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## Minutes of the West Jersey R/C Club May 10, 2016

The May business meeting was called to order by President Bob Werner at 8:04 pm with 29 members and prospective members in attendance. The minutes from the April meeting were read by the Secretary and accepted by all present. Treasurer Brian Beer gave the activity on the checking account with an ending balance as of April 30<sup>th</sup>. Vice President Bob Demola reviewed the membership with John Reid attending his third meeting and being welcomed into the club. James McDaniels and James Hill both attended their second meeting. Bob said the club is now at 93 members. The field is good with some minor damage done to the Pit area on one end; repairs have been made by Dennis Buttocolla. Field Safety Officer Jay Honigman said everything is good.

### Old Business

Paul Gross has helped the Rowan students out with their project at the field. He looked over their plane and made some adjustments and gave his ideas on how to make the plane more effective. Bob Werner said that Steve Althouse has found a book which may contain some of the paperwork we have been searching for. Steve will let him know when he gets time to look through it. The President said that the FAA registration is still on-going with a \$5.00 fee attached; this is not mandatory but encouraged by the AMA. President Bob Werner has put together a New Member's Packet and sent it out by email for all to have. Barry Prather and Andre Askew are taking fuel orders. The orders need to be paid by check made out to West Jersey RC and need to be in by the June 14th meeting. Bruce Sheppard still has plans and material for the combat Gremlins; if interested, please see Bruce. Neil Stokes coordinated a couple of nights at the field for instructors and new pilots looking to get some training. One of the two nights had a great turnout; but, the weather did not cooperate for the second

night. He will take a look at it again in a couple of weeks when the weather breaks and hopefully will be a little nicer.

### New Business

President Bob Werner said the club will have a swap shop at the May 24th Bull Meeting. Please, still bring any new aircraft for entry into the Plane of the Quarter drawing. The next event is Spring Ducted Fan Sunday May 15<sup>th</sup> and Multi-Engine Sunday is May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Warbirds is scheduled for June 12<sup>th</sup> and there will be food available for purchase. With no further business, Brian Beer ran the 50/50 raffle with \$15.00 going to Gregg Clement. A quick field charger donated by Chris Green was won by Bruce Sheppard. The meeting was adjourned at 8:36 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Neil Stokes WJRC Secretary



## CLUB FUEL ORDER:

Per the May 10 WJRC Business meeting:  
The cutoff date for members glow fuel orders through WJRC has been **extended to the June 14 Business meeting**. (The extension is thanks to Joe Albanese who generously offered to pick up the fuel at a later date so as to allow more time for members.)

Barry Prather is handling the order. His contact info is below.

Please Note: **No Cash**; only checks or money orders will be accepted. (payable to: West Jersey RC)  
The minimum order is one case (4-gallons per case). Fuel orders must be in **full case lots**. You can mix different fuel percentages in the same case. If you want to split a case with someone, you need to make the arrangements with the other person; one of you will then be the primary and his name will go on the order and he is responsible for providing the check(s) for that order when it's placed.

**Orders and checks must be in to Barry by the June 14th Business meeting.**

Prices per gallon of S&W glow fuel are:  
5%-\$14 10%-\$15 15%-\$16 20%-\$20 30%-\$23

Contact info (corrected from last month's newsletter):

Barry Prather  
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Philadelphia, PA 19144  
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## "Thank You" to Barry Prather

From the **AMA Model Aviation** magazine, page 6 (paraphrased here): The AMA had been instrumental in helping to make the House of Representative's version of the "FAA Reauthorization Act" positive toward recreational modelers.

**However**, the Senate's version of the above Act contains constraints that could **jeopardize the future of model aviation**. For this reason, **if the AMA requests members to contact their congressmen, they ask that we please do so.**

## May 24 Bull Meeting and Club Swap Meeting:

We had a decent turnout, considering this was the first such Bull/Swap meeting in the 7 yrs I've been in the club. Tom Voorhis and Paul Gross brought plenty of donuts and coffee. Everyone brought plenty of plane talk.



Below: There was lots of interest in Jay Honigman's .25 powered Gremlin. These are the planes suggested for slow combat at one of our recent business meetings. Since then, the Gremlin has picked up quite a following in WJRC. (Bruce Sheppard said the plane kits are cheap and quick to build. Bruce is a veritable font of knowledge on them; so, check with him if you have any questions.)



(Meeting info continued on next page)

# The President's Corner

June 2016

Many of us have not been able to get out flying this year because of the weather. As I write this, it is the start of Memorial Day weekend and we are finally going to be presented with some good flying weather. I hope to see you all out at the field getting in some good flights; but, before you do, please take a moment or two to go over your airplane that's been in storage for the winter. Make sure that all linkages are tight, and that your batteries are in good shape. Many battery chemistries do not fare well when they have been left to sit for long periods. DO NOT assume that just because they were good the last time that you flew, that they are still good now. Check the cell voltages and cycle the batteries a time or two to see how much capacity that they have left. NiCad's and NiMH have a high internal impedance that causes them to self discharge over time and they will lose capacity when discharged to a low state, so make sure that they are still good. Get to know your batteries and what they need to be properly maintained, you will save an airplane, and maybe avoid an incident that would endanger you or your fellow fliers. Safety is our number one concern, and having a great time flying is number two!

