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## West Jersey R/C Club December 11, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 8:08 pm by club President Steve Althouse after everyone enjoyed a delicious meal for our Christmas party. The food was prepared by Bruce Sheppard, Sandra Dubeau and Sue Knight, many thanks go out to them for their time and hard work. There were 39 members in attendance while the minutes were read by the Secretary from the November meeting. All present accepted the minutes as read. President Steve Althouse said that he got messages from Joe Mauriello in Japan and Tony Severino in Florida wishing everyone a happy holiday. Treasurer Bob Lanard gave the activity on the club checking account with an ending balance as of November 30th. Mr. Lanard said that the raffle has some items for sale and he would send out an email with details. All present accepted the treasurer's report as given. Vice-President Joe Mauriello was not present so the President took a role call with four past members looking to rejoin the club. Jack Hofbauer, Leon Dobkowski, Bill Pinto and George VanWagner all sat in on the meeting. Field Director Dennis Buttocola said the field is good with no changes.

### Old Business

Bob Bradshaw said that three members have responded for the first fly on January 1st at 10:00 am. Bob also said that there are many channels still open for anyone interested. Neil Stokes will contact English Sewage to get a quote for the portable toilet service for next year and present it at the next meeting.

### New Business

There was a motion made and passed to get Mr. Landolfi a gift for the Holidays. Paul Gross thanked Steve Althouse for his time as President. President Steve Althouse said that there was no Bull Meeting this month due to the holidays and the next Regular Meeting would be on January 8th.

With no further business Brian Beer ran the 50/50 with Paul Gross winning \$38.00.

Steve Althouse gave a few words and his thanks to the club as this was his last meeting as President.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm

Respectfully Submitted,  
Neil Stokes WJRC Secretary

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Photo from Sheldon Parker



**Tuesday, Dec 11: WJRC Christmas Party**

All the party food was prepared and set up by Bruce Sheppard, his girl friend Sandra and her twin sister Sue. Now that was a whole lot of work! And, their diligent efforts really showed; because, the food was absolutely great! No one left hungry.

**THANK YOU VERY, VERY MUCH to  
Bruce, Sandra and Sue**

We had a good turnout for the party. Along with all the RC talk, there was additional entertainment. Although the Eagles Cheerleaders couldn't make it, we did have the tiny new Parkzone Mini-Vapor (9" wingspan) brought in by Chris Green. He and Jay Honigman cooled the seated members as they slowly flew it along the tables. We'll have to remember this air conditioning technique when the hot weather returns. And....a jolly time was had by all.

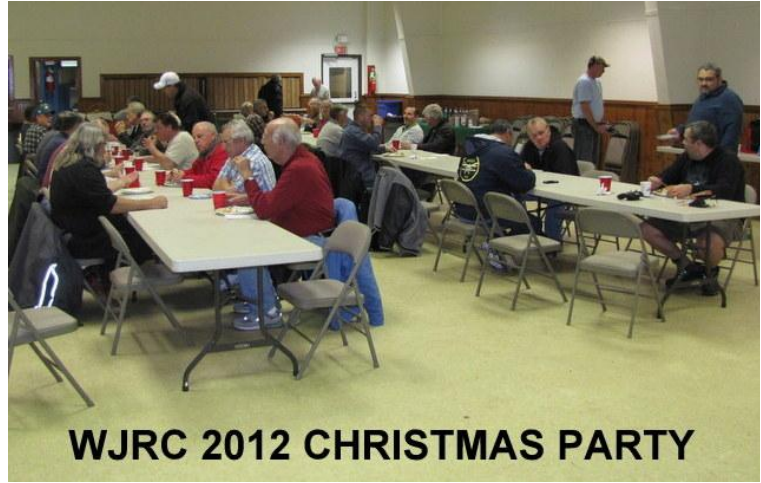
**Tuesday, Jan 1, 2013: First Fly Race**

In his first official action as club president, Joe Mauriello conducted the race along with some assistance from out-going president Steve Althouse. We had two contestants: Bob Bradshaw, winner of the two previous First Flies with his Ace Sea Master; and Barry Prather with a glow powered profile. Joe gave the "Go" and both planes took off, with Bob's plane losing a float on the runway. Bob's plane touched down first, with Barry's plane a few seconds later. It looked like the Ace Sea Master was going to win again, but a nose gear problem altered its travel towards the Pits. And, in a crowd thrilling finish (you had to hear it), Barry's profile careened around the moving Sea Master into the Pits for the 2013 win! Congratulations Barry!

