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At The Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 8:12 PM. There were 40 members present. The minutes for the December meeting were read and accepted. The treasurer made his report, and it was accepted as presented. Bob Lanard reported on the raffle fund balance. The Vice- President made the roll call of prospective members. Tony Massini, Barry Prather, and Frank Thompson attended their third meeting and were welcomed into the club as full voting members. Andy Clark attended his first meeting. The President made note of the fact that the WJRC will be 51 years old in March.

Old business - Tom Voorhis reported that there was a very good turn out for the work party in December and that the major problems with the access road were resolved. He also apologized for the error in the December News Letter regarding the location of the January meeting. He said the error was intended as a reading test for the membership, and he received several phone calls regarding it. Steve Althouse asked if we were still having ugly stick races. Bob Lanard reminded everyone, that weather permitting the races would be held on the last Sunday of every month.

New business - Andre Askew suggested that we have a "War Bird " fly sometime during the summer. It was decided that we would, and it will be held on Sunday, July 3rd. Tony Severino will get the information out to the other clubs in the area. Ray McCloy reminded everyone that it is important that we check the AMA Cards of flyers we do not recognize. The President reported that there has been several unexplained crashes lately. The planes donated by Al Koenig's family were auctioned. The beginning bid was set at \$100.00 each. There were no bids, and it was decided that the planes would be donated to the

club's raffle . Since there was not any other business the President asked Bob Lanard to run off the 50/50 and raffle. Mike McMichen won the 50/50, Bob Lanard won a Thunder Tiger 46, Emanuel Martin won a CG machine, and Dick Sauro won an OS 70 four stroke. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM
Respectfully submitted, **Paul M Gross.**

At The Bull Meeting

The following was also submitted by Paul Gross, for which I am thankful.

We had a big turnout for the bull meeting on Tuesday. Bob Bradshaw had a blimp which flew real good once the gas bag warmed up enough for it to get off the ground. Tony Severino had a new and beautiful 1/4 scale Areomaster with a big gas motor installed. Bob Lloyd had a new plane he got for Christmas, a .46 size ? I don't remember what kind, but it was very nice as usual. (It was a Hanger 9 Twist. Ed.) Steve Althouse had one of those small electric biplanes from Hobby Lobby. (A Tensor 4D from E-flite.) It was also very nice. I took both the Bladerunner and the electric chopper. The Bladerunner would not get off the ground with cold batteries, and I broke the chopper in short order. I took the DVD-VCR player, and Bill Hurlock had a disk which we were able to watch after we figured out how to work the remote on the DVD player.

Thanks again Paul!

At the Field

Since I finished the last newsletter, there has not been much going on. Dave Morgan informed me that he went to the field on Monday, and there was no one there except himself. He didn't want to fly alone, so he went home. He thinks this club is a bunch of fair weather fliers. So, the next day I went to the field to see who was going to be there. And you know what? He is right, this club is a bunch of fair weather fliers. ☺

Steve Balzer emailed me to let me know that he had repaired his New Year's Day airplane, (Millie) but it took so many splints on the tail area, that he had to move the motor forward to keep the correct center of gravity. He said that he moved the motor forward because he has a better use for his lead sinkers. Steve must be a perfectionist, because we all know it is so much easier to just take a dippsy, stick a sheet metal screw through the eye, and screw it anywhere it happens to fit. Right Roger?

Tonight just happens to be the club meeting, and I hope that not too many of the members go to Williamstown. Maybe we will have to start the meeting a little later so they have time to get back to Woodbury. ☺ Let me assure everyone, if there ever is a change of venue, or anything else different about the club, you will either be notified by phone or mail, or both.

If there has been anything going on at the field, I don't know about it. Paul Gross, Pete Spillane, and I have been flying our electrics a little bit, but only for short periods of time, as it has been too cold for our hands even though we are not getting fuel on them. We also went to an indoor fly where Paul put on a flying demonstration with his Blue Chicken. (Who says chickens can't fly!) We flew my electric helicopter a couple times (if you can call it flying) until the tail rotor broke. I flew a couple of Bluecor planes with very little success, but did pretty good with my IFO. In case you are wondering, the IFO is a plane shaped something like a disk, made of carbon fiber rods and kite material.

If there has been any Skiplane flying, I haven't heard about it. I guess the road is pretty much impassable. If something doesn't happen quick, this is going to be a short newsletter.

I just got a phone call from Jack Wilson, and he said that he had taken a ride to the field, and it is in good shape, and perfect for skiplanes. No one had

been riding on the field, so your skis will not get stuck in any ruts. Thanks for the report Jack!

