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Minutes of the West Jersey R/C Club January 14, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 8:20 pm by Club President Joe Mauriello after all there had a great Christmas Party Dinner cooked by Bruce Sheppard and his daughter Alyssa. A big thank you goes out to both of them for their hard work on a delicious meal. In attendance were 48 members and prospective members. The minutes from the November & December meetings were read by the Secretary and accepted by all present. Treasurer Brian Beer gave all the transactions on the checking account with an ending balance as of December 31st. Brian Beer also gave the balance in the Vanguard Fund as of December 31st. Brian Beer gave his findings on the operating expenses for the club with approximately a 2% positive margin. Bob Bradshaw asked what the return rate was for the Vanguard Fund for the 2013 year, Brian Beer said he would look into it and give an answer at the next meeting. Club Vice-President Bob Demola reviewed the membership with Ben Fleagle, Jearl Waddell, Joseph P Albanese, Joseph R Albanese and Julian Albanese all attending their third meeting and becoming members of the club. Bob Demola said the club is now at 105 members. The President wanted to thank all of those who have renewed their membership. When memberships are renewed Bob Demola is placing a 2014 decal on the back of your current AMA card. Dennis Buttocolla said the field is ok but wet and the mowers have been winterized. A reminder to the club for your safety, please do not fly alone. President Joe Mauriello wanted to thank everyone for their patience on the delay of the Christmas Party and again thanked Bruce Sheppard and his daughter Alyssa for a great job on preparing the food.

Old Business

The Club Christmas Party was cancelled in December due to bad weather conditions and postponed until the January meeting. Congratulations go out to Dave Tracey for winning the first fly for 2014. Dave gets bragging rights as well as a check for \$25.00 which he donated back to the club, Thank you Dave. President Joe Mauriello rearranged some of the events and got club

feedback for the 2014 Events schedule which he will finalize at a later date. Secretary Neil Stokes said that the officers took a vote and got a \$100 gift certificate for Mr. Landolfi. Dave Tracey said it would be a good idea to get a sign to put on the gate to "Keep Closed". JJ DeLucia said he wired a "D" ring on the chain to help make it a little easier to lock up when you are at the field going in and out of the gate. Remember we must keep the gate closed at all times, we do not want the animals to get out.

New Business

Neil Stokes brought in an invoice from English Sewage for another year's service for the portable toilet, the club took a vote and passed to have this service performed. It was also mentioned when not being used please close the lid on the toilet, for multiple reasons. Past member Tony Severino from Florida got a chance to enjoy some food and friendship as he sat in on the meeting. With no further business Brian Beer ran the 50/50 raffle with Paul Goss winning \$40.00. The Lebanon Flea Market is on March 8th, next Bull Meeting is on January 28th and the next Regular Meeting is on February 11th. The meeting was adjourned at 9:07 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Neil Stokes WJRC Secretary



Club Dues:

Dues must be paid by the end of February or a \$20 late fee will be charged. Remember too that proof of AMA membership must be shown when paying your dues.

Tuesday, Jan 14: WJRC Party

Although December's bad weather forced postponement of our Christmas Party until now, we still got a pretty decent member turnout.

Bruce Sheppard and his daughter Alyssa did all the food preparation, layout and the cleanup afterwards. They did a lot of work so the rest of us could just relax and enjoy our club's yearly party. Going by how fast the food disappeared, their efforts were more than successful !

Chris Green brought his newly acquired 77cc, 7-cylinder, 4-stroke radial engine to the party. Yes, those specs are correct; it's impressive. Chris will be putting it in an 86" Corsair which he expects will tip the scales at around 30 pounds.

Barry Prather's F-16:



Maxx Products: Paul Gross mentioned this company when I said I needed a good quality glow starter connector with banana plugs on it. The company had just what I needed; and, it seems to have good quality, reasonable prices and fast delivery. <http://www.maxxprod.com/>

If you know of any hobby companies that carry quality parts, and give good service, please let me know and I'll get the word out. Also, if you'd like to share any of your RC experiences, helpful hints, general info, photos, great buys, etc., please pass them along to me for the newsletter. If need be I'll add to or enhance it as necessary. Thanks, Editor.

Many Thanks to Bruce and Alyssa for all their work!



Some of the WJRC Party / Feeding Frenzy:



Back In Warmer Days:
Dave Tracey with his 63", 60-powered Kyosho 3D Flip



FrSky 2.4 GHz Systems:

Seems the number of us using FrSky RC systems (Hobby King) is steadily increasing - small wonder, with their low price and good reliability.

Paul Gross uses a number of FrSky receivers along with their Tx adapters; he's satisfied with their performance and uses them without reservation. Paul wrote the two below articles to perhaps help save someone their plane and some heartache. In the first article he describes the one and only FrSky receiver problem he's experienced. Again, this one problem is out of his large number of FrSky receivers. His second article describes two compatibility issues of which you should be aware if you're using the stipulated FrSky components.

1. Identifying a Bad FrSky Receiver:

Paul Gross uses the V8FR-II model Rx's which work with a FrSky transmitter adapter module that attaches to your existing transmitter. They've worked flawlessly for him; however, he recently experienced a problem with a new one during its initial setup. The first bad sign with the receiver was that it took a very long time to bind to the transmitter adapter (normally takes 2 sec). Following that, the receiver's green LED appeared 'dim'; but, he found the LED was actually switching ON and OFF very quickly and thus appearing that it was dim. Paul found that just walking the receiver around the house caused its LED to go out. He said if you experience these kinds of things, it's a bad receiver and it must not be used in a plane. Again, that's only one out of quite a number of these receivers he has.

2. FrSky Compatibility Issues Between a Transmitter Adapter Module and a Receiver:

Issue 1. The FrSky V8FR-II receiver (this is the Non-Telemetry model) can be bound to either type transmitter adapter module (i.e. telemetry or non-telemetry). HOWEVER, if using it with the DJT transmitter adapter module (this type is manually switchable between Telemetry or Non-Telemetry modes), you must be sure to place the small switch on the transmitter adapter to the "Non-Telemetry" mode to avoid a control failure.

Issue 2. The FrSky D8R-II receiver (this is the DJT telemetry only model) must only be used with a FrSky Telemetry type transmitter adapter module. Otherwise, the RF generated by this receiver can cause servo jitter, control system problems and a large increase in battery load.

**"Thank You" to Paul Gross
for the above articles**

WJRC February Events:

Business meeting: Tuesday, Feb 11 @ 8 PM

Bull meeting: Tuesday, Feb 25 @ 8 PM

Other events of interest:

Valentine's Day: Feb 14

WRAM Show: Feb 21, 22, 23

<http://www.wram.org/wram-show>

Lebanon Flea Market: Mar 8 <http://www.cpa.us/>

Awhile back someone told me it's up to you as to what kind of day you're having. i.e. You can decide that you're having a good day in spite of what happens. It hasn't worked for me every single day but its sure made a big difference. Have a good month.

Happy Flying,

JJ

If you tell a joke in the forest, but nobody laughs, was it a joke? (Stephen Wright)

Don Romano's 30cc, 88" Tiger Moth:



Would you want this man as your pilot? (Nice hat)
(Photo from Sheldon Parker)

