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The Last of the Glorious Few

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Britain's flyers repel Hitler's Luftwaffe

In 1940, their planes and their courage was all that stood between Britain and Nazi domination. They are the Glorious Few, the airmen whose extraordinary bravery saved Britain from Nazi invasion. The heroes who repelled Hitler's Luftwaffe during the Battle of Britain are a dwindling band. It is thought only 79 are still alive.



In 2010, a special anniversary service at Westminster Abbey remembered the efforts of all those who took part in the pivotal encounter, arguably the most important ever fought by this nation.

Many were in their late teens or early 20s when they took to the skies in Spitfires and Hurricanes from July to October 1940. Others flew in Blenheims, Beaufighters and Defiants.

During the Battle, Sir Winston Churchill said: The gratitude of every home in our island, in our empire, and indeed throughout the world, goes out to the British airmen who undaunted by odds, unwearied in their constant challenge and mortal danger, are turning the tide of the world war by their prowess and by their devotions. Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few. When it was over, 544 RAF pilots and aircrew were dead.

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Flight Lieutenant Robin Appleford joined 66 Squadron at aged 18. and vividly remembers cheating death after his Spitfire was attacked over Kent. Some Messerschmitt came out of the sun above us, he says. I was the tail-end Charlie at the back of our patrol and the first thing I knew was that the star-board wing had disappeared. I opened the canopy and was blown out and landed in a field near Maldon in Essex. My shoes were a mess, which made me annoyed because I had bought them only the day before.

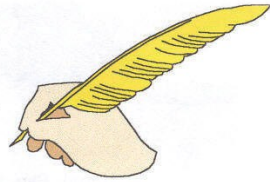
Air Commodore John Ellacombe CB DFC, single-handedly took on 12 German planes over the South East coast. I went straight at them and started firing and didn't stop. I brought my Hurricane down in a field after a bullet hit his engine. As I pulled myself out of the plane I saw a man running towards me, waving a pitchfork and shouting, I am going to kill you, you bloody German. He was chasing me around the plane. It was like a scene from Benny Hill. Fortunately four British soldiers arrived and disarmed him.

Wing Cmdr Tom Ginger Neil DFC AFC AE, was one of the pilots the War Ministry used in propaganda because of his height (6'4") and good looks. A hugely successful Hurricane ace, he flew 141 combat missions (few pilots reached 50), shot down 13 enemy aircraft and was still only 19 when the Battle of Britain ended. "I should have been killed a dozen times," he said.

Wing Commander Terence Kane was a member of 234 Squadron and recalls abandoning his Spitfire over the Channel after a dogfight in which at age 19, he shot down a German plane. My engine stopped and I decided the only thing was to bail out. But he couldn't release his oxygen mask and had to climb back into the aircraft to free himself. I reached for the parachute ripcord and couldn't find it. Panic set in. I was falling through the clouds. If I'd been three seconds later pulling the ripcord, I wouldn't be here. The Germans fished me out and I spent the rest of the war as a POW.



Minutes of OCM Meeting on July 27, 2011



The meeting was opened by OCM Club President Steve DeSanto at 7:00pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 35 members present. A moment of silence was observed for the passing of club member Herb Wasserbach.

Treasurer Rick Heinrichs read the treasurer's report. A vote to accept the report was taken by a show of hands and passed unanimously.

Tony Riccio was given his Solo pilot's pin by his instructor, Rick Heinrichs.

Scott Smith read the Corresponding Secretary, Jam Rabbi's report. The highlights are as follows:

Club membership stands at 120. Emil Smith will be selling most of his RC planes on August 6th and 7th. In response to inquiries about our club picnic being open to the public, a clarification was made that our event is an OCM event. Only 20 responses have been received from members indicating their preference for inclusion of contact details in the club's printed copy of the OCM roster.

New members, Patrick Lowenstein, Jim Mitchell and Tom Moore were introduced and welcomed into the club.

Danny Ditursi has offered to instruct new pilots on Mondays.

There was no Old Business.

FIELD REPORT:

Rick thanked Jim Mitchell and Lou Agoston for their recent work at the field. The "Meteor" was removed. A motion was made by Paul Meier to have two new benches built, seconded by Joe Yuhasz, and passed by a show of hands vote.

SAFETY REPORT:

EMT club member Rich Bombardier gave an excellent presentation on the administration of general first aid while at the field. Key points were: Keep constant pressure on any wounds that are bleeding, add more bandages as needed, instead of replacing any that have become soaked.

This time of year heat exhaustion is a concern, watch for and treat any signs of dehydration.

A motion to purchase a new first aid kit for the field was made by Paul Meier and seconded by Mike Fevola. The measure passed unanimously.

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NEW BUSINESS:

A proposal was made by Tom Mitkowski to remove a portion of the lower roof section of one of the carports at the field and replace it with chain link fence. This would allow for easier viewing of planes in the air while seated under the structure. A show of hands vote was taken with 30 in favor and 2 opposed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The annual club Picnic and Fun Fly has been set for Saturday August 20th with a rain date of Sunday the 21st.

MODELS OF THE MONTH:

Joe Yuhasz showed his Super Decathlon by Phoenix Models sporting an OS-46.

Irwin Snitkoff presented his Kangke USA Dragon 90 powered by a Saito 91.

