes had too much prepared or, possibly, not enough. Since this is going to be a "First Class" event the cost is rather high so we want a VERY accurate number for those that will attend.

IF.....you plan to attend this function you may notify the committee in one of several ways.

1. You may contact a committee member by phone, E-mail or "snail mail".
2. You may "sign up" at the field on a sheet that will be provided there.

You may talk to one of the committee members "face to face".

Under any circumstances we want to know if you are coming. If you are not, we're sorry you're going to miss the fun.

Please Note !!! All registrations MUST BE IN by September 10, 2004.

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"Count me in, I'll be there to Celebrate!!" I'll bring chairs !!!

Club Member Name _____

Number of adults I'll be bringing (immediate family) _____ (age 13 or older)

Number of children I'll be bringing (immediate family) _____ (Age 12 and younger)

Editorial

There are some very important events in the near future that require your attention.....

The 14th annual Heart of Ohio Jet Scramble is this month. The regular TORKS monthly meeting will be Wednesday August 25 at 7PM at Darby Dan. You should make every effort to attend this VERY IMPORTANT meeting.

ALSO.....if you have not already done so PLEASE turn in your worker sign up sheet for the Jet Scramble. The committee spends literally hundreds of hours putting the event together and they just need the help of the membership on the days of the event, so make sure you get your worker sheet turned in at least by the meeting at Darby Dan. To date the sign up has been very poor and it is important that we get these ASAP,

For the newer members, remember that you get \$30 credit on your next years initiation fee payment for working the Jet Scramble.

OK....now for a reminder of the FUN stuff. The famous Joe Harless Fish Fry is September 11. Get that date reserved for a great time.

On October 2 we are pulling out all the stops for a good time. That is the date of the "Burn the Mortgage" hog roast. This is FREE to members and guests since TORKS is footing the bill. For this event you MUST register with Bill Murray or Jerry Klemm. We must have a very specific order with the caterer so you must have your reservation in by September 10. If.....you don't have a reservation by that date you will not be able to attend the event. At this writing there are only about 50% or slightly less of the membership that have responded. DON'T MISS OUT ON THIS GREAT EVENT. (The original announcement is at the end of this newsletter)

One VERY IMPORTANT final note. If...you attend the "Burn the Mortgage" hog roast PLEASE bring your own chairs.....DON'T FORGET!! Without a chair you may have to sit on the ground.

TORKS MEMBERS NEEDED TO STAFF THE JET SCRAMBLE

Each year it seems to get more difficult to get TORKS members to sign up to staff the Jet Scramble. Last year was particularly lean with regard to sign-ups before the event. As it turned out, there were barely enough TORKS members to cover all the positions each day. It makes it tough on the team leaders when they don't know who will be working the various positions each day. *P*L*E*A*S*E* turn in a sign-up sheet (you'll find that elsewhere in this newsletter and on our website) showing what days you will work. Also, you can call the team leaders to let them know when you will work. This is a club event which means each member needs to contribute in some way if possible. For members who are paying initiation fees — remember that by working at least one day of the Jet Scramble you get a \$30 reduction in your initiation fees next year. Thanks to everyone who is able to contribute in some way.

JET SCRAMBLE SPONSORSHIPS

Total revenue from sponsorships is down significantly this year. One of the reasons is that Dinneen Excavating is no longer in business. Another reason is that there were only three club members who brought in sponsorships for the Jet Scramble. One of those is very significant — BigDog Motorcycles of Columbus is sponsoring the flights of the full-scale deHavilland "Venom" jet aircraft. Every club member received a sponsor packet in the mail, yet only three members generated sponsorships. As a club we will need to take a look at how we can get more members to actively participate in generating sponsorships for the Jet Scramble if we want the Jet Scramble to continue to be a viable club event.

FREE FOOD!

