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Minutes of the West Jersey R/C Club August 13, 2013

There were not enough members present to meet quorum for an official meeting. President Joe Mauriello opened an unofficial meeting at 8:05 pm with 12 members and a prospective member present. The Secretary read the minutes from the July meeting and Treasurer Brian Beer went over the activity in the club's checking account with an ending balance as of August 9th. Brian Beer said he has not received any paperwork from Vanguard and would follow up with them to get the needed statements. Vice-President Bob Demola said the club is now at 97 members. Prospective member Ben Fleagle sat in on his first meeting. Thank you to Mantua Twp for improving Boody Mill Road and filling in the ruts and grading it out. Neil Stokes contacted John Landolfi Jr to see if he could fix the road coming in by the dirt hill and said that the club would help out if needed on the repairs. A big thank you goes out to the farmer who has the field by the runway, he found a plane while he was harvesting his crop and returned it to a couple members at the field flying. It was suggested that your aircraft have your name and contact information along with your AMA number somewhere in or on it. Phil Tomeo offered his service with his tractor and bucket to help clean up the runway and get rid of the weeds. He said that if we put together a work party to help rake and roll he would supply the tractor. Safety Coordinator Rich Onorato said that the runway is for take-offs and landings that there should not be any hovering or 3-D flying over the runway. Rich said that should be done out over the field to avoid any midair collisions on landings or take offs. President Joe Mauriello said that shoes are required at the field and no one should be barefooted due to the hazards. The President also said that he would like to see the wind sock, pin board and arrow used when anyone is at the field flying. Mark Schools went over flight safety at the field and his unfortunate mishap, he said to be aware of your surroundings. Rich Onorato said that when someone

announces a take-off or landing to watch and be aware of the aircraft for safety reasons. The President asked that if anything happens at the field that could have become a major safety issue to let one of the club officers know. Joe Mauriello said he spoke to Steve Althouse and he is still around and doing well, Steve is also still maintaining the website at this point.

Old Business

The President said that Cat Sunday had a light turn out of Cats with a few other planes flying. Gas Engine Sunday is set for August 18th. Chris Green is still trying to pinpoint a date for the Fun Fly, if you wish to help out please contact Chris for details.

New Business

President Joe Mauriello got a quote on insurance for the new mower, he has this information available and will bring to the next meeting for voting. The Club Picnic is September 15th and we are looking for volunteers to help with food. JJ Deluca will send out an email asking for help and input. Brian Beer ran the 50/50 with Richard Hertler winning \$14.00 which he donated back to the club, THANK YOU RICHARD!

The meeting ending at 8:51pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Neil Stokes WJRC Secretary



REQUEST FOR HELP WITH THE PICNIC:

The annual WJRC club picnic is coming up on 9/15. We have a couple folks who have volunteered to help that day. If anyone else would be able to help please let us know. I would also like to ask the club to bring desserts for that day. Neil and I will be picking up the grill food, drinks, condiments and paper products for that day. I would also like to ask folks to help out anyway they can. This would also include clean up after the event.

Please contact me, Neil Stokes, Bob Demola or Brian Beer if you would like to help out.

Thank you

Joe Mauriello

IMPORTANT SAFETY REMINDER:

(On 7/13/13 there were only 3 members present at the flying field and they were all focused on the plane in question. The twin-engine plane, an F7F Tigercat, abruptly lost an engine during its landing attempt, resulting in its near total destruction as the plane cart wheeled into Pits area. Out of concern for the safety of all members, the below info was supplied by the plane's owner, Mark Schools.)

The incident that took place on 7/13/13 is not about the cause, but about safety and the awareness of all of us, whether we are on the flight line or spectators. When you watch the video, the flight was normal until the landing and shows how fast things can go wrong. My first reactions were corrections and, happening so fast, I know now they were wrong. (It's very easy to Monday Morning Quarterback). Just to give you some insight, the total force in mass was equal to 123 pounds and the force in pounds per square inch was equal to 1,700 psi. It drove one if the propellers through my car bumper. This incident was a near miss and an eye opener for me. Thankfully, I chose to fly the Tigercat on a day only three people were at the field; and, I hate to think what could have happened on a day the flightline was full. I asked that the video be uploaded to share with you my experience, and hopefully give all of us a second chance to look at the way we do things. Thanks to Gregg and to Don for their assistance.

Mark

(photo from Sheldon Parker)



Address for Emailing All WJRC Membership:

Should you want to send an email to all WJRC members, use: wjrc.members@lists.axiomagic.com

Field Maintenance:

Dennis Buttocola, our Field Maintenance Director has been keeping the flying field in great shape for all of us. On Aug16, using a small walk-behind spreader, he applied rock salt to the entire dirt part of the runway to help keep it free of grass. (I'd say, that was a lot of walking.) Dennis said Neil Stokes and Mark Schools have also assisted with the field.