I also heard, through the grape vine, that Ray McCloy and Ed Harding were going Friday to get in their January flight. They were going to take their electrics to the local park to do their flying. Are we going to let that count? I guess we have no choice, since Ray keeps the records. ☺

Steve Balzer (I wish my spell check would leave that name the way I type it.) called on Saturday to ask me if the road was open, and say that he was thinking about going to do some ski flying. I couldn't go with him, but suggested that he call Bob Bradshaw, because Bob likes to do that stuff. I would have liked to have gone, but my wife won't let me out of the house until my cough gets better. I may not see the light of day until spring. ☺

You can tell that things are slow with the club, when I am reduced to writing about things that might happen with the flying, and not actual events.

This following bit of information came from Steve Balzer, via email.

Hi Tom, I did go to the field Saturday the 29th. The road in was O.K. Bob Bradshaw was proof of that; he was able to get in with his "one-wheel-drive" van, as he calls it. The runway was "bumpy". The wind had made little drifts or moguls that would probably prevented airplanes with the small "Du-Bro" type skis from getting airborne. Bob and I had our Cubs with bigger skis. I had three short flights. The landings on the bumps was the only excitement. Bob had a rear ski attachment break on one of his takeoffs. This resulted in a 180 degree, descending turn, into the "pepper patch". Minor damage.

Scott Maussner joined us. Scott was hoping to fly something with wheels. However, there wasn't enough bare ground for a safe landing. So, he flew his electric powered Extra 300. The one made from foam. Very good performance!

After the ski incident Bob brought out a little electric turbine powered flying wing. It was one of those things that come ready to fly. Pitch is controlled by thrust and rudder is either neutral or full left or right. Not much excitement other than trying to keep it airborne. Bob found it was hard to power-up, for altitude, if the batteries are low. Back out into the pepper patch.

Thanks again Steve for the input. As a friend of mine likes to say, "That's all I know". ☺

Miscellaneous

This is by no means an endorsement, but I would like to pass on my observations on dealing with Airport Hobbies. I think model airplane fliers are running this hobby shop, since they are trying to stock the most popular planes and equipment that the modeler wants. They are very willing to order items you may desire, even over the phone. I asked them, via the telephone, to order a certain plane I wanted on Monday, and they called on Thursday to tell me it was in.

I am sure that there are certain items that take considerably longer to obtain, such as Sig Epoxolite, (right Paul?) but that's the way the modeling business is. One great thing I have found is, if you see something on the Internet that you want, if they have it in stock, it will be the same price or less. I guess this is why they are having trouble keeping the GWS 1260 propellers in stock. Considering the short time they have been open, they have a good supply of items.

If you haven't been there, try it. All the people there are very friendly, and will try to help with any questions you may have. Airport Hobbies is just past the entrance to the South Jersey Regional Airport. Turn left at the boat place, and it is in the second row of buildings. They are not open on Tuesdays.

For Sale

John Klohoker Sr. has the following items for sale.
 Midwest ME-109 with Magnum 45 engine, 3 Blade Prop, 4 Servos, and Ram machine gun Sound module. \$150. Great Planes F4U Corsair, 50% complete with K&B .60 engine, cockpit and dummy radial engine kits installed, \$135. Great Planes Spirit of St. Louis ARF complete with GWS receiver (CH34), ESC, servos, and battery. \$110. House of Balsa Piper Cub with Cox .074 engine and servos, \$75. Cessna Electric ARF with Motor, ESC and servos, \$75. Tamecat F-14, 60% complete with OS .40 engine, \$75. Coverite Sorta-Fokker, with FOX .40 engine \$65. Megatech P-51 Electric ARF, with motor, \$60. Great Planes Electric Glider, with motor, \$50. Sig Cadet Senior, Plane only. \$45. Dura Stick II, Plane only, \$40. P-51 Electric with motor and extra wing kit, \$40.

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Coming Attractions

The regular meeting of the West Jersey Radio Control club will be held on February 8th, 2005 at the Woodbury American Legion hall at 08:00 pm. The Bull meeting will be held at the same place on February 22nd, 2005 also at 08:00 pm. Paul has the DVD working now, so the meeting should be over before midnight this time. :-)

That's all for this month, lets hope that the weather gets better and we can get some flying in. I am anxious to see all the new planes you guys and girl, have been building. I have one, Paul has one, Tony has one, and I'm sure that Bob Lloyd, will have more than one.

I made sure that the enclosed address list was printed on its own page, so that you can pull it out of the newsletter, before you throw it away, and keep it as a reference. Enjoy.