Newer members may not know about the Hangar Party Friday night at the Jet Scramble. After a long day in the sun, there's nothing like free food and cold beer! TORKS members are invited to join in with the pilots and sponsors for free pizza , BBQ, and beer. Thanks to our sponsors Iacono's and Joseppi's for providing the free pizzas. We get the BBQ and side dishes from JP's, another one of our sponsors. The Hangar Party starts about 6:00 PM and the food disappears pretty quickly. Contact any of the committee members for details.

The Saturday night banquet is held at JP's at Bolton field. This one is not free, and tickets cost \$18.00 again this year. We have committed to 80 steak dinners, and the rest will be chicken. When you buy your tickets (at the registration area in the hangar) you will have the option for steak or chicken until the 80 steaks are committed. The banquet begins with hors d'oeuvres from 6:30 to 7:00 PM, and there is a cash bar available (beer and wine coolers).

FOOD WARS CONTINUE!

The Jet Scramble organizing committee meetings are rotated to the various committee member houses. A few years ago we started the idea that the host would provide supper, and it turned into a friendly "food war" where each successive host tried to out-do the previous. It's a good thing we don't meet more often, or the committee members would have to do some serious dieting . . . well, maybe some committee members already need to do that! This year we have had meals including pizza, burgers on the grille, BBQ and cole slaw, and venison stew. The desserts are the killers — and probably the source of most of the excess calories consumed (except for those in the beer!). So, if you like to eat (and cook) you should consider joining the Jet Scramble committee.

PREFLIGHT CHECKLISTS

Being a full-scale pilot gets you in the habit of using checklists all the time to make sure no critical task gets omitted. Much of that carries over into r/c flying, and many of the r/c "fatalities" occur because of some minor thing that could have been corrected on the ground if detected before flight. That thorough planning and use of preflight checklists makes a lot of sense for event planning too.

The Jet Scramble planning involves many, many tasks. Most of you probably have little idea of just how much work goes into putting on the event, so I wanted to share a few things. The checklist we use is an Excel spreadsheet, and has 237 task lines in it. Those tasks are arranged into various categories such as media/public relations, initial contacts, printed materials, airport facility, merchandise, raffles, sponsors, half-time show, hangar party/banquet, vendors/ concessions, hotel, communications, personnel assignments, and other notes. Each of those major categories has subcategories, and then a list of tasks within each of those subcategories. The development of this checklist has evolved over the many years of organizing the Jet Scramble, and each year the checklist gets a little better. Every task on the checklist has a description, contact/source, person responsible, status, to-do date, and comments. In addition to this master checklist there are databases for pilots and sponsors, which are used for the various mailings done throughout the course of the year.

The Jet Scramble organizing committee officially meets ten times each year, with the first meeting in March. The committee used to meet more often, but the use of email and the experience of the committee members has eliminated the need for a few meetings. Planning for the event starts before the current-year Jet Scramble is over. Each year we talk to many pilots, sponsors, club members, and spectators to get feedback on how we can make the event better. That collection of notes gets reviewed after the event, and the checklist gets updated. That updating process is part of the "debrief meeting" held mid-September. There is little activity required in October and November, but your Jet Scramble organizing committee is hard at work the other ten months of the year. December means getting cookies sent to our major sponsors and Christmas cards out to all pilots and sponsors. January and February mean getting new info on the club website, which includes preparing the printed media for the Westerville swap-shop and for Toledo. March is our first official organizing committee "kick off" meeting. April is a continuation of preliminary tasks, while things really get humming in May. June involves getting the pilot and sponsor mailings out. July is getting merchandise selected and ordered, contacting the various media for promoting the event, and getting started on the Jet Gazette layout. August gets really crazy with finishing all outstanding tasks and getting TORKS members lined up to staff the event. It all comes to a furious finish Wednesday thru Sunday at the end of August.

This is very brief synopsis of what it takes to make the Jet Scramble happen each year. The committee welcomes input and assistance from anyone willing to contribute, and could use several new members (If interested, please contact any committee member). It may seem like the Jet Scramble "happens by itself", but the use of good checklists is an essential part of making that process happen smoothly.