Rich Bombardier showed his Banana Hobby T-33 Electric 50mm ducted fan jet.

DOOR PRIZES:

Scott Smith won the July 50/50 of \$45.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm.
Submitted by Scott Smith

A big thank you to a new member

by Rick Heinrichs

Have you noticed how good Wiskow Field looks lately? We can thank one of OCM's newest member, Jim Mitchell for the improvements he has made to our flying field.

Much of the field was plagued with weeds four feet tall and a driveway that was filled with ruts and grooves. Jim noted the need to have these problems addressed and offered to use his "brush-hog" to cut the tall weeds, an endeavor which took over four hours. Jim also used a grader to smooth and level the driveway leading into the field.

Thanks again to Jim for making these needed improvements.

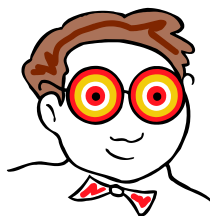
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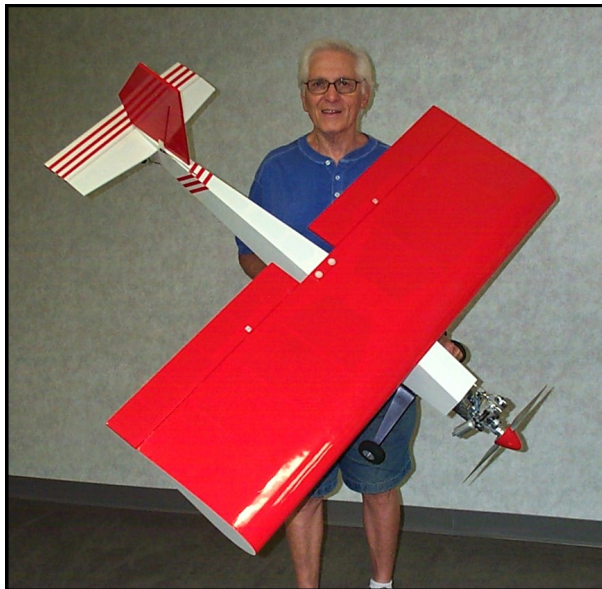
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Airplanes of the Month



Joe Yuhasz shows his Super Decathlon from Phoenix Models. It sports an OS 46 engine, an 11/6 APC prop and a 4 channel Berg receiver.



Irwin Snitkoff shows this Kangke USA Dragon 90 with a Saito 91 motor, a 13/8 prop and a Futaba 2.4 GHz radio.



Richard Bombardier shows his Sky Angel T-33 55mm EDF foam aircraft, from Banana Hobby. It has a 30" wing span, a 20 amp ESC and a Spektrum 2.4 GHz radio. It weighs 13 ounces.

HERBERT WASSERBACH

A true Master Craftsman



Herbert Wasserbach, 81, of Toms River, New Jersey passed away July 12, 2001. Born in Union, New Jersey, he lived in South Plainfield before moving to Toms River in 1999.

He served in the U.S. National Guard and worked as a Master Craftsman.

The love of his life, after his wife, was flying model airplanes. Herb was a member of the Ocean County Modelers, the IMAA, the Academy of Model Aeronautics and the Mercer County Modelers. He was also a member of St. Thomas Lutheran Church of Brick, and was proud of the crosses he built which are on the Route 70 side of the church.

He is survived by his wife Elsie; his children, June and her husband, Warren; Mark and his wife Catherine; Glenn and his wife Daria; Ellen and her husband, Brent; 11 grandchildren: Steven, Tara, Michael, Timothy, Andrew, Amy, Lisa, Jamie, Tabitha, Josiah, Esther; 4 great-grandchildren, Isaac, Xavior, Caitlyn, Olivia; and a sister, Betty Flynn.



Herb built many planes for OCM members.

Letter from OCM Scholarship Recipient

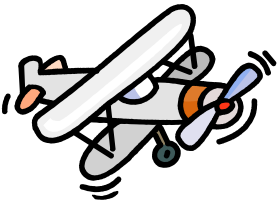
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To the Ocean County Modelers Club,

Thank you so much for awarding me with your scholarship, it really means a lot to me.

I will be attending Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State School in only a matter of one month, and I really truly thank you.

Sincerely,
Daniel Whalen



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new members**

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Patrick Lowenstein
Edward McTague
James Mitchell
Thomas Moore**

**and returning
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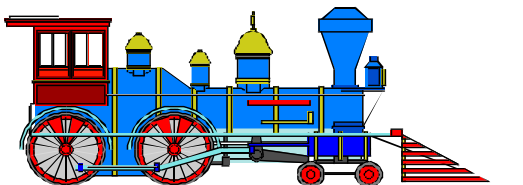


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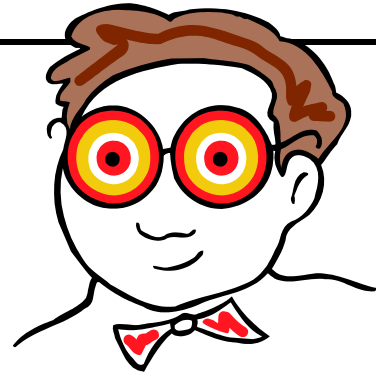
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Rain date 21st**



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**Next OCM meeting
Wednesday
August 24th
7:00 PM
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