Chris Demola preparing his 63" Seagull Yak 54 with its Saito 125. Chris made flying and landing this very aerobatic plane look easy. (Photo from Sheldon Parker)



Dennis Buttocola and his 64" Phoenix Models Extra. Dennis maidenied it with an OS 120 and a 3-blade prop; he said the plane flies great even at just 1/3 throttle.



Some Flying Recaps:

Thursday, Aug 15: A gorgeous day with low wind, 79 degrees and low humidity to boot! It's a shame more couldn't make it. Here's a few from today:

Dave Tracey had his Super Skybolt doing up the skies. Dave also gave a hand to Tony Massimi with a plane that needed some TLC.

Marty Brodack was flying his Intruder pattern plane. Although Bill Pinto didn't fly, he did bring Marty's SuperKaos to which Bill had made a beautiful repair. (On Marty's first day with that Super Koas, the plane received damage after it dead-sticked and came down just short of the runway.)

Tom Voorhis took it easy on the sky and flew his trusty foam Corsair; he also got in some friendly kibitzing in the Pits. Bob Passarella was hoping to get his first flight on his Bobcat today; but, it was in need of engine adjustments. Fortunately for Bob, Paul Gross appeared and did some magical engine tweaking and had it purring in short order. Paul did the takeoff; but, once in the air it was obvious the plane was tail-heavy. Paul managed to get it down without much damage. (Never an easy task.) Once it's balanced, it'll fly again.

I flew my 63" Super Chipmunk with its OS 81. This plane is easy to land. After having had it quite awhile, I finally tried out its flaps; but, it just kept floating and floating and I finally realized the plane was going to need more runway than we have. So, barely in time, I ditched the flaps, brought the plane down and turned it just short of the weeds at the end of the runway. This thing just don't need flaps!

Chris Green with his Nieuport 28: (from Sheldon Parker)



Lucky Macy with his Aerobeez 75" Yak 55M with its 30cc (photo from Sheldon Parker)



Friday, Aug 16: Today was as gorgeous as yesterday. Rich Onorato flew his beautiful 88" Cirrus with its 120. Mark Schools flew his (quite overpowered) small Stearman with an OS 55. When he gave it full throttle that little biplane would, all on its own, go almost straight up because of the big increase in lift.

Rich Balchunas had his Piper Tri-Pacer (photo below) which he'd built from a 25 year old kit. Although the plane was originally designed as a free-flight, i.e. having only a rudder, Rich added ailerons and elevator. He taxied checked it; but, it's 4-stroke engine had idling problems that kept it grounded today. Rich expects the plane to be a challenge to fly. He did fly his 40-size Kaos.

As a matter of fact, Dennis Buttocola also flew his own 40-sized Kaos which he'd covered in blue and yellow. He also had his Super Skybolt which he'd had also custom covered in yellow and black.

Gregg Clement flew his 110" Piper Sport Cub S2 with its DA-60. That's one potent Piper! I flew my favorite plane, a 60" Edge with its OS 110.

The Piper Tri-Pacer of Rich Balchunas:



Saturday, Aug 17: Another beautiful day with both low wind and low humidity. (What kind of an August is this?) There was a good turnout of flyers. Here's a few:
 Bob and Chris Demola had 3 aerobatic planes: a Yak 54 (below photo), a 70" Escapade with its OS 95 AX and a 90" Revolver with its 55cc.

Dock Johnson's Nexstar needed several adjustments which were addressed by Tom Voorhis and Paul Gross. Right afterwards Dock got some flying lessons from Paul Gross.

Joe Mauriello gave some flying lessons to Bill Pinto on his Easy Sport. Sheldon Parker flew a variety of planes to further sharpen his advancing skills.

Phil Tomeo was in his truck just leaving the Flying Field when my dead-sticked Extra passed across the road just in front of him. "Many Thanks" to Phil for altering his route, getting out of his truck, trudging through the farm field to recover my plane and then delivering it to me, undamaged, in the Pits. He saved me a very long walk. (Editor)



This Month's Scheduled Events:

Business Meeting: Tuesday, Sept 10 @ 8 PM

Club Picnic & Fun Fly: Saturday, Sept 15

Bull Meeting: Tuesday, Sept 24 @ 8 PM

Happy Flying,
 JJ

"Never trade luck for skill." - anonymous RC flyer
 "You've never been lost until you've been lost at Mach 3." (Paul F. Crickmore, test pilot)

Rich Onorato's 88" Cirrus:



Joe Mauriello's 90" B-25 Mitchell with DLE-20's

