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Minutes of the West Jersey R/C Club October 8, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 8:08 pm by Club President Joe Mauriello with 33 members and prospective members present. The minutes of the September meeting were read by the Secretary and all present accepted the minutes as read. Club Treasurer Brian Beer gave the activity on the checking account with an ending balance as of September 30th. Brian said he will contact the Vanguard Fund to get an updated account balance for the next meeting. President Joe Mauriello said he would like to have a report on the operating expenses of the club to review and see if any changes need to be made. Vice-President Bob Demola reviewed the membership with John Holcraft, Jearl Waddell, Brendan Cecola, Jesse Cecola and Anthony Cecola all attending their second meeting, while Mike Waddell sat in on his first meeting. Bob said the club is now at 104 members. A question was asked if the club has a maximum number of members (answer: no) the club has never set a limit. Paul Gross also wanted to remind the club that if a member finds a new flying field that member is not required to pay dues as long as we are at that location. The President said that AMA renewals are coming out so please renew as soon as possible. Club membership dues will start being collected at the November meeting with the yearly fee of \$60.00. Dennis Buttocola was not present to give the field report, however the grass is being cut and the runway is in good shape. Rich Onorato is back and at the moment has no safety concerns. The President wanted to remind everyone that there is no taxiing in the pits, that you need to carry or walk your aircraft to and from the flight line. Just as a reminder Field Marshals are Jay Honigman and Bob Werner should you need them. Any guest flying at the field should have their own AMA membership and are limited to three times a year or must join the club. All new pilots must demonstrate flying abilities and perform take-offs and landings. We want to keep it safe not only for pilot skills but for

equipment failures. The emergency sheet that JJ DeLucia made up will be finalized and hung on the pole or pin board. The President said he is looking for instructors and if you can help out please see him for details. It is very important that the last person out makes sure that everything is put away and all locks are secure.

Old Business

Fall Ducted Fan Sunday is October 13th weather permitting with a rain date of the following weekend. The Fun Fly will be scheduled at some point in 2014, the President said he wanted to take a look at the events and make some changes for next year. The club picnic had great weather and a large turn out with plenty of flying.

New Business

November 10th is Fast Plane Sunday and December 10th will be the club Christmas party and the regular meeting following the party. The club made a motion and passed to waive the membership dues for the positions of Field Maintenance Director and Editor of the News Letter. Paul Gross mentioned that the club should purchase a device to retrieve planes down from the trees. This was discussed and one will be purchased and kept at the field. Nominations for 2014 club officers was opened and the following are up for election,

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Treasurer: Brian Beer

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With no further business Brian Beer ran the 50/50 raffle with Marty Brodack winning \$23.00. The next Bull Meeting is October 22nd and the next Regular Meeting is November 12th.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:06 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Neil Stokes WJRC Secretary

FIELD MAINTENANCE:

During October, Field Maintenance Director Dennis Buttocola accomplished the last few mowings for the season; but, he's looking to accomplish more work on the runway following the growing season. Dennis is purchasing an additional six, 40-pound bags of salt which he'll deposit across the dirt part of the runway. Although he'd applied salt previously, this final application will help significantly in keeping down overgrowth next season.

REMINDER:

As stated in the Meeting Minutes: Before leaving the field, check that everything is put away and that the Gate, the Toilet and the Shed are locked.

"Field Emergency Sheet" is at the Field:

Neil Stokes has strapped to the Flying Field post a blue plastic container having a screw-on end cap. It contains laminated copies of our "Field Emergency Contacts Sheet".

Some Flying Recaps: (Lots of field action in October.)

Monday (Columbus Day) Oct 14: Decent sky, wind and temperature. The field was busy all day. Tony and Rocky Verchio flew a big Taylorcraft (photo right). Sheldon Parker flew several of his planes. Dave Tracey flew his 1st 'gasser' (photo right). Bob Kotter flew his big, beautiful 69", 50cc Pitts M-12S biplane. Paul Gross put two flights on his turbine-powered jet, to be sure it was ready for Ducted Fan Sunday. I brought 2 planes. But, the .60 in my 62" SuperKaos' had expired; my other plane was a .52-powered, 53" Chips Akro. Although many flyers have lost planes in being unable to get them OUT of an inverted flat spin, I had trouble getting the Akro INTO one. Oh, did I say trouble? Well, it was BIG trouble. Enough said?

Tuesday, Oct 15: Two Items to report:

1. A SIGNIFICANT OCCURRENCE: Today I heard separately from Barry Prather and from Paul Gross that Andre Askew landed (intentionally or otherwise) his dead-sticked, glow, F-14 on top of the dirt pile with it incurring no damage (the plane, not the dirt pile).

2. NEW RC TERM: Right after takeoff, when Marty Brodack's 60-powered, 70" Revolver sounded to everyone like it dead-sticked, Marty promptly called "dead-stick". But, miraculously, the engine quickly came back to life. In a moment of superlative mental clarity, Sheldon Parker said: "That's not a dead-stick; that's a Lazarus." (My first witnessing of an actual RC miracle. Ed.)

Tony & Rocky Verchio busily prepping their glow 180 4-stroke, 84" Taylorcraft:



Dave Tracey checking the gear of his 1st 'gasser', a 73" 30cc NitroPlanes MX2, assistance from John Konzik. (photo from Sheldon Parker)



Barry Prather's 72" electric F-86: (photo from Sheldon Parker)



Sunday, Oct 20: Fall Ducted Fan Day Initially, it was a bit on the breezy side, so there wasn't a big turnout; but, later in the afternoon the wind got a lot better.

