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Minutes of the West Jersey R/C Club April 8, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 pm by club Secretary Neil Stokes with 28 members and a prospective member in attendance. The minutes of the March meeting were read by the Secretary and accepted by all present. Treasurer Brian Beer gave all the deposits and credits on the checking account with an ending balance as of March 31st. Brian Beer also gave the balance in the Vanguard Fund for the first quarter. Vice-President Bob Demola reviewed the club's membership with John Horton attending his first meeting. Bob Demola said the club has 91 members which have paid their dues, 15 have not paid by the March cut-off. Dennis Buttocola said the field is in good shape and he was going to salt the runway within the next week to help control some of the weed growth. Joe Mauriello said that he has a tire from the new mower and is getting it repaired and will return it this week. Rich Onorato said that he looked over the decal sent to us from AMA and could only find one minor difference from the decal we already have displayed. He said not to replace the one we have but hold on to it if needed later. Rich said that he wanted to remind everyone that we need to use Mr. Landolfi's road in not and not the first road in from Cohawkin Road that belongs to Mr. Leone and he asked that we not use it. Rich asked if someone could contact Mantua Twp. Road Dept. to find out if they have plans on doing any work. Field Marshals are Jay Honigman and Bob Werner, if you are interested in helping out please contact one of the officers.

Old Business

The 2014 Event Schedule is now on the club's main web page. Multi-Engine Sunday is set for April 13th. If you need to mail your dues, to help avoid any confusions and late fees, send them only to Vice-President Bob Demola please. For new members coming in, if you require an

instructor please get the list and contact one first and set up a time to meet them at the field. The club is still looking for additional instructors to help out with new members coming in, if you can help please contact one of the officers.

New Business

Spring Ducted Fan has been moved to May 18th previously scheduled for May 11th which is Mother's Day. Chris Green said he will check out July 13th as the Fun Fly Event date and will let us know. The Flea Market is May 27th with Leon Dobkowski and Jack Hofbauer organizing this event. Flyers have been made up and are being distributed to other clubs and hobby shops. If you are interested in helping out or want a table please contact either one of them or go to the main web page where you will find a link to send an email. With no further business Brian Beer ran the 50/50 with Chris Green winning \$18.00. The next Bull Meeting is April 22nd and the next Regular Meeting is May 13th.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Neil Stokes WJRC Secretary

WJRC Flea Market



Tuesday, May 27 @ 6 PM

members: free non-members: \$3 / tables \$10

Contacts: Leon Dobkowski Jack Hofbauer

Flying Field Condition: Great.

In early April, among other things, Field Maintenance Director Dennis Buttocola again applied rock salt to the dirt part of the runway to help control grass and weeds.

NOTE: If you're coming from the Pine Mill Rd end, Booty Mill Rd is still full of deep, sometimes muddy holes.

Some Flying Recaps:

Tuesday, April 1: The weather was great; but, there were only 5 flyers throughout the day. Guess the others thought the beautiful weather was just an April Fool's joke. But at 60 degrees and with next to zero wind, it was a long awaited beautiful flying day. Sorry if you couldn't make it. There will be more of them.

Even after having a loooong winter layover Dave Tracey decided to maiden his Top Flite arf, a 64" P-51 with an OS 95. (photo right) It seemed to me like a brave move this early in the season with cobwebs still on our flying skills. I was wrong. Takeoff was smooth and Dave had the plane trimmed in less than a minute. He had it doing smooth aileron rolls about 3 minutes into the flight. Although Dave said he never had a plane with flaps, he landed it, flaps down, without difficulty on the first attempt. He said, "The arf went together well" and, that he'd spent about 3 weeks on it. Dave used the included mechanical retracts and they functioned without problem. Dave y'd the aileron servos so as to allow use of a 6-channel radio.

Sunday, April 6: Another gorgeous day but this time we had plenty of flyers. As the photos on the right show, it seems this could be considered the unofficial "opening day" for our flying season. (On April 7, Gregg Clement emailed to all his video of some of this day's highlights.) Below is just a little of the action.

Ed Mortimer with Jay Honigman assisting, maiden his 100", 30cc Stinson Reliant. (photo next page)

Marty Brodack flew his SloPoke.

Rich Onorato flew his Pitts, Spitfire and Fw-190, but not all at the same time.

Bob Kotter maiden his 68", 55cc Byron foam Christen Eagle. (photo next page) Bob admitted it was "somewhat over-powered" since 1/4 throttle was all that was needed to send the big foam cavorting.

Multi-Engine Sunday, April 13: Plenty of planes but no multi-engines; no doubt due to the windy conditions. But even with the winds, there was plenty of flying - going from a teeny weeny foam flown by Jay Honigman to Bob Kotter's maiden of his 30cc, 77" Su-31. I saw one warbird, Barry Prather's P-39 Airacobra. Let's not forget to mention there were bipes flying about too. Even with all this, the multi-engines were missed.

Safety Reminder: Spinning Props

During my 5 years in the hobby, WJRC has averaged one hospital visit per year due to prop strike injuries. A little teamwork may help reduce this. If you think someone might be getting a bit flustered in making repeated engine adjustments, suggest they give themselves a breather. It may help; sometimes it only takes the slightest distraction to.....you catch my drift.

