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Minutes of the West Jersey R/C Club June 12, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 8:07 pm by club president Steve Althouse with 18 members and prospective members in attendance. Minutes from the May meeting were read and a change was made on the balance in the checking account, the treasurer had given the wrong balance by mistake. All present accepted the minutes as read. Club treasurer Bob Lanard gave all the transactions for May on the checking account and gave the ending balance. Mr. Lanard also reported that the club benefited from the flea market. All present accepted the treasurer's report as given. Steve Althouse took a role of prospective members with Rob Healy attending his first meeting while Sheldon Parker sat in on his second meeting. Steve reported that the club is now at 90 members after some were dropped for nonpayment. An email will be sent out on what members have been dropped. Bob Aleardi gave the field report and said that he wanted to thank those that have helped out with cutting grass and rolling the runway. Mr. Aleardi will spray the runway again to get rid of the weeds as soon as the weather clears up. He also asked if you are able to help out with the grass please contact him.

Old Business

The president said that we had a good turn out at the flea market with a lot of new faces. It was brought up to explore the option of running an ad in the AMA magazine for the next flea market, we will bring this up again at the January or February meeting to see if it is feasible. Small/Electric Plane Sunday is set for June 16th weather permitting. The Rick McIlvaine War Bird Sunday is scheduled for July 15 and this is for war birds only and open to other clubs. Steve Althouse said that there is still a couple planes needed for the showcase at the Philadelphia Airport, contact him for more info. Neil Stokes got and mounted two 10lb ABC fire extinguishers in the

container at the field. It was voted on and passed to have a fire extinguisher present if you are flying an electric, gas (gasoline) engine or turbine. There must be one in your possession or one from the container brought out to the pin board. Bob Lanard reported that the S&W fuel order has been delivered.

New Business

Cat Sunday is set for August 12th and Gas (Gasoline) Engine Sunday is August 19th. It was mentioned that when at the field and you unlock the locks to spin the numbers to not show the combo if left unlocked. The Bull meeting is June 26th and the next regular Meeting is July 10th

With no further business and no raffles the meeting was adjourned at 8:36 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Neil Stokes WJRC Secretary



Field Maintenance:

The field's been looking better each week. A big "Thank You" to our Field Maintenance Director Bob Aleardi and to Gregg Clement, Karl Kozuh and to a few other members for their efforts. (I apologize for not having their names.) Neil Stokes reported that John Lamberti cut the grass once.

If you do any work at the field, try to remember to note it on our blog site or send out an email. It'll save someone else making a trip to do that same work. "Thank You" in advance for your efforts.

A Little of June's Flying Field Action:

I'm sure you've noticed, it's been a windy year.

Dave Morgan emailed me the below recap of his experience on Thursday, June 14. Glad to see Dave's back in action. (Now if a few more members would exercise their writing skills we'd really be on top of the field action.)

Just a Thursday field update, I finally felt up to trying some flying today. "Gas & Go" (that's Gregg Clement) and myself were out there at 10:00, had a heavy cross wind most of the day. After Gregg recertified me on the Buddy Box, I was cleared for takeoff. We each got in several flights and had a good time, Rich Onorato showed up @ noontime with his Waco Bipe. He got everything together but never got in a flight due to the wind getting worse, Gregg said Rich won the Static Display Field Award and that Steve should give Rich a \$25.00 Tower Hobby Gift Card. A good time was had by all. Dave M

Saturday, June 16: All 4 of the weather websites I use for getting a good wind and weather check basically told me to "get out there and fly"; but, I forgot to flip the coin for my final decision. A number of flyers came to the field expecting some great flying on a beautiful day. I got just 2 flights in before I, like most of the others at the field, decided to let the wind have its day and just quietly leave. Even Joe Mauriello, who usually lands planes about as casually as one can, admitted he had a real challenge getting his P-47 back onto terra firma unscathed. At one point the wind pulled out all 4 stakes holding down Gregg Clement's 10' umbrella tent and flipped it over. Amazingly, it landed between 2 cars and partially on his Great Planes Matt Chapman without causing any damage. One of its lost stakes was found on the floor of Don Romano's truck cab. I should also mention that throughout all this, while most were packing up, Mark Schools flew his 40-size Stearman several times seemingly undaunted by the stiff winds. As I was leaving, another group of members were arriving to have a go at it. Hope they had good luck. Editor.

Piston Rings to Help Revive a Worn Engine:

For quite awhile I'd searched for a supplier of a piston ring for one of my engines. When I happened to mention it to Bill Froeder, he immediately gave me the name of a company that provides piston rings for a large number of RC engines. They'll even make custom rings if you send in the piston & cylinder. The company's name is **Bowman's Rings**. The ordering method is a little different from most in that orders are placed via email (as opposed to being done directly on a website) and Frank Bowman will email back the cost to you. I recently ordered 2 rings (one as a spare) for my Super Tigre 90. Promptly got them; and, that engine is back in action. Delivered cost for the 2 rings was \$23. Below gives is the info and shows example email requests for rings.

<http://stunthanger.com/smf/index.php?topic=3109.0>

Safety Reminder:

Heard any thunder lately? The below National Weather Service info made me unlearn some misconceptions I had about lightning. Have a read about why we may want to exercise caution in trying to squeeze out a few last minutes of flying time before a storm hits. I always figured being struck by lightning meant a quick death. Not so my friends. Also, checkout the "Bolts from the Blue" paragraph; I had wondered what brought that expression about.

The lightning info is on several pages (Shown on the left column of the website.). Below are just a few of them.

Risk reduction outdoors (and Bolts from the Blue):

<http://www.lightningsafety.noaa.gov/outdoors.htm>

Safety Myths & Truths:

<http://www.lightningsafety.noaa.gov/myths.htm>

Medical aspects:

<http://www.lightningsafety.noaa.gov/medical.htm>

Philadelphia Airport Showcase:

The grapevine has it the 12 or so WJRC planes that have been offered to be displayed will soon be picked-up. A truck will pick them up totally assembled at the individual's house. The planes will be on display from mid summer until sometime in Feb 2013.

Happy Flying,

JJ

Be careful about reading health books, you may die of a misprint. - Mark Twain

Per my cardiologist: "If it tastes good, spit it out."



Rich Onorato's
Cessna 182



IT LIVES!
Mark Schools' RV-8



Joe Mauriello's 85" P-47