Barry Prather brought several ducted fans. Among them was a BIG, eye-catching, 72" F-86 Sabre Jet powered with two, 8.0 AHR 6-s Lipos in series, a huge ESC and a 160mm fan. (photo previous page) Although Barry seemed to have it well prepared to fly, nose gear problems kept it on the ground. Barry made a crowd-pleasing flight with his A-7 Corsair II (photo right) which drew him applause on landing. (For the record, Barry flew the F-86 a week later; however, the maiden was cut short when its motor siezed.)

Andre Askew brought a couple of ducted fans. He flew his Patriot; and, working together, Andre and Barry taxied Andre's beautifully done A-4 Skyhawk (photo) on-to the runway. But nose wheel response problems made them decide to put off flying this beauty to another day.

Bob Lanard brought a real big Mig-15 but, unfortunately, problems kept it on the ground.

Paul Gross flew his turbine powered jet (photo). Although I'd seen it fly just a week earlier, each time I see it I'm amazed at how it sounds just like the real thing. Then I remind myself that's because it **IS** the real thing. What a sound!

Monday, Oct 21: Bob Kotter maidenied his 89", Beast pipe with its 111cc twin-cylinder. (Yikes! That's a big pipe!) With the way that plane moved, if Bob hadn't said the max he used was only half-throttle, I never would've suspected.

Tuesday, Oct 22: Bull Meeting: Bill Froeder brought his .45-powered, 53" F-117 Nighthawk (Stealth fighter) that he'd made from plans. (photo next page) In spite of its 'bulky' appearance, the plane is only 5 lbs. He'll finish the top in black and the bottom with a red, white and blue color scheme. In the air, its distinctive shape will be an eye-grabber. Bill bought the plans from the designer/manufacturer who can also provide an F-117 kit. Bill provided the below web address for it:

<http://www.rcuniverse.com/market/item.cfm?itemId=943199>

Monday, Oct 28: Don Romano maidenied his scale Hanger 9, 88" Tiger Moth. Although the plane was scale, that 30cc Don put in it provided, shall we say, much more than scale speed.

Paul Gross maidenied his Seagull Models, 71" GeeBee with a 1.20 4-stroke. I noticed its main gear was kind of closely spaced, which I know can make for dicey landings; but, Paul made both flying and landing the plane look easy. (I prefer planes with outriggers. Ed.)

Barry Prather starting his glow powered A-7 Corsair II with Andre Askew assisting.



Paul Gross concentrating on his just lit-off turbine while getting assistance from Rich Oakes.

(photo from Sheldon Parker)



Andre Askew's absolutely beautiful 48", A-4 Skyhawk:



WARNING: Tactic Receiver Problem A club member passed along some info regarding the Tactic TR624 2.4 GHz 6-channel receiver. This receiver has a 6" long antenna and a 1" long antenna. It's meant for shorter ranges only; so, it's not meant for areas the size of our flying field. Control of a plane will be lost at distances typically flown at our field. Tactic is making a newer model made for greater distances called the TR625; it has two 6" long antennas

Military Aircraft Tidbits:

Here's some info on the full scale version of Owen's T-6 Texan II (photo).

- <http://www.naval-technology.com/projects/t6a-texan-ii/>
- <http://www.af.mil/AboutUs/FactSheets/Display/tabid/224/Article/104548/t-6a-texan-ii.aspx>
- <http://www.airplane-pictures.net/type.php?p=3847>

And, if you're REALLY interested:
<http://www.baseops.net/militarypilot/t6.html>

November's Scheduled Events:

- Fast Planes:** Sunday, Nov 10
 - Business Meeting:** Tuesday, Nov 12 - Includes final nominations and voting for 2014 club officers.
 - Bull Meeting:** Tuesday, Nov 26 (Come and talk RC.)
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"Thank You" WJRC:
 This month makes exactly 5 years I've been into RC - all of them in WJRC. "Thanks Again" to Karl Kozuh for all that great instruction time he spent with me! Karl has an amazing amount of patience; I was not a fast learner. And, "Thank You" to all the other WJRC members who've assisted me in a myriad of ways. We've got one great club and I'm happy to be a part of it!
 Happy Flying,
 JJ

Giving money and power to government is like giving whiskey and car keys to teenage boys.
 As I age, I want just enough senility to forget the people I never liked.
 Hey, here's some kitchen smarts for a change, sent by Mark A. Nichols: That box of aluminum foil in your kitchen has push-in tabs on its ends to hold the roll in place as you pull out the foil. Same goes for the Cling Wrap box. Take a look. Who knew?

Bull Meeting: Bill Froeder talking over details of his 1/8 scale F-117 with Gus Tahenakos and Bill Pinto:



Owen Douglass with his scale 47" foam T-6 Texan II, with retracts. (PNP by Unique Model RC). Owen said it fly's great; but, the manual's radio setup was confusing. Available through Easy Tiger Models at:
<http://www.easytigermodels.com/>



It may appear Rick Lawn is getting some INTENSE training on a Buddy Box with Paul Gross along with several other members. But actually, they're all spellbound - a minute earlier the plane had gone into the ground.
 (Not to worry - just a little rc joke; Rick's doing fine.)

