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## Minutes of the West Jersey R/C Club September 9, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 pm by club President Joe Mauriello with 20 members and a prospective member in attendance. The minutes from the August meeting were read by the Secretary and accepted by all present. Club Treasurer Brian Beer gave the deposits and debits from the checking account with an ending balance as of August 31<sup>st</sup>. Vice-President Bob Demola reviewed the membership with John Lysaght attending his second meeting. Bob said the club is at 99 members with 6 prospective members. Dennis Buttocola said the field and runway are in good shape and the grass is being cut. Dennis also said he is cutting the grass in the pits a 1/2" shorter to help with taxiing in and out to the runway. The locks on the gate and portable toilet have been wired on to help them from being misplaced, thanks go to JJ DeLucia. Barry Prather mentioned that the end of the runway by the trees has a hump at the grass line and has become an issue. The road in from Boody Mill to Landolfi's field has a hump that a few have had problems getting over and it was suggested that we try to level it out a bit. The question was raised if a new member is at the field should anyone be able to instruct (answer: no for instructing) but you are able to help out and answer questions regarding the aircraft. New members should contact an instructor to set-up a day and time to meet at the field, that way they are not making wasted trips. Barry Prather asked what dictates an instructor, President Joe Mauriello touched briefly on what traits an instructor should have and how to instruct. The President said that he has approved Dave Tracey as a new instructor. Another field safety tip is to check your aircraft before every flight. The President said that if you are at the field and do not recognize someone flying, confirm that they are a member of the club. Paul Gross suggested that name tags or membership cards be

worn. The President said that is something he is looking into for next year. The President said that safety at the field has been good, the pin board, wind sock and fire extinguisher are all being used, thank you.

### Old Business

The club picnic is September 14<sup>th</sup>. Any help setting up and cleaning up would greatly be appreciated.

### New Business

Fall Ducted Fan Sunday is set for October 12<sup>th</sup> with weather permitting. The next scheduled event is the First Fly on January 1<sup>st</sup> 2015. The President said that starting in October the club will begin taking nominations for officers. Officer voting will take place at the November meeting and starting the position at the January meeting. With no further business Brian Beer ran the 50/50 raffle with John Horton winning \$18.00. The next Bull Meeting is September 23<sup>rd</sup> and the next Regular Meeting in October 14<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:02 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Neil Stokes WJRC Secretary



**Nominations for Club Officer Positions:**

Nominations for the four club officer positions will start to be taken at the Oct 14 meeting. The Nov 11 meeting will be the last one for nominations; voting will then take place at this same meeting.

In an email sent to all members on 9/23/14, club president Joe Mauriello asked that we please try to attend both of these meetings to support the club for 2015.

**Flying Field Condition & Info:**

Dennis Buttocola has been keeping the field in great shape. From info he received at the meeting (contained in Meeting Minutes on page 1), Dennis did additional grooming on a raised area at the runway's South end. He also partially scraped the ridge that runs across the junction of Booty Mill Rd and the road that comes into the flying field area to make it more car friendly.

Runway Vandalized on Sept 11:

Special "Thanks" to Mark Schools, Gregg Clement and Dennis Buttocola for their quick response and hard work on the morning of Sept 12 upon learning of the runway damage. They got it back shape the same day. Thanks to them the field was looking great at the club Picnic - where it saw plenty of use.

**We Still Need More Instructors:**

We have, at best, only 5 "active" instructors; that is not enough for the yearly influx of new members that a club our size has. Please consider sharing your RC flying experience as an instructor for those new to our hobby. As club president Joe Mauriello said at the meeting, you don't need any special flying abilities to be an instructor.

Taking-in a beautiful day while flying a giant scale Cub.  
(photo from Mark Schools)



**WJRC Flying Field Videos** are on Gregg Clement's YouTube channel "Gregg660" (no spaces) link below. Included with his many other videos are the five that Gregg took at the Picnic.

