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## Minutes of the West Jersey R/C Club April 10, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 pm by club president Steve Althouse with 27 members in attendance. The minutes of the March meeting were read by the secretary and accepted by all present. Bob Lanard gave the treasurer's report on the checking account and all transactions. Mr. Lanard also reported the balance in the Vanguard fund as of March 31st, and the balance in the raffle fund. All members present accepted the report as given by Mr. Lanard. Steve Althouse took a role of prospective members with none present for the April meeting, and he also reported the club membership is at 104 members. Bob Alardi gave the field report and said that some work has been done on the runway by John Landolfi. Mr. Alardi also requested a work party on Saturday April 14th to finish up the runway. Bob gave info and cost on fertilizer for the field and the members voted not to apply anything at this time. Bob will also check on the cost and application of putting glue down on the runway. Mr. Alardi said he would send out emails regarding the field work if it needed to be closed for any reason. JJ DeLucia gave the information on signs and fencing for the field, after his findings the club voted that more info was needed due to the cost.

### Old Business

The president said that Multi Engine Sunday will be April 15th, Spring Ducted Fan Sunday is April 22nd. Helicopter Sunday is scheduled for May 13th and Cub Sunday will be May 20th all weather permitting. The club Flea Market will be May 22nd with volunteers needed see Steve Althouse. Bob Lanard is taking orders for S&W fuel again this year. There is a 2 gallon minimum with cash for all orders and delivery is approximately the third week in May. Steve Althouse will confirm with the Philadelphia Airport on the display of r/c planes and will send an email out to have a meeting at 7:30 pm on May 8th for anyone interested in displaying aircraft. The portable

toilet was placed at the field and is ready for use.

### New Business

Small Plane Sunday is set for June 17th. Paul Gross made a suggestion of getting a lift to work on the tractors, after some discussion it was decided not to pursue. The admission is set at \$5.00 per person for the Flea Market.

With no further business Bob Lanard ran the 50/50 with Neil Stokes winning \$20.00. The Bull Meeting is April 24th and the next regular meeting is May 8th.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:58pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Neil Stokes WJRC Secretary

### IMPORTANT REMINDER:

1. As you go through the gate to use the portable toilet, immediately secure the gate behind you so the horses don't get out.
2. Before leaving the flying field, make sure the gate and the portable toilet are both actually locked and not just chain-wrapped.

**Please Bring Water for Field Treatments:**

A lot of water is needed for various spraying jobs at the field. Give one of your empty gallon jugs a quick rinse; then, whenever you go to the field, bring a gallon (or more) of water and pour it into the 55 gallon drum beside the shed. With your help, field work won't have to stop due to not having sufficient water on hand.

**Flying Field Maintenance:**

"Thank You" to the below members for accomplishing the needed work at the Field Work Party held on Saturday, April 14. At the end of it, Bob Aleardi and Neil Stokes mowed and rolled the field.

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| Bob Aleardi    | Neil Stokes   |
| Rich Balchunas | Paul Gross    |
| Gus Tahenakos  | Gregg Clement |
| Mark Schools   | Bill Faust    |
| Lucky Macy     | JJ DeLucia    |

**Multi-engine Sunday, April 15:**

We got a reasonable turnout considering the challenges added by the crosswinds.

- Photos: Barry Prather with his Pica Duelist with 2-stroke .40's  
Jay Honigman's DC-3 with 2-stroke .25's

**Spring Ducted Fan Sunday, April 29:**

Does "high carnage" tell you anything? The details are too gruesome for print. You had to be there.

**Some of the time consuming work that allows our flying to happen....**



**Decisions, Decisions.....It's Part of the Hobby:**

The early part of a new flying season is typically high carnage time. The two below stories are to help remind us to be mentally prepared for the challenges our hobby presents as this flying season heats up.

**1. "Never Say Die":**

Last week I saw Mark Schools flying his P-51 Mustang. I remembered our Warbird Sunday 2010 when his beautifully done P-51D went into the ground due to a freak transmitter problem. That day, as I looked at the pile of P-51D "trash" laying alongside Mark's chair, it was obvious to me the plane was totaled. For Mark, it was a big disappointment at one of our biggest club events. But, after checking it out thoroughly at home, Mark thought to himself "Never Say Die", thereby deciding the plane was worth trying to rebuild. To help in repairing some of the severe damage, he utilized a P-51 "model B" conversion kit, assuming the "B" razorback design would add some needed fuse strength. Mark did a great repair of that plane; and yes, it's still flying great!

**2. "I Got My Money's Worth Out of It":**

On Friday, April 20, 2012 immediately after liftoff on its 223rd flight, the RV-8 of Mark Schools dead-sticked. It was still too slow and too low, so you know what had to happen - it took a hard hit on the runway. Mark took one look at it and said, "It already has so many repairs, I'm not going to rebuild it. I got my money's worth out of it." (Upon inspection at home, Mark found a split seam on the top of the fuel tank which had caused a pressure loss leading the engine to die at liftoff.)

**Moral Of The Above Stories:**

If this hobby was easy, we'd just find something else to do.

**P-51D "pile of trash"**



**P-51B rebuilt beauty**



**End of an Era  
223rd flight of Mark's RV-8**

**Follow-up on the above RV-8 "loss":** A reliable rumor going around has it that this plane has been seen flying again....several times. (Never Say Die.)

Top right shows Dennis Buttocola's lettering work using relatively inexpensive rub-on letters from Hobby Lobby. "Thank You" Dennis for the info.  
<http://shop.hobbylobby.com/products/rub-on-commercial-letters-162636/>



**Steve Althouse giving a few tips to Art Strong**

**Next Official Meeting: Tuesday, May 8 @ 8 PM.**

**WJRC Flea Market:**  
 Tuesday, May 22 @ 7 PM (Table set up time is 6 PM)  
 \$5 Admission for non-members.

If you'd like to share any of your RC experiences, helpful hints, general info or photos, please pass them along to me.

Happy Flying,  
 JJ

Question to myself after taking my plane home with no damage: Was I flying like a sissy?  
 Answer: Maybe..... but I'll finish the day wearing the same underwear.



**The filling station of Tom Goraj:**



**IT'S ALL FUN**

Tom Goraj's Edge

Bob Passarella's electric