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## **Minutes of the West Jersey R/C Club January 13, 2015**

The meeting was called to order by club President Bob Werner at 8:08 pm with 30 members and prospective members in attendance. The minutes from the December meeting were read by the Secretary and accepted by all present. Club Treasurer Brian Beer reviewed all of the activity on the checking account with the ending balance as of December 31<sup>st</sup>. Brian also gave the balance in the Vanguard fund as of December 31<sup>st</sup> with an increase for the 2014 year. Vice-President Bob Demola reviewed the membership with Thomas Gabriel attending his second meeting while Gunner Saf sat in on his first meeting. Bob said that 60 members have paid their dues as of the January meeting. Dues need to be paid by the February meeting or there will be a \$20.00 late fee attached to your yearly dues. You may send your dues directly to Bob Demola at his home address if you cannot make the meetings. Dennis Buttocola said the field is good with no changes. President Bob Werner asked Rich Onorato if he would continue as the Safety Officer which he accepted. Bob Werner also asked for Field Marshals with Gregg Clement, Joe Mauriello and Owen Douglass all volunteering. Bob Bradshaw was the winner of the First Fly for 2015 taking home bragging rights and a check of \$25.00 for his efforts. A big THANK YOU also goes out to Bob Bradshaw for organizing the First Fly event as well.

### **Old Business**

President Bob Werner brought in information on having members use ID badges while at the field. The expense was put out for a vote and passed with the badges being available at the March meeting. The President said he wanted the badges to be worn at the field while you are there that way you can identify the members, their AMA status and know who is current on dues. The possibility of rewriting the rules to read this has been tabled for a future meeting.

### **New Business**

Bob Werner put together an event schedule for 2015 which he presented to the club and all there accepted the schedule. Bob also scheduled to have a Fun Fly this year in July and needs to get someone to help with this event. Bob Demola suggested that we make it mandatory that all members must attend at least three meetings a year to keep up on the club rules and regulations as well as what is going on. After some discussion it was determined this would be too hard to enforce. The WRAM Show at the NJ Meadowlands Expo Center is February 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>. Brian Beer ran the 50/50 with Bill Froeder winning \$21.00. The next Bull Meeting is January 27<sup>th</sup> and the next Regular Meeting is February 10<sup>th</sup>.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Respectively Submitted,

Neil Stokes WJRC Secretary



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## The President's corner - February 2015

### Guest policy:

There was a question brought up at the January meeting about the guest policy. This is the way it works:

On the national level, per AMA, you may fly as a guest at any field that has an AMA sanctioned club, subject to **the local club rules**. The "subject to local club rules" part is the modifier that prevents anyone so inclined, to just fly as a "guest" whenever he wants and to avoid paying club membership dues. This is where local club rules come in. In our club - WJRC, Guests are allowed to come to the field and fly 3 times as a guest (he/she must be a current AMA member); and, the guest must also be sponsored by a local (WJRC) club member. After the third visit the guest must join and become a WJRC member in order to continue flying at our field.

*Note:* The **sponsoring** club member is **responsible** for the guest, and for informing him/her of the local field and safety rules. In addition, the guest may be asked to demonstrate their flying skill by performing three consecutive takeoffs and landings. Exceptions to the guest policy are few, and only occur under certain circumstances, such as when pilots are attending AMA events that extend over multiple days. Example: the "Warbirds Over Delaware" or "Joe Nall" events, and other events that have AMA sanctions. Some local exceptions may also be made for out of town guests of club members; again the guest must also be an AMA member. Some clubs, notably in the south, have a "Snow Bird" membership policy where, for a small fee, an AMA member is given a limited member status in the local club for part of the year; but, this type of membership usually does not include voting privileges at club meetings. If an AMA member just shows up **at our field** and wants to fly, please direct them to a club officer or flight instructor. After AMA membership is verified, they will be briefed on the club field and safety rules, then asked to perform 3 consecutive takeoffs and landings to demonstrate proficiency before being "signed off" and allowed to fly on their own.

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### Flying Field Condition:

On Sunday, Jan 25 our flying field was found severely damaged, probably by a truck. Field Maintenance Director Dennis Buttocola generously offered to address the damage as soon as possible following the predicted snowstorms and other severe weather. Mark Schools offered to assist Dennis with the repair. It's a big job, if you can, please offer your assistance.

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### CLUB DUES:

Club dues of \$60 must be paid in full by the February meeting to avoid the \$20 Late Fee.

Remember too, proof of up to date AMA membership must be shown in order to obtain the WJRC sticker. (You apply the sticker to the blank area on the front of your AMA card; it's proof of paid-up WJRC dues for 2015.)

For those who still owe their WJRC dues and choose to mail them, send them to our club's vice president: (check made out to "WJRC")

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### Your Badge ID Holder for the Field:

If you want your nickname or initials to be displayed instead of your club documented name, email what you want to club president Bob Werner. He must have the info by the February 10 business meeting.

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### Safety Message:

The 2015 flying season is upon us (weather permitting). Let's keep in mind the importance of watching out for each other while on the flight line or in the pits. Accidents do happen. We have Field Marshals and Safety Officers. But the bottom line is, Safety is every ones responsibility. This month I have included a link (below) that is meant for you. Keep that sense of awareness while in the air or on the ground and watch each other's back.

<http://youtu.be/XZf0k1kWEr4>

Mark

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**WJRC Flying Field Videos** are on Gregg Clement's YouTube channel "Gregg660":  
<http://www.youtube.com/user/gregg660/videos>

Andre Askew and Barry Prather with Barry's F-15:



Bob Leonetti's .60-powered Contender:



## FEBRUARY EVENTS:

Tuesday, Feb 10: Business Meeting @ 8 PM  
 (Saturday, Feb 14: Valentine's Day)  
 Tuesday, Feb 24: Bull Meeting @ 8 PM

Happy Flying,  
 JJ

The below really happened during that very inaccurate snow forecast that predicted a lot of snow:  
 A friend of mine was listening to a radio sports channel when one of the commentators said that they'd just looked out the window and could see that the snow was almost up to the height of the salt.

Leon Dobkowski, Rich Oakes and Jack Hofbauer in the Pits. It looks like it takes more than shoulder surgery to stop Leon from flying. (photo from Sheldon Parker)



Mark Schools and Gregg Clement checking for "Zero" defects: (photo from Sheldon Parker)



Ryan Schurman's 92" 3DHS Edge 540: (Photo from Sheldon Parker)

