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## Minutes of the West Jersey R/C Club March 28, 2017

The March Business/Bull meeting was called to order by President Bob Demola at 8:08 pm with 22 members attending. The minutes from the February meeting were read by the Secretary and accepted by all present. Treasurer Brian Beer reviewed the club's checking account and gave the ending balance as of February 28<sup>th</sup>. Vice-President Joe Mauriello said there were no new members present and that the club is at 69 members as of the March meeting. Field Maintenance Officer Johnny Brink was not present for the field report; but, so far, the field is good and the runway has been a little soft. There was some damage done in the pit area towards the trees and no repairs have been made at this point. Field Safety Officer Owen Douglas was not in attendance and there were no safety issues to report by Field Marshal Gregg Clement.

### Old Business

Scheduled Spring Ducted Fan Sunday May 14<sup>th</sup> has been moved to Saturday May 13<sup>th</sup> due to the 14<sup>th</sup> being Mother's Day.

### New Business

Vice-President Joe Mauriello touched on the club's expenses and the latest financial report given. He gave estimates of what the club has brought in on dues and what some of the expected costs would be. He also brought up the possibility of the Officers incurring dues to help off-set some of the expenses. This is something that the club will keep an eye on for the next couple of months and reevaluate. Treasurer Brian Beer said the club is getting an \$18.00 service charge from Bank of America if the account goes below \$3,000.00. The option of taking money from the Vanguard Fund was brought

up to help off-set the club's expenses and to keep at least a minimum balance in the checking account. Brian checked into TD Bank; they offer an account that may work for the club with a minimum balance needed of \$1,500.00 before any service charges. TD Bank also offers better hours of operation for any transactions. The members present agreed to make the switch to TD Bank. Brian will make the necessary arrangements to switch. At this point no money will be taken out of the Vanguard Fund. Joe Mauriello said that he reached out to Morgan Fuels to see if we could still purchase fuel from them; there would be a six case minimum order plus shipping. Joe put the offer out to the club to get an idea if this is something the members wanted to do. He will try to get an exact price on fuel and the cost of shipping and forward at a later date. Gregg Clement wanted to let the club know that Mark Schools had a heart attack and was in the hospital. So far he is doing well but needs to stay in the hospital a few more days. Neil Stokes brought up the problem of trash and cigarette butts at the field - if you bring it in, take it home. The next Business Meeting is April 11<sup>th</sup> and the next Bull Meeting is April 25<sup>th</sup>. With no further business Brian Beer ran the 50/50 with Gregg Clement winning \$21.00. There was coffee and donuts for those who wanted it and a couple of planes on display for the Bull Meeting portion of the night. The meeting was adjourned at 8:44 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Neil Stokes WJRC Secretary.

**WJRC SCHEDULED EVENT THIS SUNDAY:**

April 9.....Spring Gas Engine Sunday

**Rules on Bull Meeting Prizes:**

A total of \$160 in Bull meeting prizes are given annually.

A \$25 Plane of the Quarter winner will be drawn for each of the year's four quarters. To become eligible for a given quarter's \$25 drawing, a qualifying aircraft must be brought to a Bull Meeting during that quarter. A qualifying aircraft is one which has been either designed to be flown as an RC, or built, or purchased to be flown as an RC. It need not to have ever been flown; it may even be only partially built. However, no repeat bringing of the same aircraft to other Bull meetings that year will count towards an additional \$25 drawing for that year.

Additionally, every member who brought a qualifying aircraft to a Bull meeting in any of the four quarters of a given year will be entered into that year's drawing for Free WJRC Dues (no cash) for the next year. A member's name is only put in once for this drawing no matter how many aircraft the member brought to that year's Bull meetings.

When you bring a qualifying aircraft to a Bull meeting, to ensure you're entered into the drawings, get the appropriate form from Paul Gross, fill it out and return it to Paul or a club officer.

**Email relating fortuitous R/C experience:**

Although John Reid is one of our newer members, he gets in a good bit of flying. Through a fortunate event, John took action which saved one of his planes. Below is the part of his email describing it; it may be a good lesson for us all to relearn.

