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Minutes of the West Jersey R/C Club February 14, 2017

The February Business meeting was called to order by President Bob Demola at 8:08 pm with 16 members present. The minutes from the January meeting were read by the Secretary and accepted by all present. Treasurer Brian Beer went over the debits and credits for the checking account and gave the ending balance as of January 31st. Brian also gave the Balance in the Vanguard fund as of January 31st with an increase since the last statement. Vice-President Joe Mauriello reviewed the membership with the club at 59 valid members as of the February meeting. Joe said he also has decals for the AMA cards for 2017 paid dues. FMO Johnny Brink was not present but so far all is good at the field. The Safety Officers had no issues to report.

Old Business

Ira Weissman with the Camden Youth Aviation Program contacted the club they have purchased a Thunder Tiger ARF and will build the plane and contact the club for the first flight. George Stanton, who leases the woods, would like to come to a meeting to meet some of the members and answer questions. Bob Demola has been in contact with him to check to make sure everything is well and to see if he has any concerns.

New Business

Steve Althouse will continue monitoring the club website and try to make some improvements. Ron Palmisano said to check out Go Daddy for the server for the club. He uses them and said they are reasonable and easy to set up. There have been some questions regarding out

going emails not being sent, the suggestion was made to blind carbon copy yourself to make sure they go through. Neil Stokes spoke to John Landolfi about the surveyors and their markers; the property they were working on is off Route 45 by the Boodys Mill Rd entrance. If this is sold and built on, it should not have any effect on the club. The next Bull Meeting is February 28th and the next Regular Meeting is March 14th. Scheduled event for March 19th is Windy Plane Sunday. With no further business Brian Beer ran the 50/50 with Gregg Clement winning \$13.00. The meeting was adjourned at 8:54 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Neil Stokes WJRC Secretary





From Bill Froeder

Avoiding Pen Marks on Your Finished Plane:

Here's something I recently saw in Model Airplane News:

Most cowls require cutouts for properly mounting a gas or glow engine or an electric motor. Also, a cut may be required for mounting the fin the stab or fuse. To make the cuts accurately, you need to measure and mark them properly. Ballpoint pens and pencils don't write really well on smooth, painted or Monokote surfaces. The lines made by regular markers, such as Sharpies, are difficult, if not impossible to totally erase. Even using rubbing or de-natured alcohol or acetone may not totally clean off the surface. Instead, try using a dry-erase soft tip marker. (The ones used on white boards.) You can use dry-erase markers just like permanent markers; they'll leave a fine line on the surface. When finished making all the cuts, simply use a dry rag, or wet one with water, rubbing or de-natured alcohol to completely remove all the remaining ink.

From Sheldon Parker:

Aircraft-related links which you may find interesting:

Photos of every airplane ever made, listed by manufacturer: <http://www.aviastar.org/index2.html>

Here's the heli version: <http://www.aviastar.org/>

A man believed by many to have been the world's greatest pilot died relatively recently:

<http://blogs.mprnews.org/newscut/2016/10/bob-hoover-one-of-nations-greatest-pilots-dead-at-94/>

Start Slow into the New Flying Season:

Early-on in each flying season there are usually a lot more flying "incidents" than later in the season. Many of us haven't flown for a number of weeks, or even months. For that first trip or two, bring a plane that's easier to fly and to land. It can help in gradually dusting off the mental cobwebs and thereby making it less likely your plane will have a mishap.

Here's the big thing, when you get to the field, take your work in the Pits a little slower, a little more thoughtfully and watch out for those spinning props.

Remember to do some battery maintenance while they're just sitting through the winter, include your lead-based batteries too.

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/>

Sunday, 2/19/17 was a good flying day and, as you can see, we had a good turnout of flyers.



SHARE YOUR RC INFO:

A big part of being in a club is sharing information. If you'd like to share a helpful article or interesting idea, just pass along what you know about it to me. It doesn't have to be something that's "finished"; I'll write or re-write it as needed.

Thanks, Editor.

Weather Websites Helpful for RC Flying:

I regularly check the below websites; so, I include them once a year here. They're can be helpful in avoiding wasted trips to the field by helping you get a better picture of the weather. Try not to expect too much of them. Also, no one can accurately predict winds any more than maybe a day or two 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 about two minutes. If you decide to use them, don't forget to do your most important check by checking 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?fdays=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, who was one of our club presidents for many years, does the WJRC website. He's placed two weather sites on it. One gives the wind and one the general conditions. Here's the WJRC site for them: <http://www.wjrc.org/>
4. This one gives a "snapshot" of PA wind speeds; it's updated about every hour. Our weather usually comes from the West:
<http://www.usairnet.com/weather/maps/current/pennsylvania/wind-speed/>
5. This is one of the Weather Underground sites. They're small, private weather sites. This one is about 3 miles from the WJRC flying field. (Found by Bill Froeder.)
<https://www.wunderground.com/cgi-bin/findweather/getForecast?query=39.78999329,-75.24681091&sp=KNJMICKL3>
6. This AccuWeather Visible Satellite site gives a satellite view of actual cloud conditions. It shows a moving image of the last hour of cloud conditions over PA and NJ. Also, 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>

2/24/17 Think you're seeing double? Look closer.

Tony Massimi put this high wing plane together using the fuse of a Nexstar and the 62" wing of a pattern plane and a .75 2-stroke. The final product came out pretty heavy; but, I guess that's what helped it fly fine and also land pretty well on this gusty day. And, for a few giggles, Tony left the low wing pattern ship's landing gear attached to the wing underside - for a 2nd set of mains. (Hey, it caught my eye. Ed.) Congrats Tony!

(photo from Sheldon Parker)



Manny Martin starting his great flying "Type II Revolver" adaptation. Manny used a 70" Revolver wing for it.

(photo from Sheldon Parker)



Got this shot of a full scale Osprey, one of two, flying almost over our flying field back in November.



2/24/17: Marty Brodack did fine with his Sig Four Star 60 in spite of the gusty winds. (photo from Sheldon Parker)



Sunday, 2/19/17: There's no missing the colors of this Sig Sundancer belonging to John Schumacher. (photo from Sheldon Parker)



Gregg Clement setting up his Motion RC, foam, 63" P-38L Lightning. The "fork tailed devil" came as a PNP complete with pre-installed retracts, sequenced gear doors, flaps, LEDs, servos, brushless motors and with a set of 3-blade and a set of 2-blade counter-rotating props. Gregg said he was very happy with the parts support the company gave him.



Club Vice President Joe Mauriello's 84" 3D Hobby, Big Foot with a 35cc engine and a canister exhaust.



12/04/17: Jay Honigman's 71", Stuka with its .60 2-s. This plane has been long discontinued by Great Planes. Jay gave it an anti-tank look along with Polish Air Force markings (yellow bands).



John Reid with his 55" Phoenix Models Strega International. The OS 55AX John put in it must really move it!