<http://www.youtube.com/user/gregg660/videos>

Saturday, Aug 30: Mark Schools maiden'd his 83", 33 lb. F7F Tigercat which he'd just converted from glow to electric. Mark setup the twin-engine plane with two healthy 1.60-equivalent motors, each with a 4500 mAh, 5-s Lipo. It has counter-rotating props to reduce torque effects. Prior to the maiden, Mark went over the programming details of the Tigercat with club president Joe Mauriello. Joe also did a close inspection of the plane's internals; and, he stayed by Mark for the maiden. The plane easily lifted off the runway; and, to me the flight appeared uneventful. However, after landing, Mark said it was quite a handful to fly and to land; so, he plans on setting the CG a little further forward for a little easier control.



Dave Tracey's vintage Concept 30 heli has a 46" rotor and an OS .32 2-s. The heli, along with its original mechanical gyro, is from 1989. Dave said, "When you switch on the electronics you can hear the gyro spin-up". Paul Gross (An old-school heli guy if there ever was one.) assisted Dave in setting it up.

(photo from Sheldon Parker)



**Sunday, Aug 14: WJRC PICNIC**

"Thank You" to club secretary Neal Stokes, his wife Kimberley and to Phil Tomeo for all their work in making it a great Picnic.

There were a number of members who generously brought food or desserts and/or lent tents, tables, chairs, coolers and other needed picnic items. Also, there were those who provided help in setting up and in taking down all the Picnic-related items. "Thank You" to everyone who contributed to the Picnic.

The tents, tables and chairs by the food area were a great addition to the Picnic this year. It was great day!

With 73 degrees as the high, good wind conditions and a beautiful sky, we couldn't have asked for better weather. At one point, John Holdcraft counted 47 vehicles and 60+ people. Although we've only got 16 field benches, somehow 30 of the 47 vehicles were lined-up in the Pits. That's because the very sophisticated 'sardine parking method' was used.

There was a lot of flying; and, we had the whole gamut of plane sizes, types and flying styles including bipes, warbirds, aerobatics, ducted fans, helis, even a glider or two. There was plenty of airborne entertainment too. Gregg Clement got video documentation of a lot of it; and, Sheldon Parker sent an email to all with a link to the photos he took.

A plane I hadn't seen in a few years was Barry Prather's 120" twin-engine Cessna 310 with its two .91 2-strokes (photo below). Passing gracefully overhead it looked and sounded great. One glitch occurred, a stuck throttle forced Barry to wait until that engine's tank ran dry. Then he put his landing skills into action and brought the big plane in on one engine - for a good landing amidst the large crowd's cheers and applause. Following that, Paul Gross called Barry "Sky King". (With reference to the TV legend of old and, adding it to Barry's other title of Ducted Fan King.) It was all part of the loads of entertainment we get at the field.

Barry Prather with his 120" Cessna 310 along with its original builder of many years back, Gus Takenakos.



Again this year, Neal and Kimberley Stokes and Phil Tomeo took care of all the cooking and food handling; they also tackled a host of other chores throughout the Picnic day. As if that wasn't enough, they had even brought some of the tents, tables and chairs.



We had it all this year, plenty of eats, treats and.....



..... a comfortable, congenial setting.



(Picnic photos on this page from Sheldon Parker)

Newer members:

Ryan Schurman did some great aerobatics with his 3D Hobby Edge and Chris Maruzzi did likewise with his 3D Hobby Yak. Their aerobatics included, among other moves, 360 rolling circles - a rare sight. In the center is Mike Simmons.



Newer member Jeff Frazier was one of the ducted fan pilots today:



A busy place: Here's about half of the Pits on Picnic day.



Lucky Macy cranking-up his 85", 50cc P-47 with assistance from Chris Green and Bob Leonetti.



Mark Schools with his Great Planes Revolver 70; it really moves with its .95 2-s.



Prepping for action: Paul Gross and Andre Askew are setting up a buddy box to be used by newer members Mike and Jearl Waddell with Rick Lawn watching.



## WJRC October Events:

Sunday, Oct 12: Fall Ducted Fan

Tuesday, Oct 14 @ 8 PM: Business meeting

Tuesday, Oct 28 @ 8 PM: Bull meeting

Happy Flying,  
JJ