..... and as luck would have it, I was one flight away from catastrophic wing failure! I hadn't taken the wing off this plane in 2 weeks, but needed space in the car for another plane and decided to remove it. Only to find that the wing support plywood that the nylon wing bolt screws into had begun to pull/shear away from the sides of the fuselage...The wings would have completely broken away from the fuse during my next high delta G maneuver!! Oh, that wouldn't have been pretty ... I'm going to give it a thorough inspection before my next flight.

John

(Now is the time for doing plane checks, before the busier part of the flying season hits. Editor.)

**Feb 28, Bull Meeting:**

Joe Albanese and his children: Julian, Sofia and Joe



Bill Froeder with his Hanger-9 Corsair powered with a YS-1.20. Sitting in the back is club treasurer Brian Beer.



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/>

**Flying Field Recap:**

Monday, 3/6/2017: It was a decent enough day for flying: 52 deg, winds were low to moderate down the runway and about 40% light blue sky.

Got to the field around noon and met "new" member Ron Palmisano. Ron has a lot of previous RC experience. A few minutes later our Field Maintenance Officer, Johnny Brink, arrived. I learned while there that these two guys know how to have RC fun. They kept me in stitches!

This was the first time I saw Johnny Brink at the field and not working on it. Glad to see him sampling the 'fruits' of his efforts. Johnny flew a Great Planes Escapade with an OS 46 (top photo). He did some entertaining aero-maneuvers with it too. **"Thank You" Johnny for all the work you do for the club!**

Ron Palmisano had two very unusual looking pushers. One, he built many years back with another club member. Because of the multi-colored polka dot covering they'd applied, they called the plane "Wonderbread" (middle photo). Ron said, in spite of its aggressive appearance, its flying characteristics were mild. To prove it, he insisted I try it out myself. He was right.

Ron's second plane was a Long-EZ (bottom photo). They didn't have much luck getting this one in the air.

We three were the only flyers up to around 3 PM when I left. Hope others got there to take advantage of the good weather.

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**Pick up any trash you see at the field.** Even those small pieces will reflect badly on our club.

Before leaving the field, **remember to make sure the gate, toilet and shed are each locked.**  
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Jack Hofbauer with his profile Aeroworks ProX260 Free-style powered with an OS 91with 15x6 APC prop.  
 (photo from Sheldon Parker)



3/6/17: Johnny Brink flew his 53" Great Planes Escapade with its OS 46 and did some entertaining aero-maneuvers to boot. (Hey, I have one of these too. It's reasonably priced, does aerobatics and it's fast too. All-in-all, it gives plenty of bang for the buck. But, it's not for beginners. Editor.)



3/6/17: Ron Palmisano's "Wonderbread" is powered with an Enya CX .50.



3/6/17: Ron Palmisano and Johnny Brink with Ron's Long-EZ, powered with an MDS .46.



While on vacation, Sheldon Parker and his wife stopped by the 8th Air Force Museum in Poolers, Georgia. Below is a photo he sent of one of the chapel's stained glass windows. It's unusual in that it depicts a B-17 along with doves; it's titled "Coming Home". No doubt it's commemorating the end of WWII.

Here's their website: <http://www.mightyeighth.org/>

(photo from Sheldon Parker)



From way down in San Antonio, Texas, **Karl Kozuh** (Karl with a "K") sent the below Solar Movies website link. Karl said that you can watch relatively recent movies on this site for free. <https://solarmoviez.to/>

Solar Movies seems like a safe site; below are links to info on that, in case you're curious:

<https://www.mywot.com/en/scorecard/solarmovie.com>

<https://www.videograbber.net/sites-like-solarmovie.html>

### Consider Helping-out the Club:

Please consider helping-out when WJRC needs an item or a service. If you find it easier, give another member a nudge to go along with you in getting involved. Pitching-in is part of what a club is all about.

If you'd like a copy of a newsletter photo, email me.

Happy Flying,  
JJ

Mark Schools got his 51" foam FlightlineRC FW TA152 from MotionRC. He has a 550kv motor in it with a 65amp ESC and a 2500mah Lipo. Mark says it's a great flyer. (photo from Sheldon Parker)



Gregg Clement's Stearman (42 lb, 118" with a 5-cylinder 180cc Moki) ..... shown smokin' up a storm. The plane is beautiful and, when it passes overhead, you can not tell it from the full scale. (photo from Sheldon Parker)

