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## Minutes of the West Jersey R/C Club September 10, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 pm by club President Joe Mauriello with 28 members and prospective members in attendance. The minutes from the August meeting were read by the Secretary and accepted by all present. Club Treasurer Brian Beer reviewed all of the transactions on the club's checking account and gave an ending balance as of September 5<sup>th</sup>. Brian said he received a Vanguard statement from Bob Lanard and the ending balance as of April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Brian said that he needed to submit all the forms again to Vanguard to make the necessary change of officers, they seemed to have misplaced the first set. Vice-President Bob Demola reviewed the membership with Ben Fleagle attending his second meeting. John Holcraft, Jearl Waddell, Brendan Cecola, Jesse Cecola and Anthony Cecola all sat in on their first meeting. An application was taken for Mike Waddell, although he was not present for tonight's meeting. There were three other people sitting in on the meeting that did not leave names or any applications. Bob said the membership is now at 104 members. President Joe Mauriello said that any guest to the field should park on the right side coming in to allow room for members flying. The President also said that if any members have a guest flying they must have a current AMA card and let club officers know. The sponsor should also let the club know of the guest pilot's flying abilities. We need to monitor the safety of the club as well as the people at the field. Dennis Buttocola said the field is in good shape and the grass is being cut. The mower is running fine and the blades have been sharpened. Dennis said he has put more salt down on the runway to help control the weeds. There was also some minor vehicle damage done to the runway. Paul Gross wanted to express his gratitude towards Dennis for all of his hard work.

President Joe Mauriello went over the recent Helicopter accident in New York and wanted to stress safety at the field. He wanted to remind everyone that there should not be any taxiing in the pit area; you should carry or walk your aircraft to the flight line or starting benches. There was some concern on flying figure eights with the apex to the center of the runway coming towards the Pit area. The President went over a recent accident at the field regarding a runaway plane. Make sure you have proper restraints and you should hold the plane when doing a run up on the engine. You should also check all hold down restraints for wear, sun damage and any weak points and make necessary repairs. The President wanted to thank everyone for making sure the pin board, fire extinguisher and wind sock are being used. There was an accident at the field injuring a member and requiring over 30 stitches. He started the engine on his plane in doing so it started to fall, when he grabbed for it the prop caught his hand. The President suggested the best practice is not to fly alone. Paul Gross said that if you don't feel comfortable with the aircraft don't fly it. He said pay attention to the details and don't take any short cuts. As a rule if a new aircraft is brought out for a maiden flight you should have someone else look it over before it is flown. The President expressed his concerns about club instructors and said that we need to have a few more available. He said that new members coming in should try to set-up a day and time with an instructor so they are not making wasted trips to the field. Jearl Waddell asked if time on a simulator is beneficial as well as an instructor (answer: yes). Bob Demola will send out an updated list of instructors for new members to review.

### Old Business

The President went over the club picnic regarding set up, cooking and clean up. There was a request for canopies for the food area and a question was asked if we should have a table and a few chairs to sit at. The members said tables and chairs were not necessary. Parking for guest and non-fliers should be on the right side coming in across from the pits. Chris Green said he wanted

to try a couple events for the Fun Fly at the picnic. He wanted to have a climb and glide, flour drop and a limbo to see how they may work out. The President said that Bobcat Sunday had a weak turn out with only a few planes.

### New Business

Fall Ducted Fan Sunday is set for October 13<sup>th</sup> and Fast Plane Sunday is scheduled for November 10<sup>th</sup>. The President said that nominations for club officers for the positions of President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary will be starting in October. He also said that he is open to any Safety Officials as well. In closing, he wanted to say have fun and do it safely; we don't want to lose our flying field. With no further business Brian Beer ran the 50/50 raffle with Neil Stokes winning \$8.00. The next Bull Meeting is September 24<sup>th</sup> and the next Regular Meeting on October 8<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Neil Stokes, WJRC Secretary

### Field Maintenance:

Field Maintenance Director **Dennis Buttocola** is doing a great job; and, that's easy to see by how our field looks. He spread salt a few different times on the dirt part of the runway to get rid of the weeds and over-growth. He addressed the dulled blades on the new mower. As if that's not enough, he drives the mower in a very specific pattern so as to minimize the amount of clumped grass cuttings that may affect planes on the runway and taxi areas. All that thoughtful work made our field a great show-piece for the WJRC Picnic!

