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

Due to adverse weather conditions the Club Christmas Party has been postponed until the January 14th Meeting and the December Regular Meeting was cancelled.

Respectfully Submitted,

Neil Stokes, WJRC Secretary

WJRC PARTY will be Jan 14 at 7 PM with the Business Meeting immediately following at 8 PM.

CLUB DUES:

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

Reminder: WJRC Needs More Instructors

Please consider sharing your flying knowledge by helping to train members that are just getting started in our hobby. Submit your name to any of the club officers.

Field Maintenance (correction):

Around Nov 8, a vandal using a vehicle, damaged our runway. When Mark Schools saw the damage, he quickly went to work with the tractor dragging and rolling the runway until it was back in good shape. (In last month's newsletter I mistakenly credited these repairs to Neil Stokes who, after reading it, informed me otherwise. Editor.)

All photos from Sheldon Parker

Congratulations to Dave Tracey 2014 First Fly Winner



First Fly contenders:

Bob Bradshaw, Bruce Sheppard,
Dave Tracey, Barry Prather:



A Couple of Flying Recaps:

Saturday, Dec 28:

(Neil Stokes and Sheldon Parker each emailed me today's info.) November and December hadn't provided but a few good flying days. So, a good looking sky and a high temp of 50 enticed members to the field. There were about a dozen flyers through the day; but, a nasty Westerly crosswind made things challenging for everyone. Nevertheless, it didn't deter some members from flying bipes and Cubs - not known for their friendliness in handling crosswinds. There were about a dozen flyers through the day and a few mishaps. Even if you didn't fly, there was still lots of airplane talk. (Photos right)

Wednesday, Jan 1: **FIRST FLY RACE**

To win the First Fly takes a cool head (at least for the 30 seconds or so of the race), skilled hands and a plane that's reliable (and perhaps expendable) and then there's the luck - or at times the unfortunate lack thereof.

Our 4 race entrants and their wares:

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| Dave Tracey | Escapade with a 46 |
| Bruce Sheppard | SkyRaider with a 46 |
| Barry Prather | F-15 with a 46 |
| Bob Bradshaw | SeaMaster 60 |

It was a decent sky, no wind and 32 degrees - starting engines was a bit busy. Paul Gross checked with each competitor to see if any help was needed; he provided some last minute assistance to Bruce Sheppard with a balky carb.

As always, this year's race started right on time. As the official start time of 10 AM approached, presiding officer, club secretary Neil Stokes, gave the countdown to "GO" and the rest became WJRC history.

The blow by blow:

It was a clean start with all 4 planes getting off the ground without bumping into each other and with Bruce's SkyRaider leaping into the air first and quickly getting out in front. But, by landing time (a VERY short time later), positions had changed. Bruce's SkyRaider had some control response difficulties that cost it precious seconds. It was Dave's Escapade coming in fast that touched down first. About a second later Bob's SeaMaster touched the ground but, hitting a little hard, it flipped over. (A dramatic "Oooohhh" came from the crowd.) Barry's F-15 touched down several seconds after the Escapade and, with its speed, went long, passing the Escapade already heading in the general direction of the Pits. The race was all of 37 seconds old when Dave Tracey completed it by taxiing his Escapade into the Pits making him the 2014 First Fly winner!

"Thank You" to Gregg Clement for videoing the First Fly, uploading it to YouTube and quickly emailing the link to all members. <http://youtu.be/fj0l27wiFCY>

"Thank You" to Bob Bradshaw for being Point of Contact for the First Fly.

Don Romano inspecting Ed Mortimer's TopFlite Stinson Reliant kit.



Gregg Clement with his 110 inch, AeroWroks Sport Cub S2, with its DA 60. Gregg added some black Ultracoat to the top of the wing for the 'sunburst'.



Hope your Christmas and New Year Holidays were great! Hope too that your 2014 will be a happy, peaceful year with lots of good flying weather.

Happy Flying,
JJ