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MINUTES OF THE WEST JERSEY RC CLUB MAY 8, 2007

The meeting was called to order at 8:10 pm with 17 members in attendance. The minutes of the April meeting were read and accepted. The treasurer reported a balance of \$3,815.08 in the club's checking account. The report was accepted as presented. The vice-president called the roll of prospective members. Chris Payne and Neil Stokes attended their first meeting. The field committee chairman reported that the field was in overall good condition. He thanked Don Romano for his help and reminded the membership of the up-coming work party on May 12th.

OLD BUSINESS

Marty Brodack asked that flea market volunteers arrive at 4:00pm for table set up. The president reminded the membership of the upcoming by-plane Sunday (May 20th) and of the club's fuel purchase.

NEW BUSINESS

Bob Lanard requested that the club give Mrs. Yetter \$50.00 in appreciation for her most gracious gift of her late husband's "Charles" modeling equipment. Permission was unanimously granted. There was discussion about the new homes that are being built in the area. It was decided that we keep our flying closer to the field in an effort to ward off any complaints. With no further business, Bob Lanard ran the 50/50 and raffle. Rick McIlvaine won the 50/50 (\$15.00). Tom Monaco won the raffle and chose a Nova Rossi .47 motor. Bob Lanard won some fiberglass cloth, and Chris Payne won an auto pilot.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul M. Gross
Secretary WJRC

At The Bull Meeting

Well, as most of you know, there was no bull meeting last month. Instead, there was Marty Brodack's famous Swap Meet. If you missed it, you missed it. There was a lot of neat stuff there, and plenty of things to see. There were plenty of bargains too, and to prove it, I bought a plane. I was going to bring some stuff to sell, but when my grandson got interested in RC, I decided to put it to better use. Marty did his usual great job, and I am sure the club made some money. Marty wants to thank all of those who helped out to make the show a success. Thanks Marty for another job well done.

At The Field

There is not a whole lot to report on this month other than the improvement in the weather. Now that the temperature has warmed up and the grass is growing, Rick McIlvaine has to cut the field twice a week. Rick is doing his usual great job keeping the grass nicely trimmed, and Paul Gross is trying to keep the mowers in good working order. Rick has been getting help with the mowing from newer member Don Romano. It is always nice when a new member steps forward to help with the work. Sometimes newer members are afraid to step forward because they feel that the older members would be upset because they have been doing things the same way for a long time and would not like to change. Not so, the club needs all of the input it can get from the new blood.

While I am on the subject, the club will be looking for someone to take over this newsletter soon, so if you would like to try your hand at publishing, please let either me or the president know of your desire. This will be my seventieth edition, and I am really running out of steam and desire to continue

with this publication. Please give it some thought.

Bob Lanard has a new 1.40 sized P-47, which he has been struggling with to get it flying correctly. I think Bob finally got the correct combination the other day, and was flying around quite well. Naturally, when everything starts going good is when the trouble starts. Bob was coming in for a hot landing, it was probably a dead stick, but I am guessing, and when he touched down, slammed down is probably closer to the description, the retract landing gear broke off and did some damage to the undercarriage and the wing. Such is the joy of model planeing.

Sunday last was Twin Day, but since there are no twins in the club, members brought out their bi-planes. With most clubs events I have been to I have seen a lot of planes, but hardly any flying. In other flying clubs people seem to just want to put their planes on display, then put them back in the car and go home. Not so with this club. Our club members like to fly, and that's a good thing. That having been said, I didn't fly my Waco, because of the bad Y connector. There was lots of others flying though, and the only unusual thing to happen was when Greg Clement broke his propeller. What am I saying? That's not unusual is it! ☺

Last month I had mentioned that Don Romano had managed to park his airplane in the trees at the right side of the field, and was still up in the tree. The plane stayed up there for a couple or more days, but with the help of the other club members and Paul Gross and his new sling shot, Don was able to get it down. The plane was in sad shape, but I think all of the electronics were ok. Now that all of the leaves are on the trees, they should be a lit easier to see.

Marty Brodack has been out with a new/used Profile plane of an Extra three something. This plane has been doing things that I didn't think Marty could do. Come to think of it, Marty probably didn't know he could do some of the things the plane was doing either. Anyway, this is now Marty's favorite airplane.

Jerry Jones was out with one of his many ducted fan airplanes, and after some engine, and landing gear problems, finally got the plane up and into the air. After flying around for awhile, the plane headed out towards the lake over by Landolph's and Jerry said that he was having radio trouble. Everyone expected the worse, but Jerry stuck with it, and was able to bring the plane back for reasonable landing, considering. Good job Jerry.

On one particular day at the field, I had something go wrong with one of my planes that the guys there wanted make sure got reported in the newsletter. To tell you the truth, I have so many things go wrong, that I don't recall which one it was, and so it will go unreported. Sorry, but that's the way it is with old timers disease.

I have been training my grandson Tom to fly my old Four Star, and after only three times at the field, he has soloed. Damn kids! He really has an interest in model airplanes, and has already sent for his AMA and will join the club at the next meeting.

I have been lucky enough to get some inputs from a couple of the guys who made it to the field when I couldn't, and so the following is what they had to say.

Well there wasn't a very big crowd at the field today when I arrived at 12:30. Don was there along with Rich O. The neatest things happen today when Rich O was coming in for a landing with his TEXAN. The approach was from the dirt hills, he brought the plane in as he usually does running it out on the mains. When he was just about to turn around a wild Turkey walked out in front of him from the pepper field, (I am not talking about bottled Wild Turkey either.) I think the turkey must have crapped itself because it jumped up and flew towards the woods. Tony Severeno showed up with his Kyosho fan jet and put on one hell of a show with it, and he wasn't finished yet. A friend of his showed up with his trainer and Tony took it up and ended up flying it and landing with the rudder only due to an aileron mishap. (The P. Factor was high) Keep your eye on him this weekend, he may have something else in store. Gas and Go showed up @ 5:30 and got in a few flights after work. That's about it buddy. **Dave Morgan**

Well Tom

Went to the field on Sat for some flying, when I arrived, D.J. and Gas & Go were already there. Mike McMichen, Rich O, Don R, and our newest member Neil Stokes were there. Slight wind was straight down the runway, No mishaps during the day and a good time was had by all. **Dave Morgan**

I am sure I had something from Steve Althouse too, but I can't find it. Sorry Steve.



Miscellaneous

I am sorry to have to report about the passing of one time member, Joe Giembrone. Most of you probably remember Joe as the guy who would start building a plane, and then give it to Bob Lloyd to finish. Let's hope Joe's new wings improve his flying.

This request is from our official club photographer. Frank thinks that he left one of his photo albums at the field a little while ago, probably in the back of someone's vehicle. It is a 3 ring album of the Millville N.J. Air and Auto show. If you find the album, would you please call Frank at 856-767-4070 and let him know you have it. Thanks.

That's it for another month. Hope to see you at the field.

Tom Voorhis