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Minutes of the West Jersey R/C Club December 13, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 8:03 pm by the president after everyone there got to enjoy great food and friendship for the club Christmas party. Many thanks go out to Bruce Sheppard, Sam Dubeau and Sue Knight for putting together a delicious meal. There were 43 members and prospective members in attendance. The minutes from the November meeting were read and accepted by all present. Bob Lanard gave the treasurers report for October and the ending balance. He also gave all the transactions for November with the ending balance. Mr. Lanard also reported the total in the raffle fund. All members present accepted the treasurer's report as given. Bill Froeder took a roll of prospective members with Tom Nicholas and Jay Honigman attending their first meeting. Mr. Froeder reported that the club is now at 106 members with about half of the membership paid. The president wanted to remind everyone **club dues are now due and a \$20.00 late fee will be attached if not paid at the February meeting.** Bob Aleardi gave the field report on the runway with no major changes.

Old Business

The president said that the first fly will be on Sunday January 1st at 11:00 am and anyone interested in participating needs to contact Bob Bradshaw. Mr. Bradshaw went over the first fly event for new members as well a refresher for those wanting to enter. The president also said that anyone flying on that day must have a current AMA membership.

New Business

The president said that the events for the year will stay the same with the new addition of "Windy Sunday" which will be added when appropriate. The club flea market will be in May with the date to be announced. The club took a vote to get something for Mr. Landolfi to show our appreciation for his help throughout the year. The model of the month was picked and the winner is Mike Scott showing off his

Trex550E and awarding him a \$25.00 prize. Neil and Bob will get together with Mr. Landolfi to see what would be the best way to improve the runway and to get an idea on the cost.

Bob Lanard said that the February meeting would be his last one for doing the raffle and he would like for someone to take this over and continue. With no further business Mr. Lanard drew the 50/50 raffle with Larry Chase winning \$30.00. The first place raffle went to Ray Buseman taking home an EF16 electric jet. Second place went to Derik Gadson choosing a Magnum engine and third place went to Andre Clarke adding a set of wheels to his collection. The next regular meeting is January 10th and the next bull meeting is January 24th. Don't forget the First Fly at 11:00 am on January 1st.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Neil Stokes WJRC Secretary

Flying Field Maintenance:

Dec 10: Bob Aleardi repaired a rut from a vandal's car in the dirt area of the runway.

REMINDER about DUES:

DUES MUST BE PAID-UP BY THE FEBRUARY MEETING OR A \$20 LATE FEE WILL BE ASSESSED.

Club Christmas Party:

As mentioned in the Meeting Minutes, Bruce Sheppard, Sam Dubeau and Sue Knight were the ones who put together all the food for the Party. Try to remember to personally thank them for their selfless efforts.

Paul Gross got the coffee for the Christmas gathering. This is a good time to mention that Paul is the one who picks up the coffee and donuts throughout the year for all of our Bull Meetings as well as other events.

FLYING RECAPS:**WJRC First Fly Race** (Sunday, 01/01/2012):

A real nice morning. The day's predicted high was 57 degrees, a blue sky and mostly light winds but with occasional strong gusts. There were about 25 to 30 that came to watch our 6 entrants make their best attempts in this almost always tumultuous event.

The racers and their wares (photos next page):

Bruce Sheppard	Trainer 40
Barry Prather	Profile 3D
Dave Morgan	4-Star .40
Jim Grant	Large 3D type
Larry Chase	EasySport 46
Bob Bradshaw	Ace Sea Master

Steve Althouse, with the official clock, called the shots. Paul Gross was the official cameraman; Gregg Clement was backup cameraman and our main YouTube videoer. At 10:55 AM, Steve called for planes with engines running to be brought out to positions on the runway to wait out the last 5 nail-biting minutes. At exactly 11:00 Steve gave the "Go!!"; and, just 44 seconds later the winner taxied into the pits. In fact, it was only 10 seconds later when the last plane touched down. Now that's a quick race. Unlike last year's event, all the planes took off successfully, and all made it to touchdown. That's when it got complicated. Below is the best I could determine from Gregg's and my own videos.

The (hectic) landing order:

1. Dave's 4-Star-40 upset on touchdown.
2. Larry's EasySport prop struck the ground and dead-sticked.
3. Bob landed his Ace Sea Master.
4. Barry's Profile-3D upset on touchdown.
5. Jimmy landed his Large-3D.
6. Bruce landed his Trainer-40.

The winner of the 2012 First Fly was Bob Bradshaw who taxied his 59" Ace Sea Master powered by a Super Tiger 60 into the Pits with a time of 44 sec.

Apparently, Bob was ready for anything, because the plane could also fly off water or snow. Congrats Bob! (Bob also won last year's First Fly.)

"Thank You" to all six racers for providing us with one exciting event.

For Gregg's video of the 2012 First Fly:
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KvH1e0jYRHs>

A twin-engine plane that caught my eye at the field one day is Tom Monaco's OV-10 Bronco with its two .25's (photo p.4). It was an ARF from ScaleTech (I think). Tom said plane flies well but he's looking to get a little better engine reliability.

TIPS:**How to Minimize a Wing-to-Fuse Gap:**

Bill Froeder sent me an article that he did on how to minimize a plane's wing gap; he included a number of photos along with a detailed description of his procedure. This "Wing Gap" article was sent as an additional attachment in the same email as this Newsletter issue and it's also been placed on the club's blog site under "Building and Repair". Two photos of Bill's plane (PoleStar) are on page 4.

Build & Repair-for-hire Website:

Below is a website which does building (ARF, kit, or scratch) or repairing of damaged models for customers. Also, there are notes of repairs done on a number of planes, build articles, tips and a variety of informative articles with photos. (Compliments of Karl Kozuh.)
<http://www.dream-rc-airplanes.com/index.html>

A Little Computer Tip (that has hardly anything to do with airplanes):

This can be a big time saver when you have to look through a very long webpage for a specific item. (It also works on most Windows applications.) Say you're looking for the words "P-51 Mustang". While holding down the "control" key, press the letter "f" key. A small window will open, near the top of the page. In that small window, type in the words or expression you're looking for and then hit "enter". It'll find all occurrences of what you typed-in on the page and will allow you to cycle through them one at a time. (It'll work on this newsletter too.)

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First Fly Winner: Bob Bradshaw with his Ace Sea Master



Larry Chase's Spirit of Christmas (THE OUTFIT)



Bruce Sheppard



Barry Prather



Dave Morgan



Jim Grant



Bill Froeder's PoleStar



Bill's PoleStar
GAP-LESS WING GAP

LEDs in Action



Don Romano's Sig MidStar 40 with Magnum 53 4-stroke

<http://www.sigmf.com/IndexText/SIGRC56.html>



Rich Onorato's Cessna 182



Tom Monaco & his OV-10 Bronco with twin .25's

