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NORTH PENN MAC WINTER BLUES INDOOR

A HIGH SCHOOL GROUP IN LANSDALE, PENNSYLVANIA,
HOSTS A FABULOUS ANNUAL EVENT

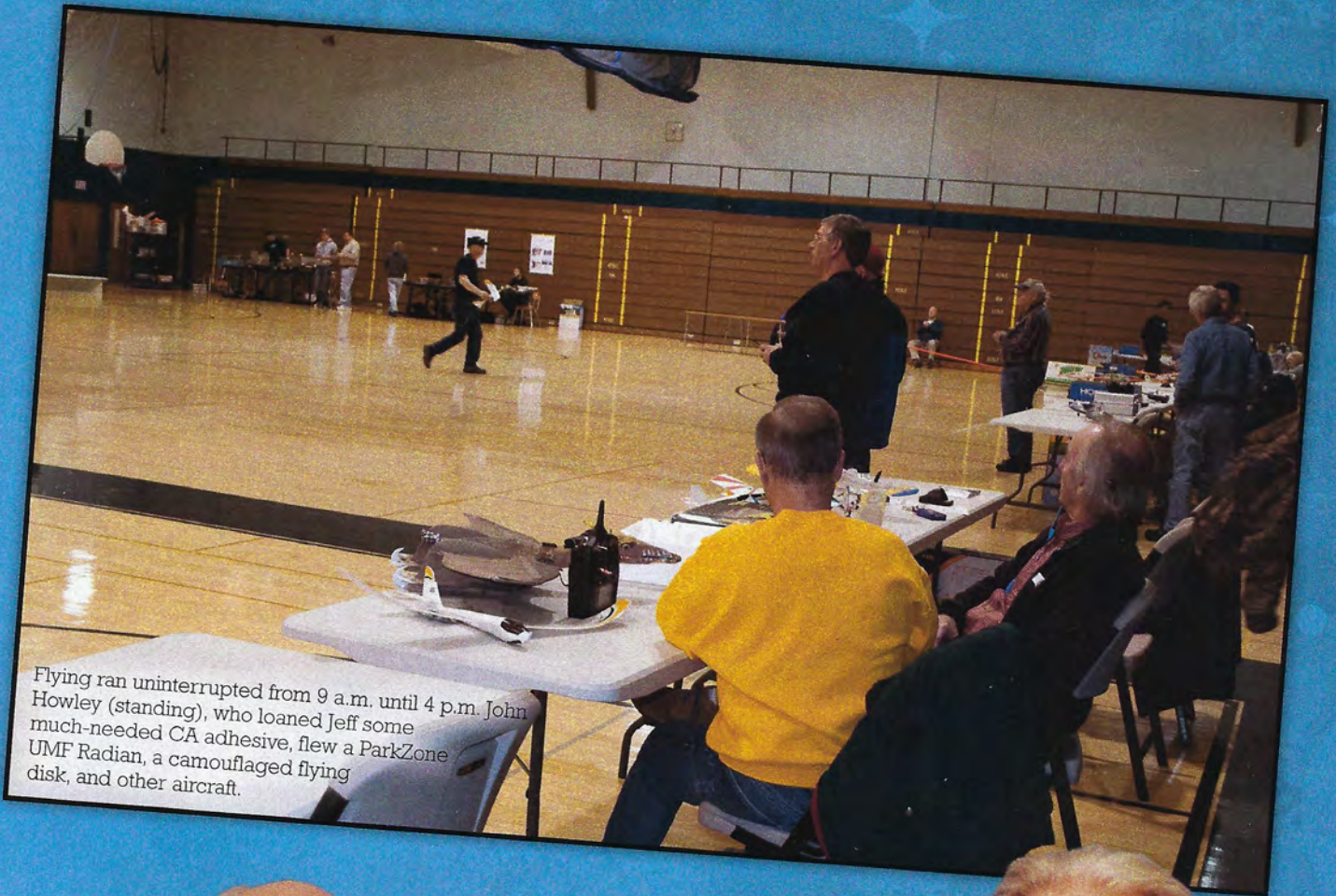
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Under the enthusiastic direction of Mike Voichick, the North Penn MAC (Model Airplane Club) operated its eighth open-door Winter Blues indoor event on March 18, 2017. The North Penn MAC meets after school on Wednesdays to build and fly model aircraft. Through this program, Mike's students learn about aviation, engineering, and science, as well as how to build and fly RC models.

