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## **Minutes of the West Jersey R/C Club July 9, 2013**

The meeting was called to order at 8:02 pm by club President Joe Mauriello with 20 members and prospective members in attendance. The minutes of the June meeting were read by the Secretary and accepted by all present. Club Treasurer Brian Beer went over all the transactions on the club's checking account and gave an ending balance as of June 29<sup>th</sup>. All members present accepted the treasurer's report as given. Vice-President Bob Demola reviewed the membership with John Konzik and Bogdan Cucu both attending their third meeting and were accepted into the club with a round of applause. Bogdan's son Nicholas Wilson-Cucu sat in on his second meeting. Dennis Buttocola said the new mower was checked out and is fine, no oil was needed and there was no oil used as previously thought. Dennis said the mower is running well with no problems. Dennis has purchased some weed killer for the runway and should put it down within the next week. Mantua Twp. has done some repairs to Boody Mill Road which makes for an easier ride into the field. Neil Stokes brought up the idea of possibly getting insurance on the new mower, Joe Mauriello said he would look into it and give his findings at the next meeting. Joe Mauriello sent out an email regarding the current rules for field safety, there were some questions at the last meeting on certain issues. Joe Mauriello also said it was good to see the fire extinguisher is being brought out and wanted to thank everyone for their efforts.

### **Old Business**

The President wanted to remind everyone that Warbird Sunday is scheduled for July 14<sup>th</sup> weather permitting. This event is for Warbirds only and all pilots will have a spotter when flying, if you have any questions see Bob Werner. The event will not have any food this year so make sure you bring what you will need. There is

additional parking if needed on the right side coming in across from the safety benches. Joe Mauriello will contact Steve Althouse to get access to the website or have him make changes for the upcoming events on the Club's main web page.

### **New Business**

Cat Sunday is set for August 11<sup>th</sup> and Gas Engine Sunday is August 18<sup>th</sup>. Chris Green is still working on a date and events for the Fun Fly. He would like to make it fun, simple and do it safely. If you are interested in helping him out please contact Chris for details. The idea was brought up about having the Flea Market at the field on a Saturday morning, Leon Dobkowski said that he visited another club's event on a Saturday and said the turnout was light. With no further business Brian Beer ran the 50/50 raffle with Joe Dimeo winning \$18.00.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:36 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Neil Stokes WJRC Secretary.



## Field Maintenance Work:

With the extreme heat we've had this summer, an extra big "Thank You" is due our Field Maintenance Director, Dennis Buttocola for keeping our flying field in great shape. Even with the extreme heat, because of the great amount of rain, Dennis has had to do two cuttings a week. It's been a challenging season.

Friday, July 12, Mark Schools assisted Dennis in the mowing and with the extra work involved in getting the field groomed for our Warbirds event.

Thank You also to Club Secretary, Neil Stokes for the frequent work he does on our field.

## A Few Flying Recaps:

Sunday, July 14: Warbird Sunday: It was really hot and not much wind. We probably had less than half the number of flyers of last year's event. But, it was still Warbird Sunday with lots of fine looking planes, so it was still exciting: P-51's, P-47's, an F8F, a Stuka, Me-109's, ducted fan electrics and a B-17. They're just the ones I saw while there for a couple of hours. (photos next page)

The big guy there was Dennis Buttocola's 132" (That's exactly 11 feet.) B-17 Superfortress with four OS 91's. (photos last page) Dennis spent almost 2 years building it. He'd planned a taxi-test for today; but, the #2 engine had a stubborn fuel delivery problem that prevented it. He did get the other 3 engines running without problem. This is the first I've seen the B-17 since Dennis brought it to the Aug '09 Bull meeting. If you've never seen it live and up close, it's an impressive site both for its size and for its detail. On another subject altogether, Dennis should give classes on how to pack a vehicle. Somehow he found a way to fit his B-17, his P-51, all his tools and support equipment including four saw-horses and his umbrella tent into his mid size SUV.

Saturday, July 27: A mostly cloudy sky, mild wind and 85 degrees made for a nice flying day; so, no surprise there was a big member turnout and plenty of flying action including some warbirds too. (Photo of some of the going's on, bottom next page.)

Joe Mauriello flew his 90" B-25 Mitchell with its DLE 20's - beautifully detailed and FAST. Joe had it make a number of very low, full speed passes down the runway which were thrilling to watch! (photo 1st page, more photos of it next month). Joe also had an electric P-47 with him, and, for accomplishing some slick aerobatics, his Slick 540.

Mark Schools and Jay Honigman had their respective PT-17 and Albatross do a mock dogfight. (photo next page)

Tony Severino visited the field. He was up here for a few days from his home in Florida; and, he was right back in his old groove - readily lending a hand to anyone needing help. Tony had many of us drooling over the great RC happenings he told us about in the area near his home in Florida. As he's been doing, he'll continue to occasionally send photos of the RC goings-on there.

## CAUTION NOTE: **Transmitter Antenna's**

We've had some nice planes destroyed this year as well as a number of close calls, because flyers forgot to pull-up their transmitter antenna. It's an easy mistake to make. This is especially the case after going from a 2.4 GHz system to an older type. You may want to provide yourself with a sign on your transmitter or plane, or to just not close the antenna at all until you're through flying for the day. If you feel too embarrassed to use a sign, think about how much more embarrassing it'll be after the plane makes it 'final' with the ground.

Below: Tony Severino and Joe Mauriello assisting Bob Leonetti with the maiden of his 66" Dragon Lady with its DLE-30. In the photo, Bob's not at all bored; he was still pondering all the plane's issues that had to be addressed right on up to this point. But there was no need for the concern, it was a successful maiden.



## Aircraft History Tidbits: **B-17 Superfortress**

Towards the bottom of below webpage is a Luftwaffe test pilot's summary of a captured B-17:

<http://www.aviation-history.com/boeing/b17.html>

Additional B-17 eyewitness accounts:

<http://www.eyewitnesstohistory.com/b17.htm>

General overview of B-17 design:

[http://www.militaryfactory.com/aircraft/detail.asp?aircraft\\_id=79](http://www.militaryfactory.com/aircraft/detail.asp?aircraft_id=79)

If you'd like to have a flight in a B-17: <http://www.b17.org/>

## This Month's Events & Reminders:

Cat Sunday: Aug 11 (Dogs are allowed)

Business meeting: Tuesday, Aug 13 @ 8 PM

Gas(oline) Engine Sunday: Aug 18

Bull meeting: Tuesday, Aug 27 @ 8 PM (coffee & donuts)

Happy Flying,

JJ



PHOTOS FROM JULY 14 (WARBIRD SUNDAY) AND FROM SATURDAY JULY 27

Jay Honigman's 10 yr old, 71" Stuka with an OS .61 and, per Jay, one very close call.



New member, Bogdan Cucu (behind his P-51) and his son, Nicholas:



Ed Mortimer with his BH Models, 55cc, Me-109:



Greg & Chris Green checking their F-35's main gear:



Neil Stokes' F-20:



Bob Demola's F-15



BELOW: Saturday, July 27: Mark Schools' & Jay Honigman's dogfight; and, a small bit of the day's big turnout.





Warbird Sunday: Dennis Buttocola's 132" B-17 Superfortress with four OS 91's