Be safe, announce your intentions to take off or land, and be aware of what others are doing. And Remember....

Take offs are optional.....

Landings are mandatory!

Bob Werner  
President WJRC

From awhile back: Club President Bob Werner starting his Edge 540 with Club Treasurer Brian Beer assisting.  
(photo from Sheldon Parker)



## Bull Meeting and Club Swap Meeting (continued):

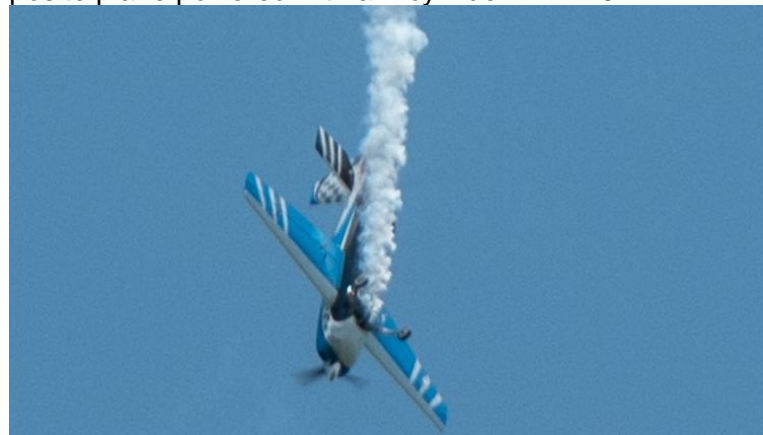
Not for sale: Jack Hofbauer (holding coffee cup) brought his OS 46-powered Phoenix Models Yak-54 for discussion.



Friday, May 20 (must have been "Smokin' Day"):  
Mark Schools tried out his 97", DLE-35RA powered Cessna 188 AG Wagon for the first time with smoke. It worked just fine.



Same day: Gregg Clement did some smokin' with his Krill Models Extra 330SC. Gregg has this 104", all composite plane powered with a 2-cylinder DA-120.



## Weather Websites Helpful for RC Flying:

I regularly check these websites; so, I include them each year here. They're helpful in getting an idea of potential flying weather. Try not to expect too much of them; often they don't agree. Also, no one can accurately predict winds any more than maybe 2 days ahead of time - at best. But, these predictions can at least give you a heads-up on the possibility of "our kind" of weather.

With shortcuts for the below sites on my computer desktop, I go through them all in a couple of minutes. If you decide use them, don't forget to do your most important check.....seeing if the tree tops in your neighborhood are swaying. Good Luck.

1. AccuWeather for the WJRC Flying Field zip code (08020) - select the "Hourly" for the predicted hour-by-hour changes for wind speed, gusts and cloud cover.  
<http://www.accuweather.com/us/nj/clarksboro/08020/forecast-details.asp?fday=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, one of our club presidents for many years, does the WJRC website. He added this Windfinder link. The site gives predictions of wind speed, gusts and cloud cover.  
[http://www.windfinder.com/forecast/philadelphia\\_airport](http://www.windfinder.com/forecast/philadelphia_airport)

4. This one helps me if there's confusing wind predictions from the other sites. It's another page of the above USairnet site. It gives a "snapshot" of PA wind speeds; it's updated about every hour:  
<http://www.usairnet.com/weather/maps/current/pennsylvania/wind-speed/>

5. Here's another one for when wind predictions are confusing. This is one of the Weather Underground sites was found awhile back by Bill Froeder. They're small, private weather sites. This one is about 3 miles from the WJRC flying field.  
<https://www.wunderground.com/cgi-bin/findweather/getForecast?query=39.78999329,-75.24681091&sp=KNJMICKL3>

6. Often, sky predictions say one thing, but what you actually see up there is something else. This next site gives a satellite view of actual 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 our local area.  
<http://www.accuweather.com/en/us/pennsylvania/satellite-vis?play=true>

Happy Flying,  
JJ

Gregg Clement's **Videos** from the WJRC Flying Field are on his YouTube channel "Gregg660" (link below).

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

Sheldon Parker's **Photos** from the WJRC Flying Field are on his ShutterFly site (link below).

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

Marty Brodack's Sig Four Star 60 - talk about clean lines.  
(photo from Sheldon Parker)



The big Spitfire of Tom Nicholas - apparently it's cowl was still "in development" at the time of the photo.

(photo from Sheldon Parker)



**Remember, when at the flying field, wear your WJRC badge in plain sight.**

## WJRC Scheduled Events:

**Warbirds:** Sunday, June 12 (food available for purchase)  
**Business meeting:** Tuesday, June 14  
**Cub Sunday:** Sunday, June 26  
**Bull meeting:** Tuesday, June 28  
**Giant Scale:** Sunday, July 3 (80" mono; 60"biplane)

NOTE: In the event of rain or high winds (20mph+), an event will be rescheduled for the following Sunday.