"Many Thanks" to Dennis for all his efforts throughout the year! When you see him, don't forget to let him know you appreciate it.

### A Few Flying Field Recaps:

Friday, Sept 6: Bill Pinto was getting some flying lessons from Paul Gross via a buddy-box when suddenly his high wing trainer stopped responding and was quickly destroyed. Paul looked closely at the wreckage and initially thought it was due to a power switch problem. However, he later found a damaged antenna wire on Bill's Spectrum transmitter. (At least one other Spectrum transmitter in our club has had this same problem.)

We might call them the 'Core Group' for our Picnic this year: Bob Leonetti, Neil Stokes, Kim Stokes, Paul Gross and Phil Tomeo



Kim Stokes worked the food tables all day:



There was plenty to eat - including loads of desserts:  
(Photo from Sheldon Parker)



Saturday, Sept 7: Only 7 flyers on this beautiful day. Even Gregg Clement, yes Gas-N-Go himself, didn't get there until the afternoon! There were 4 visitors to the field who were looking to join the club; 3 were experienced flyers. MAN, did they get plenty of info from the members there!

Art Strong was here early, hoping to get a full day of stick-time on his trainer; but, fuel delivery problems made that difficult. He did manage to get in a few flights with assistance from Mark Schools.

Sunday, Sept 15 **WJRC Picnic:**

With the weather nothing short of gorgeous, it was no surprise we had a great turnout - all field benches in use. The great food, company and weather was the right mix to really enthuse everyone.

**"Thank You" to all the contributors who gave their energy, time, food and party accessories to help make it one great event!** Very special thanks to **Kim Stokes, Neil Stokes** and **Phil Tomeo** for their generosity and for all their work throughout the day.

Because of the coordinated efforts of so many thoughtful, generous members, the Picnic was a really fun time. "Many Thanks" to:

Neil & Kim Stokes, Phil Tomeo, Paul Gross, Bob Leonetti, Andre Askew, Tom Voorhis, Andre Clarke, the Cecola family (Tony, Brenda, Jesse and Brendan), the Harris family (Scott, Avery, Braden and Campbell) and Joe & Hiroe Mauriello.

(I apologize if there are any contributors whose names I may have missed. Editor.)

Friday, Sept 27: Sheldon Parker emailed me that Rich Onorato was flying today for the first time in quite awhile. Rich, who's been recovering from a medical problem, had his son Rick with him. Welcome back Rich !

**Injury at the Flying Field (cautionary reminder):**

(We're careful at the field; but, we have to realize accidents ARE going to happen. As Marty says below, and as the AMA recommends, it's best not to fly alone.)

Tuesday, Sept 3 Marty Brodack received a serious hand injury from a prop strike while at the field. To make matters worse, no one else was there. With a towel tightly wrapped around his badly bleeding hand, Marty struggled with putting everything back into his vehicle, then drove himself to a hospital where he received 31 stitches. At the picnic, Marty described how the injury occurred: After starting his .60-powered Super Kaos, upon throttling-up, it suddenly shifted position on the field bench and he instinctively grabbed at it. Marty went on to say that he wouldn't fly alone at the field again. (Good news: Marty was back flying on Sunday, Sept 29. Welcome back Marty!)

For Phil Tomeo and Neil Stokes, among other things, the Picnic meant a lot of grill work:

(Photo from Sheldon Parker)



New members: Tony Cecola and sons Jesse and Brendan



Part of our packed Pits during the Picnic: (say that 5 times)



Chris Green hadn't yet flown his Eurofighter (37" wing-span, 55" length, 90 mm fan, 6-cell Lipo); but, he provided some riveting taxiing action at the Aug 27 Bull Meeting. (Also keep in mind, that the Bull meeting is a great place for flying indoor helis too.):



**This Month's Events:**

**Business Meeting:** Tuesday, Oct 8 @ 8 PM, includes the start of nominations for 2014 WJRC officers.

**Fall Ducted Fan:** Sunday, Oct 13

**Bull Meeting:** Tuesday, Oct 22 @ 8 PM

Happy Flying,  
JJ

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(photo from Sheldon Parker)

The Pits & the Flight Line areas of a beautiful flying field:



Talkin' trash in the Pits:



Seems.....when it comes to transporting planes, sometimes neatness doesn't count. (Owner remains unnamed to comply with NJ public decency laws.)



(photo from Sheldon Parker)