Unofficial flying season opener (finally):



Manny Martin, Bill Pinto, Barry Prather and Gus Tahenakos gathered round Barry's F-15 talkin the talk and enjoying:



Dave Tracey with his 64", OS 95-powered P-51:



Monday, April 21: Probably the best flying day of the year so far. Below are just a few of who flew today.

Bob Leonetti flew his .60-powered Contender. I'm always amazed at how someone who flies as little as Bob does, handles and lands his planes so flawlessly.

Rich Oakes flew a sleek looking plane with, I think, a .35 in it; he did a great looking customized recovering job on it. (below) He feels it needs a little more power so he's digging up a bigger engine. Rich also flew an electric mini Contender which looked just like a shrunk down version of Bob Leonetti's.

Sheldon Parker brought out his still pretty new .91-powered 70" Great Planes Revolver.

Don Romano maidenied his 105" Cub with a Saito 1.50. (Yea, Don got another Cub.)

Dave Tracey flew his P-51 and also checked out the hovering abilities of his .32-powered, 48" Century copter's gyro.

Marty Brodack flew a .70-powered, 66", Big Stick. (Yea, Marty got another Stick.)

Rich Oakes with his custom covered plane:



Device to Help with Planes Growing on Trees:

To a tree, balsa and monokote taste just like chicken. With how often that "meal" occurs, a device to help in retrieving an RC plane caught high in a tree has been placed in our field's storage container. The device is called an Air Boss; it had been discussed at a couple of Business meetings awhile back. It's actuated with compressed air and sends a lead weight with a fishing line attached to a height of up to 100 ft. Along with it are directions on its safe usage, a reel of rope and a hand pump. Please be careful in using it since the lead weight is propelled at high speed. Below is a link to view it. The Air Boss and the extra parts needed for it were donated by Tom Voorhis and myself. <http://www.kr4loairboss.com/>

Bob Kotter's 55cc 68" Byron foam Christen Eagle:



Ed Mortimer, his 100" Reliant and Jay Honigman; Gregg Clement in the distance with his 120cc 110" Yak:



Rich Onorato's Pitts S-2B on its tippy-toes. (There's another Pitts S-2B photo on the next page.)



"Helpful" Weather Websites for RC Flying:

This list includes a bit more than what I'd put in previous newsletters. I don't like wasted trips to the field so I use these sites to get the best info I can on potential flying weather. Just don't expect too much from them; often they don't agree. Also, no site is able to accurately predict winds any more than 2 days ahead of time - at best. That's why "Helpful" is in quotes.

The first three are my "main ones". I check the others when predictions are confusing. With shortcuts for all of them on my computer desktop, I can go through most of them in a couple of minutes. Don't forget to do the basic check of looking if the tree tops are swaying. (And keep a coin handy for flipping too.) Good Luck.

1. AccuWeather for the WJRC Flying Field zip code (08020) - predicts wind speed, gusts (very helpful) and cloud cover; be sure to check the "Hourly" for the predicted changes through the day.
<http://www.accuweather.com/us/nj/clarksboro/08020/forecast-details.asp?fdays=1>
2. This USairnet link has been on the WJRC website for years: <http://usairnet.com/cgi-bin/launch/code.cgi?sta=KPHL&model=avn&state=PA&Submit=Get+Forecast>
3. Steve Althouse, our previous club president for many years, does the WJRC website; and, he recently added this Windfinder link. The site gives predictions of wind speed, gusts and cloud cover.
http://www.windfinder.com/forecast/philadelphia_airport
4. This one helps me if there's confusing wind predictions from the other sites. It's a page of the above USairnet site; it gives a "snapshot" of PA wind speeds:
<http://www.usairnet.com/weather/maps/current/pennsylvania/wind-speed/>
5. Another one if wind predictions are confusing. This site was found awhile back by Bill Froeder; it's a small weather station just 2-1/2 miles from the WJRC field. It gives a real-time readout of the wind speed & direction plus a 5-minute graph of the wind speeds. It had been out of commission for awhile, but seems to be back in full operation. <http://sewell.dvweather.info/>
6. Often, sky predictions say one thing, but what I see up there say something else. I love this one because it gives an actual view of cloud conditions. This AccuWeather Visible Satellite page shows a moving image of the last hour of cloud conditions over PA and NJ. And, by selecting "Zoom Out to Region" (at top of image) and watching very closely, you can guesstimate if cloud conditions will change over the area, and if so, about when.
<http://www.accuweather.com/en/us/pennsylvania/satellite-vis?play=true>

REMINDER TO NOT TRESPASS ON ADJACENT FARM ROAD

Club Secretary Neil Stokes had emailed to all the below reminder. It's very important; here it is again.

If you're coming to the field from Pine Mill Rd you'll hit a section of Boody Mill Rd in pretty poor shape. It may be tempting, but we must **not** use the first road that turns off of Boody Mill (below image). The owner of that property specifically asked us to avoid his road. If you see or know of any members using it, it's a must to remind them that it's trespassing and that it's important our club make no waves in this regard.



On April 21 this full scale Pitts S-2B flew over our field:



WJRC May Events

- Spring Ducted Fan:** Sunday, May 18
Business Meeting: Tuesday, May 13 @ 8PM
WJRC Flea Market: Tuesday, May 27 @ 6 PM
 (No Bull Meeting in May due to the Flea Market.)