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2011 Hamburg Jet Jamboree

The Farview R/C Flyers of Hamburg, Pennsylvania, held its fifth annual Hamburg Jet Jamboree at Grim's Airpark October 6-9, 2011. The event coordinator was Lee Buskirk and the CDs were Rick Boyer and Erik Rudjord.

Fast Eddie Leuter was the announcer and kept the spectators entertained. Several local television stations and newspapers provided media coverage.

Seventy-four pilots arrived from the Northeast and Canada to fly more than 450 flights while enjoying perfect weather conditions. More than 800 spectators enjoyed some great turbine and electric model jet flying, as well as a noontime demonstration featuring some of the best East Coast RC jet pilots demonstrating precision model jet flying.

Grim Airpark features a 200- x 1200-foot rolled grass runway with one of the nation's best fly-over zones. The following awards were giving to fellow pilots who built and flew their outstanding aircraft:

- Best Sport Jet, CAI Raptor, Wojtek Iwanicyvk
- Best Scale Jet, BVM MiG 15, Scott Miller
- Best Electric Jet, BVM Electra, Michael Cramer
- Pilots' Choice, Skymaster BAE Hawk, Frank Alvarez
- JPO Top Gun Award, D.H. Vampire, Kerry Sterner

Dave Brown and the Sea Cadets helped the club salute our nation's colors in wonderful fashion during the playing of our National Anthem as well as providing excellent spectator parking support.

The Farview R/C Flyers want to thank the event sponsors, club members, pilots, and spectators who supported this event, and look forward to seeing everyone next year. For upcoming events, please visit the club's website at www.farviewflyers.net.

Kerry Sterner receives the JPO Top Gun Award from Mark McCracken, District III Jet Pilots' Organization director.

Andy Kane's Composite ARF CT-114 Tutor.

Jackson's Mill United Methodist Church Boy Scout Buddy Box event: Each year dozens of Boy Scouts have the opportunity to try flying a model airplane during a retreat at Jackson's Mill, West Virginia, sponsored by the United Methodist Men of the church's West Virginia conference.

During the men's retreat, Scouts from around the state come out and participate in numerous activities. One of the activities involves flying RC airplanes.

In September, 515 Scouts and their leaders participated in the retreat. On a crisp Saturday morning, many of the Scouts made their way to a seldom-used paved airstrip adjacent to the Jackson's Mill conference center.

Each year, with the aid of buddy boxes, members of the Flying Hillbillies R/C Club and often other clubs (some of whom are members of the United Methodist Men) let the Scouts try flying model airplanes. Every Scout who wants to fly an airplane is given the opportunity. An estimated 100 to 150 Scouts usually take advantage.

The Flying Hillbillies have been volunteering their time and talents for this annual event for the past five years.

Volunteer pilots from the Flying Hillbillies R/C Club (from left) District III Associate Vice President (AVP) Dave Ellis, Mike Spencer, Barney Lilly, Chuck Harper, Allen Burford, and then-District III AVP Mark Radcliff of the Flying Wing Nutz RC Club prepare to teach Boy Scouts how to fly.

If you or your club hosted or attended any interesting events and would like to see them covered in this column, please email me the information and pictures. I will do my best to include the information in a future issue.

Go fly and have fun!

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