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Minutes of the West Jersey R/C Club August 11, 2015

The meeting was called to order by club President Bob Werner at 8:10 pm with 22 members and prospective members in attendance. The minutes from the July meeting 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 July 31st. Neil Stokes reviewed the membership with Mike Gilligan attending his third meeting and was welcomed into the club. Past member Dan O'Hare rejoined the club while Mike Longo attended his 2nd meeting and Greg Busch attended his first meeting. The club is now at 91 members and 2 prospective members. Dennis Buttocola has come back and is now taking care of the field maintenance. Many thanks go out to Mark Schools and all those who have helped out with the field work while Dennis was absent. There was some damage done to the field a couple weeks ago which was corrected by Joe Mauriello and John Holdcraft; overall, the field is good. Rich Onorato said he has no complaints, and all is ok. Bob Werner has been talking to Eric Williams AMA District II VP and Joe Sarbello AMA District II AVP regarding FPV's and where they stand on the ruling; and, he's trying to get some input to the club's direction regarding them.

Old Business

Bob Werner wanted to remind everyone that FPV's can still be flown at the field as long as the pilot follows all AMA guidelines and they stay within our flying site. Jearl Waddell said that Fox News had just done a segment on FPV's which was very interesting. President Bob Werner said that a letter was sent to Tom G regarding the use of his FPV and the flights not within AMA guidelines. Tom G responded to remove himself from the club roster and to cancel any further contact. There was a motion made and passed to return Tom's full membership dues to him.

We still have ID badges to hand out for those who have not gotten them. Bob Werner has all the badges for PA residents and Neil Stokes has all the badges for NJ. As a reminder, Don Romano donated a sound meter which is in the container at the field; the sound limit is 96db at 20' with the sound meter held 24" above the ground. Past President Steve Althouse donated a P-38 Lightning for one of the club raffles which will take place at the October meeting and a P-47 Thunderbolt will be drawn at the December meeting. Neil Stokes is still taking shirt orders until August 24th; if you need a shirt contact him for details.

New Business

Bob Werner said that he would like to have the club by-laws revised and updated. Bill Froeder, Owen Douglas and Neil Stokes have volunteered to do this project. AMA has been sending out notices that membership dues are going to increase as of September 15th to \$75.00 per year; you can still renew at the old rate until September 14th. JJ mentioned that, with new members coming in, we need to get more instructors. Please see Bob Werner if you can help out with becoming an instructor. Tom Gabriel is going to take care of the food for the picnic; so, anyone willing to help out, please contact him. The next Bull Meeting is August 25th and the next Regular meeting is September 8th. Small Plane Sunday is August 16th and Gas Engine Sunday is August 30th. Brian Beer ran the 50/50 raffle with Neil Stokes winning \$41.00. With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Neil Stokes WJRC Secretary

President's Corner

September 2015

This month, I have several things to talk about that I'd like you to keep in mind. Number one, I'd like to remind everyone that Field SAFETY is a primary concern. Please yell loudly to inform everyone your intentions when using the runway for Taking off or Landing, and especially when retrieving a plane from the runway. Accidents usually happen when we are NOT paying attention, so be sure to listen up and pay attention to what's going on around you, especially when someone is flying!

Two, I am in the process of creating a new members email packet that contains all the information about the club that a new member needs to know. It will contain things like the Club Rules, Checklists, Emergency contacts, Field etiquette, etc. The Club By-laws will not be included at this time as they are currently under review, and will go out in a separate mailing when any changes are approved. Since this is information that we all should have readily available, I will initially be sending a copy of the packet to all of the members, and thereafter only to new members when they are added to the mailing list.

Three, Tickets for the P-38 Lightning raffle will again be available for advanced sales at the September meeting, and at the Club Picnic. The Raffle drawing for the P-38 will be held at the October business meeting. The Club Picnic will be held Sunday September 13th, weather permitting. (Rain date is the following Sunday.) Tom Gabriel, (fepsphan@gmail.com) has volunteered to help out with the food at the picnic in Neil's absence, so please give Tom all the help that you can. We will also need volunteers to help with the setup and take down of the food tents and equipment at the picnic.

Four, Many of you may have heard about the piper Cub that buzzed the field recently. A gentleman, named Jim, who flies out of Peasley's airport (a Private airfield), noticed the club activity, (all the cars and tents), and was curious as to what was going on, which is why he buzzed the field. He visited us later that day, and we had a nice chat. (Jim also flies a Mooney in addition to the Cub.) I've been trying to contact the airport manager at Peasley's to introduce ourselves, and help them to understand our area of operations so that there is no potential conflict. Jim said that he would pass the information on and I will still try for a personal introduction to the airport manager.

That's all I have for this month. Have a great time flying!

Bob Werner

WJRC President

Safety Awareness

Flying *Do's* and *Don'ts* are just some basics that should keep your flying experiences as safe and enjoyable as possible. They're not set in stone, but go along with lines of **general common sense**. RC flying is a great hobby and gives us a lot fun; but, all RC pilots need to fly responsibly - or we all get a bad name!

