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MINUTES OF THE WEST JERSEY RC CLUB July 8, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 8:10 pm with 23 members in attendance. The minutes of the June meeting were read and accepted. The treasurer reported the balance in the club's checking account. The field committee chairman thanked Don Romano and Dave Morgan for their help preparing the field for War Bird Sunday, he also reported the field was in good condition.

OLD BUSINESS

The club thanked Kim Morgan, and all the ladies involved for taking charge of the food preparation for War Bird Sunday. Everything they prepared was delicious, and the club hopes they will volunteer to do it again.

NEW BUSINESS.

Dave Morgan asked if anyone has a useable, but unneeded barbecue grill they would care to donate to the club. If none is made available, the club should consider purchasing one.

The grill would be used for club functions.

With no further business Bob Lanard ran the 50/50. Tom Voorhis won (\$24.00).

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Paul M. Gross
Secretary WJRC

What I saw at the field. Don't use my name in the news letter.

At the war birds I only saw one crash. Chris from Bob's Hobby Shop was one of the first to fly and the first to crash. He was flying his new e-flight foam P-38. All was going extremely well, the P-38 responded to his every input until it came time to land. Then all hell broke loose! Bob was slowing the plane down and slowed a little too much. The P-38 went into the nicest snap roll spin I have ever seen. If there had been some smoke in the area you would have sworn it was WW II all over again. The ground was not kind when it hit. That beautiful P-38 broke into more pieces than there are legs in a litter of puppies. Bob was not discouraged at all. He has a new one, almost ready to go. There were many outstanding planes at the war birds. Tony Severino had his almost completed Black widow (P-63 II think). Tony is doing an outstanding job and should have it ready to fly soon. Greg and Mike put on a show of their superior flying skills. Jerry Jones had his new B-25 and flew it for the very first time. Jerry did really good flying until it came time to land. The B-25 bounced off the ground really hard and bent the landing gear, there did not appear to be any other damage. Jerry said he was pleased with how things went and would have it repaired in no time. The ladies who took care of the food did a great job and we are all looking forward to next year.

On another day I saw some people in the field when I arrived. I was told they were searching for Rich Onarato Bear Cat. Rich had taken off and all was going OK until he retracted the landing gear. Only one strut went into the wing, the other stayed down. Rich rolled the plane over in an effort to get things unstuck without any success. The plane snapped and spun into the ground. This plane is of composite construction and it just went to pieces on impact.

Another day, Brian Newton, Barry Prather, and Paul

Gross were at the field. Brian as usual had a hanger full of planes and only flew one or two. Paul as usual forgot something and was only able to fly his electric Corsair. Barry had a few planes including his 1/4 scale P-51. One of the planes Brian had was his electric flying wing. You know the one, its gray and goes really fast. He whispered to Barry, "I'm going to get the old man". So off they went, Paul with his war weary Corsair and Brian with his lightning fast flying wing. Around and around they went. Paul was doing his very best to stay out of Brian's way. It did not look good for Paul until Brian's plane exploded in mid air and crashed. Rack up another kill for Paul. It took over an hour to find Brian's plane. It did not explode completely. The battery hatch had blown off and all the good stuff (battery, receiver, 35 amp speed controller) fell out. This made the plane unstable and it floated to the ground... Not to be out done Barry decided to give the big P-51 a go. After checking it over he taxied out, throttled up and started barreling down the runway. That's when Barry discovered it did not steer very well. The P-51 started to slide sideways on the ground. Well retractable landing gear's don't like that at all, and they decided to part company with the wings. Little damage was done and Barry will have it repaired in no time.

Well you know that old saying, "Some people are just LUCKY, and some are not". Don Romano has to be one of the lucky ones. Don was out with his new 1/4 scale Piper Cub. The one with the new super tiger 3250 in the nose. He was burning big holes in the sky and having a great time

telling everyone how nice the Piper flies. Loops, rolls, stall turns, touch and goes he was doing it all. He decided to land when the engine started to sputter. After making a perfect no bounce landing and rolling to a stop on the runway, that new super tiger didn't like being in the nose of that beautiful Piper. So it just fell out and landed on the ground. Now that's lucky.

Paul Gross has been out with his turbine and put in 12 more flights over the past weeks.

OK Tom that is all I remember. I'm sure more things happened, and I either don't remember then or I was not there. One thing I did hear was that Greg's SukHoi was destroyed due to a battery failure of some kind. I have not seen him so I don't know if it correct.

DON'T USE MY NAME IN THE NEWS LETTER

OK, I won't use his name, but it is the German word for Big.

That's it for this month I am sorry to say. I hope to see you at the meeting.

Tom



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