**Engine Testing Stand (at a great price):**

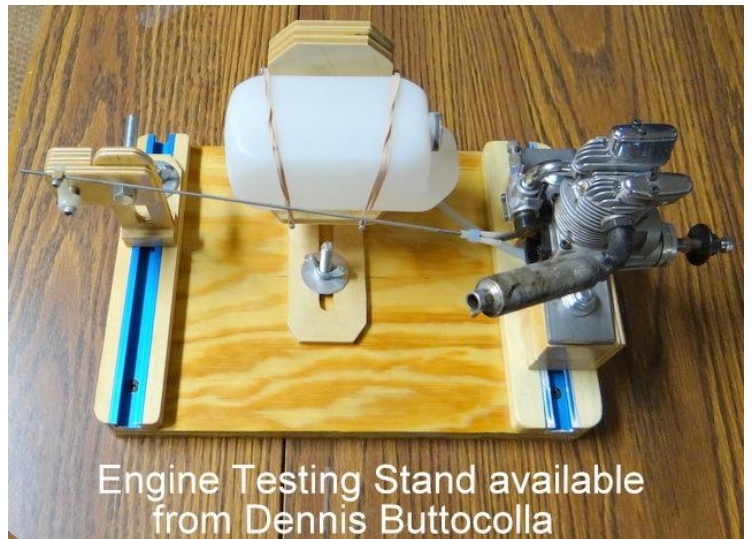
During the Christmas Party, Dennis Buttocola brought in the prototype of his Engine Testing Stand. Dennis will be provide these stands to members for \$40 each. This hit me as a no brainer - a quality product at a great price. So, mine is already on order with him. For perspective, the photo Dennis sent (right) shows it with a 12 oz tank and a Saito 72 4-stroke; but, it'll take quite a variety of sizes. Unlike a lot of what's on the market, this stand is complete, not just an engine bracket.

Dennis' engine testing stand includes: adjustable engine mounts (maple) with integrated positive stops to prevent any forward engine movement, metal engine-hold down plates, adjustable length throttle control rod with a fully adjustable base, fully adjustable fuel tank mount, secure screw anchors, aluminum slide rails, all mounted on a plywood base. All the wood is poly coated. Any questions, give Dennis a call. \$40



**WJRC 2012 CHRISTMAS PARTY**

**2013 First Fly Winner:  
Barry Prather with his lean, mean profile machine.**  
Photo from Sheldon Parker



Engine Testing Stand available  
from Dennis Buttocola

**Some December Flying Recaps:**

December 12 to the 15 were 4 pretty decent flying days with 2 of them being really great days. Wish more members could've made it.

Friday, Dec 14: Even a blind squirrel finds an occasional nut. In my case, I occasionally catch an interesting photo, like the one of Paul Gross' big Mustang about to land with its Saito 180's muffler hanging by its pressure tubing (right). It looks funny; but, humor aside, that's one muffler the farm field didn't get. That farm field is a veritable treasure trove of RC metal parts. Anyone tempted to put a metal detector to work?

Saturday, Dec 15: Both big and little planes were out here today. Lucky Macy brought his large electric U-Can-Do and his 80", 30cc RV-8. At the other end of the spectrum, John Schumacher brought a foamy Mustang; another member (I didn't get his name) brought a foamy P-47 (lower right). These foamies were reasonably scale-like, well detailed, had retracts and flew fine. You know, maybe electric has a chance of catching on.

**Converting Glow to Electric:**

This website provides motor sizes for converting 2-stroke glow powered planes to outrunner or inrunner motors. Thanks to Sheldon Parker.

<http://www.electrifly.com/powersystem/glow-to-brushless.html>

**Give Wisely:** (Nothing to do with RC)

Each of these three websites use their own method to evaluate the efficiency with which charities handle their donations. I always make sure a charity shows up well in all three sites before sending money.

<http://www.charitynavigator.org/index.cfm?bay=search.alpha&ltr=A>

<http://www.bbb.org/charity-reviews/national/#F>

<http://www.charitywatch.org/azlist.html#f>

Happy 2013,  
JJ

Finally, some reasonable New Year's resolutions:

1. Procrastinate more often.
2. Watch more TV, been missing some good stuff.
3. Gain some weight, say about 30 pounds.

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The Farm Field was denied a Muffler - for once



I can't believe it's a foamy



Photo from Neil Stokes