Of course accidents can and do happen; but, as the British Model Flying Association puts it.....
..... **"Safe flying is no accident"**.

If you're new to the hobby, choose a suitable aircraft. Carry out those pre-flight checks and, very importantly, the range check.

Fly within your skill limitations. We all need to push the envelope a bit, that's how we progress, but pushing it too hard too fast can have nasty results.

Always use common sense, keep it safe, be sensible and responsible - but have fun!

Mark

8/06/15: Manny Martin is about to do some preliminary fuel system checks for the two .61 4-strokes just prior to engine break-in. These are on his 91" P-38 Lightning. (Around Aug 17, Manny successfully maiden it.)



Chris Green's Neuport 28 powered by a 26 cc.
(photo from Sheldon Parker)



Flying Field: Condition is great.

Thank You to Dennis Buttocola for doing the flying field's TLC.

Found this out rather late: in late July someone damaged the runway with a motorcycle. When Joe Mauriello and John Holdcraft saw it, they immediately got one of the tractors out, hooked up the heavy screening and dragged the runway to undo the damage.

WJRC Needs More Instructors:

It's a poor welcoming experience when new members are unable to get an instructor and realize it was a wasted trip to the field. Unfortunately, this has happened a number of times. WJRC needs more instructors that are at least somewhat available on week-days. (It's understood that no one person can make it all the time.) No special flying skills are needed. All that's needed is to just want to be a conscientious member and to help someone trying to learn.

Please consider becoming an instructor.

WJRC's newest instructor, Bruce Sheppard starting his plans built Kaos with Paul Gross assisting. (By the way, Bruce recently noticed a field bench getting wobbly; he immediately took it home and rebuilt it.)

(photo from Sheldon Parker)



From a very lucky Bruce: **"PLEASE wear your seatbelt."**



Gregg Clement's **Videos** from the WJRC Flying Field are on his YouTube channel "Gregg660":

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

Sheldon Parker's **Photos** from the WJRC Flying Field are on his ShutterFly site:

<https://wjrcphotos.shutterfly.com/>

Leon Dobkowski with his 65" U-Can-Do

(photo from Sheldon Parker)



Vortex Generators for Slower Landings:

The April newsletter noted that Paul Gross had glued small pieces of 3/8" tri-stock about 1/8" long to act as "vortex generators" on the wings of his 52" Spitfire with its Saito .82. Here's the follow-up: Paul said they worked fine, allowing him to reduce landing speed while still keeping good control. The slower landings keep the warbird from tipping too far forward on the grass. See Paul for details.



Close-up of "vortex generators" on Paul's Spitfire:



Rich Onorato with his son Ken steadying Rich's 86" Marchetti SF-260 with its DLE-55 churning away. Rich built the plane from plans.



Field Recap:

07/24/15: Lucky Macy had a big Seagull Models Spitfire (photos & info, right column) at the field; it drew a lot of attention. He was also kind enough to email everyone all the websites (a few are below) related to the plane and its components.

Lucky used inexpensive (\$25) electric retracts from Hobby King instead of the included mechanicals:

https://www.hobbyking.com/hobbyking/store/uh_viewItem.asp?idProduct=28979

The 38cc 4-stroke gas engine (\$300):

https://www.hobbyking.com/hobbyking/store/uh_viewItem.asp?idProduct=62689

The nicely done, appropriately scaled pilot (\$12):

http://www.hobbyking.com/hobbyking/store/_28228_Highly_Detailed_Model_Pilot_H107_x_W85_x_D50mm_.html

WJRC Scheduled Events:

Tuesday, Sept 8: Business meeting @ 8 PM

Sunday, Sept 13: WJRC Picnic

Tuesday, Sept 22: Bull meeting @ 8 PM

Sunday, Oct 11: Fall Ducted Fan

Happy Flying,
JJ

Here's one of those rare love/war stories:

On Aug 13 a man at our field wearing a WWII Vets cap caught my eye and we started talking. His name is Dave Kershaw. Dave said he'd flown RC until about 10 yrs ago when he got triple bypass surgery. However, he also told me a very intriguing story. It started in 1945 shortly after his Army battalion freed Nazi death camp prisoners. One ex-prisoner, who had been a jeweler, offered out of gratitude to make a couple of rings for Dave if Dave could provide him with 2 silver dollars. It's short and it's a great read: http://www.nj.com/gloucester-county/index.ssf/2012/03/the_ring_bearer_county_residen.html

Lucky Macy with his 88" Spitfire Mk-IX with an NGH-38cc 4-stroke gas (more info left column):



Lucky put the Spitfire through some great aerobatics including: rolls, loops, Immelmans, split-s, stall turns, inverted flight, knives, spins, etc. I never saw a warbird put through a workout like this at our field. It was a sight !!



Lucky had the big warbird going straight down several times !