Mike received a grant from the school district's educational foundation in 2003 and, with the full support of the North Penn High School, he has passionately continued to champion this beneficial program. The club flies a variety of electric- and nitro-powered aircraft, and runs its annual indoor event to spread the benefits of model aviation, while raising additional money for the

The North Penn MAC director and indoor event organizer, Mike Voichick, contributed to the day's entertainment with pilot introductions and interviews, flight demonstration credits, raffle winner announcements, and concession specials.



Flying ran uninterrupted from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. John Howley (standing), who loaned Jeff some much-needed CA adhesive, flew a ParkZone UMF Radian, a camouflaged flying disk, and other aircraft.



Park Pilot contributing writer Tom Kozel (L) and his longtime friend, Gary Colby, raced ParkZone Night Vapors around the gymnasium. There is plenty of room for fun in the North Penn High School venue.

Along with his Night Vapor and DX6e transmitter, Tom brought his HobbyZone Champ RTF, a Mini E-Box with a Triton charger, a DX9, and a four-way charger for single-cell "Chicklets."



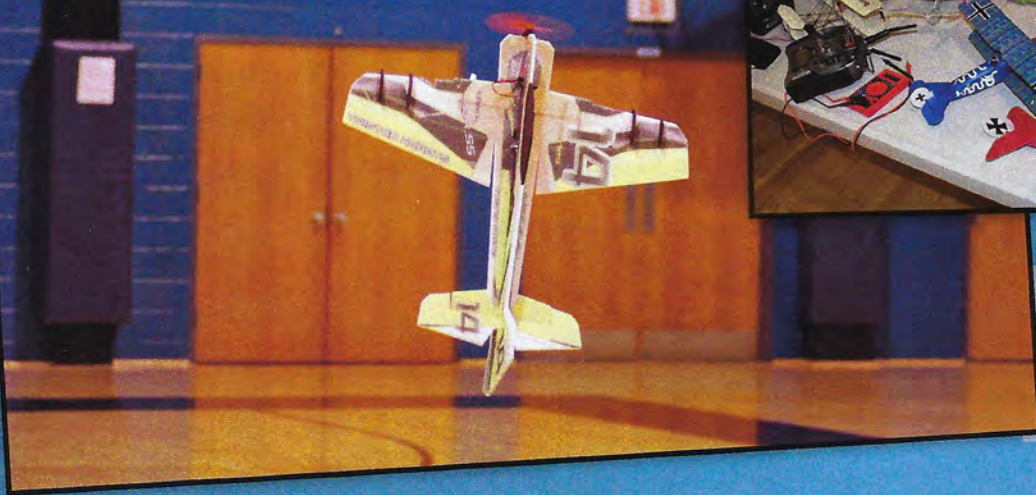
Talented Dylan Moyer (Quakertown PA) demonstrated his excellent piloting throughout the day. Dylan performed every trick in the book with his Crack Yak 55.



Jim Polles (L) and his son, Chris, came to the North Penn MAC indoor event from Nazareth and Reading PA—less than an hour's drive for a great day of electric flight.



Variety was the order of the day on this pilot's work station, with a broad range of models from an easy-handling Wright Flyer to the fully aerobatic ParkZone UMX Extra.



This Crack Yak 55 was one of several foam and carbon-fiber models flown at the event. The Crack Yak and many other aerobats and sport fliers are offered by Twisted Hobbys.

program and the school.

"Club members run the event," said Mike. "The school's maintenance staff and Junior ROTC students help with setup and support, and one of my fellow educators handles the food concessions. With positive suggestions

from the pilots and club members, we've made the program better year after year. We all just want to see this hobby flourish."

The spacious indoor venue is 30 feet high, 175 feet wide, and 150 feet deep. The North Penn MAC Winter

Blues event is nothing short of all-day fun, and has been one of my favorites for small, electric-powered aircraft.

Keep checking the *Park Pilot* "Action Calendar" for next year's date. »