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Minutes of the West Jersey R/C Club August 14, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 8:05pm by club President Steve Althouse with 19 members and prospective members in attendance. The minutes of the July meeting were read by the Secretary and accepted by all present. Club Treasurer Bob Lanard gave the checking account activity with an ending balance as of July 31st. Mr. Lanard made a deposit into the checking account from the raffle fund, and also gave the raffle fund balance. All members present accepted the Treasurer's report as given by Mr. Lanard. Vice President Joe Mauriello took a role of prospective members with Matt Engelhart and Dan O'Hare, both sitting in on their second meeting. Mr. Mauriello reported that the club is still at 93 members. Bob Aleardi gave the field report and said that both the field and runway are in good shape. Mr. Aleardi said that he got a new belt for the blades on the Scott mower and replaced it. Bob said he would get some info and pricing on putting fill dirt on the runway at each end to help level it to the grass. Bob also wanted to thank all who have helped out with the field maintenance.

Old Business

President Steve Althouse said that the "Rick McIlvaine Warbird Sunday" had a good turn out with plenty of spectators and despite the wind, there were still planes in the air. It was nice to see some of Rick's family members there to support our club as well. Kim Morgan and her mother Ramona Morton did a very fine job of supplying food and drinks to keep everyone full and happy. A big THANK YOU goes out to both ladies for all of their preparation and hard work to help make this event a success. Thank you to all who helped that day from grass to clean up. Gas Engine Sunday is set for August 19th. President Steve Althouse wanted to remind everyone that the "Ray McCloy Memorial Picnic" is scheduled for September 16th with plenty of food and flying.

New Business

Ducted Fan Sunday is set for October 14th. Club President Steve Althouse received an email from Frankie Mirandes of Puerto Rico, he saw the display in the Philadelphia Airport and found it to be very impressive. Frankie is one of the founders of an r/c club in Puerto Rico and was inquiring about the display and how it came about, he wanted to get something similar in Puerto Rico for his club. If you are interested you can check out their website at www.borinquenrc.net. Pres. Steve Althouse will contact the Airport to find out if we would be able to view the display and when any photographs would be available. Joe Mauriello said it was nice to see that the fire extinguisher is being used at the field. If you bring trash in, carry trash out. If you see any trash around don't be afraid to pick it up. It was also brought up that if there are four wheelers and dirt bikes racing around the road by the pits to address them nicely and explain why verses just yelling to stop. The flight pattern direction was brought up due to changing wind conditions. It was determined that the flight pattern would be set by the pointer on the pin pole. If the wind changes and you need to take off or land against that then you need to let everyone know which way you are going. Once in the air you need to change and get back into the pattern as soon as you can. A few of the members gave some history of the club and reminisced about Ray McCloy and why he was so important to the club.

With no further business Bob Lanard ran the 50/50 with Neil Stokes winning.

The next Bull Meeting is August 28th and the next Regular Meeting is September 11th.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:36pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Neil Stokes WJRC Secretary

Field Maintenance:

"Thank You" to our Field Maintenance Director, Bob Aleardi and also to one of our newest members, Sheldon Parker for helping out with that work.

SAFETY TIP - the Flying Pattern:

(Part of this was mentioned in the Meeting Minutes.)

Following the established Flying Pattern provides greater safety for everyone at the field. If everyone keeps with it, for the most part we only need to watch for stray planes coming from one direction. Additionally, it reduces the chances of aircraft collisions over the runway, which, because of its proximity to the Pits, if one occurred, it could prove hazardous.

If you take-off or land in the direction opposite to the Flight Board (Pin Pole) arrow or, if that's not present, to the established flying pattern, you should clearly call it out to alert everyone. Also, if you take-off in the opposite direction you should turn your plane around ASAP so it's going with the Flying Pattern.

When flying over the runway, the flying pattern should be followed.

("Thank You" to Field Safety Officer, Rich Onorato for providing the above.)

Some Flying Recaps:

8/12/2012, FlyCat / BobCat Sunday:

- The GOOD, the BAD, and the UGLY of it -

The GOOD was that, thankfully, at least ONE FlyCat was brought to the field. Its owner was Owen Douglas. Bob Werner and Owen spent a fair amount of time getting its .51 two-stroke to run reliably. They accomplished that and then got in a successful flight. Owen called it quits right afterwards and headed home to consider adding a rudder to the plane. Although designed without a rudder, Bob had suggested it may need one due to some directional instability. (Photo below)



The BAD, or should I say "Bad A-s" (in a good way), was the large number of warbirds here today. Maybe we should've called this "WarCat Sunday". It was quite a show from the large gasoline planes to the very small foamies.

Now, the UGLY part. Unfortunately, a mid-air collision occurred. This one destroyed two very nice planes, a 74" Aeroworks Extra and a 84" PT-19. There were only 3 planes in the air and all were following the flying pattern. (Photos of both planes below.)



Paul Gross Believes That The "I Can Fly Lower Than You Can" Trophy Should Be Retired And Given Permanently To Him Because:

On or about 8/19/2012:

To the entertainment of several members, Paul Gross was busy making low (real low) passes down the runway with his 75" F8F Bearcat, powered with an OS FT-240 twin cylinder (photo below). When, at the lowest point of a pass, a huge cloud of dust was kicked up by the prop. Paul immediately landed the Bearcat; and, he and Gus Tahenakos took a close look at the dirt runway. They found 5 gouges made by the prop. That indicated 2 complete prop rotations were made in the dirt! The first 2 gouges were spaced about 2-1/2 inches apart, the last 2 were spaced about 5 inches apart - indicating the engine RPM slowed a bit due to the ground contact.

Paul went home and replaced the Bearcat's elevator pull-pull control with 2 servos mounted in the tail. (No, I didn't ask if underwear also had to be replaced.) He said he'll also be replacing the rudder's pull-pull set-up with a solid rod; Paul prefers a well braced rod for better control. (I'm sure Paul would like to hear your comments regarding retirement of the "trophy".)



Thursday, 8/30/2012:

Yesterday and today were beautiful, with very un-August-like weather. But, only 6 to 8 flyers came to the field each day. Don Romano flew his 1/3 scale Cub (that's a 130 in. wingspan) today for its first flight with a G-62 engine. He previously had it powered with a G-55. Don was very satisfied with the plane's performance with this larger engine. When he throttled back to put it at scale speed, it looked like a full scale headed to the airfield a couple of miles north of us.

Although he didn't bring a plane, Mike McMichen stopped by the field for a visit. Mike, like several other club members, lent a plane to Phila. Airport for display at Terminal 'A' until Feb 2013. It was his big, unbelievably well detailed P-51. He showed us a video he'd taken with his phone of the planes in the airport's large, L-shaped display. Mike said it was necessary for him to pay the airport parking fee in order to get to the display.

Money Saving Tip:

Poor Man's Monokote Mitt.....Get an el cheapo pair of cotton work gloves, wet one with water before using. (Just don't pick-up the air dryer with that hand.) Keep the water nearby for additional dipping. ("Thank You" to Karl Kozuh for this one.)

Please Help Keep Our Field Area Clean:

WJRC will probably be blamed for any trash at our field. Please pick up any trash you see, whether it's on the runway or anywhere on the general field area. This applies to broken props, airframe parts, covering, food bags, etc. Thanks.

Happy Flying,
JJ

A jumper cable walks into a bar. The bartender says, "I'll serve you, but don't start anything."

My wife has a slight speech impediment. Every now and then she stops to breathe. - Jimmy Durante

