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Minutes of the West Jersey R/C Club

March 13, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 8:07 pm by the club's president Steve Althouse with 28 members and a prospective member in attendance. The minutes of the February meeting were read by the secretary and accepted by all present. Bob Lanard gave the treasurers report for the month of February with no transactions and gave the ending balance. Mr. Lanard reported the balance in the raffle fund and he also sold a Twin Star plane which will be added to the fund. All present accepted the treasurer's report as given. Joe Mauriello took a role of prospective members with Jay Honigman attending his third meeting and being accepted as a voting member with a round of applause. Mr. Mauriello said that the club is now at 103 members with 18 still unpaid. Bob Aleardi gave the field report and said the tractors have been tuned up and are ready for another season. Mr. Aleardi said he plans to treat the runway on Friday the 16th weather permitting. He has also tried to contact John Landolfi Jr to make the repairs to the runway. JJ DeLucia brought up some ideas on how to keep the field damage down by putting up signs and some type of fencing. JJ will gather some information and present it at the next meeting.

Old Business

Neil Stokes got the requested info on the port a pot and presented it to the club. The best way for the club to get a port a pot would be to purchase one out right and have it serviced twice a month. A motion was made and passed to move forward and get it placed at the flying site. The president wanted to remind everyone that Bi-plane Sunday is March 18th, Multi-engine Sunday is April 15th and Spring Ducted Fan Sunday is April 22nd. Steve Althouse will contact the Philadelphia Airport regarding the display of r/c planes. He will find out the dates and what would be needed for the display. This display would run from June through December.

Cub Sunday is May 20th and the club Flea Market is on May 22nd. The president asked for volunteers to help out with the flea market, please contact him for the details.

Bob Lanard is taking fuel orders for S&W Fuel again this year. The pricing per gallon depends upon the nitro content. There is a 2 gallon minimum and all orders will be paid in cash. Delivery is approximately the third week in May. If interested please contact Bob for your orders.

5% & 7.5% \$12
10% \$13
15% \$14
20% \$15
25% \$16
30% \$17
40% \$21

With no further business Bob Lanard ran the 50/50 with Tom Voorhis winning \$11.00. Tom Monaco won the first raffle choosing an H853 Helicopter and Dennis Buttocola won the second raffle taking home a grab bag full of parts. The Bull Meeting is March 27th and the next regular meeting is April 10th.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Neil Stokes WJRC Secretary

Flying Field Maintenance:

Since temperatures have risen, Bob Aleardi has sprayed grass killer on the dirt part of the runway at least a couple of times and has been rolling the entire runway to try to get it in better condition. (Bob usually services the runway on Tuesdays and Fridays, and regularly posts blogs regarding field work.)

Some of the Flying Field Action:

Saturday, 3/17/12: Gregg Clement maidenized his 36% Yak 55. The DA 120 lifted the 108" wingspan plane effortlessly; and, after taking a few minutes to trim it out, Gregg put it through some entertaining aerobatics. A dead stick about 6 or 7 minutes into the flight proved no problem; Gregg brought the big new plane in for a super smooth landing. He got the plane airborne a few more times today. Later at home he found a small air leak at the filter between the tank and the carb. Since Gregg hadn't been using them in other planes, he's decided to do away with the filter.

Bi-plane Sunday, 3/18/12: We had a moderate turnout of members on this beautiful day for flying; and, a few visitor flyers also made it to the field. (photos)

Wednesday, 3/21/12: Don Romano maidenized his 1/3- scale Fly Baby biplane (photo). Hey, this baby is one big biplane, with a 88" wingspan, 75" length and 29" height (Balsa USA kit). Those who watched the maiden said its Zenoah G-38 had it flying very scale-like, so much so they were almost disappointed about the pilot not waving to them.

Tuesday, 3/27/12 Bull Meeting:

Six members brought planes that kept us interested and entertained along with the coffee and donuts brought in by Paul Gross as usual. Most of the planes are shown in the photos.

Bob Aleardi brought an electric biplane.

Bill Froeder brought a Duelist (twin .46s).

Jay Honigman had a 60-size Stuka.

Bob Bradshaw had a Combat Models F-15 with a Super Tiger 51 pushing it.

Andre Askew brought two big, beautifully detailed planes: a P-40 Warhawk with a 180 engine, and an electric F-15. The jet's detailed pilot figure is shown in a second photo.

Gregg Clement brought his newest big one, the recently maidenized 36% Yak-55 with a DA-120.

Primer for Our Next Meeting:

As a result of the "Plan to Address Field Security" that I presented at our last meeting, Steve Althouse asked that I get estimates and info for its first two items: Field Signs and a Runway Fence.

Hopefully the info at the meeting will be sufficient for a vote one way or the other on it. If we should decide to go with either or both items, we have a chance at having them in-place at the field before schools let out in mid June.

Having gotten opinions and ideas from a number of members, here's the basics of what I'll present on the two items at the meeting.

Field Signs: Three professionally done, 4 ft x 6 ft signs. If accepted by the club, the signs' wording and their exact field locations would be determined at the meeting.

Runway Fence: A 1,022 ft long fence (snow fence type) would run fully along 3 sides of our runway (not the farm side). It would run straight down the Pit side such that it just encompasses the two camera poles. The nylon fence would be set at a 48 in. height but would only hang down 16 inches from that height, thus allowing 32 inches of clearance between the bottom of the fence material and the ground. Fence posts would be at a 16 ft spacing; walk- thru openings and mower openings would be included.

Since the above items may come to a vote at this next meeting, intelligent ideas, comments and opinions are needed as to whether they will significantly help our field.

To clear up a couple of misconceptions:

1. WJRC **can** legally prosecute offenders in court.
2. WJRC does **not** have a committee actively looking for other areas to move our flying field.

Next official meeting: Tuesday, April 10th @ 8PM.

Happy Flying,
JJ

from Rodney:

My wife kisses the dog on the lips but she won't drink from my glass.

I get no respect. The way my luck is running, if I was a politician I'd be honest.



