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Racine R/C Club Meeting Minutes

November 17th, 2024

Time: 1:00 PM
Location: R/C Flying Field

OPEN MEETING – Jim opened the meeting at 1:00 PM. 17 members in attendance.

Welcome – New Members & Guests – Guest, Jim Lange, who is now retired was in attendance and interested in our club. Traded some R/C car stuff for some R/C airplane equipment and interested in joining.

Minutes – Last Meeting – There were no changes to the published minutes.

Reports

President – Jim reported on his attendance at the Milwaukee RC Assn meeting on Nov 9th. The Assn is again hosting the annual swap meet at the Washington County fairgrounds on January 26, 2025. Volunteers needed. Opens at 8:30 AM. Volunteers would work a 2 hour shift. Shifts are 6:30 – 8:30AM; 8:30 – 10:30AM; 10:30 – 12:30PM. Volunteers are given free admission to the event.

Costs are going up for the event, and consideration is being given for a new site. Anyone knowing of a potential site are asked to forward the information. 15, 000 sq feet, adequate parking, and tables and chairs needed.

Vice President – Roger Nickolaus had nothing to report.

Secretary/Treasurer – Bob Johnson unable to attend due to recent knee surgery. Membership remains at 51. Status of the checking account was given to the membership.

Newsletter Editor – Dennis Vollrath had nothing to report.

Field Chairman – Trygve Smalley reported that the field had been cut for the last time the previous week, and done for the season. Thanked everyone for the wood splitting that should keep us warm for the winter.

Tractor Chairman – Eric Armantrout reported that the

batteries have been disconnected in the tractor and mower.

Safety Officer – Darrell Hossalla had nothing to report

Web Master – Ron Hayes reported that he has a new 4K camera and should be getting better videos for our web site.

Compost Director – Chuck Roberts was unable to attend the meeting.

Old Business – Nothing to discuss

Jason Fisher was nominated to become a club instructor. Membership approved. The membership indicated an approval to again hold the “First in the Air” event on New Years Day. Club will provide Brats, Hamburgers, drink , etc. Request for a dish to pass was made. Hoss will be putting out an email message reference a request for dishes to pass.

The membership dues for 2025 will be set at the December club meeting and membership cards should be available.

New Pilots – None

Show & Tell – Ron Hayes had his new jet to show to the membership

Dennis Vollrath had some information to share with club members using a Spectrum NX10 and how to use the telemetry capabilities. He will demonstrate after the meeting.

(Editors Note:

There was absolutely no interest in the Spektrum telemetry functions after the meeting.)

Raffle Drawing – Raffle drawing won by Terry Peterson. The club portion received was \$10.

There was nothing for the “Good of the Order”.

Close Meeting – Jim closed the meeting with a reminder the next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, December 15th.

New Business – Written ballot vote taken on the proposed By-Law and Field Rule changes. Opportunity for discussion was given on each prior to vote.

Proposed Field Rule #6 was approved

Proposed Field Rule #8 was approved

Proposed New By-Law change was not approved

Voting for 2025 year club officers was done on paper ballots.

Results were:

President – Jim Litwin

Vice President – Roger Nickolaus

Sec / Tres – Bob Johnson

Newsletter Editor – Dennis Vollrath

Tractor Chairman – Eric Armantrout

Safety Officer – Darrell Hossalla

Compost Director - Steve Knackert

Web Master – Ron Hayes

Field Chairman – Trygve Smalley

JIM'S CORNER

We may not have snow, as I write this article, but it sure seems like winter is here. All my big planes are packed away for the winter, and my truck is in its winter storage mode. I might be getting soft, but it's cold out there now.

We had our club officer's election at the last meeting, and voted on the proposed by-Law and field rule changes. The results are in the minutes of the meeting located elsewhere in this newsletter.

Our next meeting is on Sunday, December 15th at 1 PM. At this meeting we will be setting the membership dues schedule for 2025. At this time, I am recommending that we keep the dues schedule the same as last year.

After the meeting and the dues schedule is set, the Sec/Tres, Bob Johnson, will be able to collect dues and issue new membership cards.

The Compost Director, Steve Knackert, will have a signup sheet for you to select your Compost Duty times. **Remember, all Regular & Senior flying members (and officers) are required to do a total of 6 hours at the compost site. This can be done in 2 hours shifts. The Compost site opens at Noon, and**

closes at 6 PM on Wednesdays, which we are obligated to cover.

The Compost Site opens this coming year, 2025, on Wednesday, April 2nd. The Compost Site closes this coming year, 2025, on Wednesday, November 19th.

We are opening and closing the site this coming year.

At our last meeting it was decided to hold our "First in the Air" event on New Year's Day. Darrell Hossalla has already sent out an email message about this, concerning what you are bringing to pass.

Also remember, the Milwaukee RC Association is again hosting its annual Swap Meet / Auction at the Sheboygan County Fair Grounds on Sunday, January 26th.

Review the minutes from the past meeting for specifics. They are always looking for volunteers, and it gets you free entry to the event. The Flyer for this event can be found elsewhere in this newsletter.

The stove fire will be hot, and the shelter warm for the meeting, so see you then.

Fly Safe & Have Fun

Jim Litwin

President

RATES: ANNUAL REGULAR MEMBER ...	\$ 70.00
FAMILY RATE (Two adults residing at the same address)	80.00
JUNIOR RATE (Under the age of 18	1.00
SENIOR MEMBERS (65 years old & over).....	40.00
NON-FLYING MEMBER	30.00

***After August 1st of each year, dues are 50% of the shown schedule for new members.**

Dennys Stuff

There isn't much going on in your newsletter editors workshop the past month. I did purchase one of those LiFeP04 12 Volt 50 Amp Hour deep cycle batteries to replace the 6 year old 120 Amp Hour deep cycle battery for my backup sump pump system.

The cost of those big LiFeP04 deep cycle batteries is going down over the past few years. The 50 Amp Hour 12 Volt unit I got from Amazon came in at around \$90.00 with an adder of about \$20 for shipping and taxes. They are all rated for thousands of discharge/charge cycles.

This 50 Amp Hour batteries only weighs

in at 11 pounds, versus 85 Pounds for the old 120 Amp Hour lead acid battery.

For those who would like to have a 12 Volt supply at the field for field charging the smaller LiPo battery packs, this is another option.

These LiFeP04 12 Volt deep cycle batteries range from 7 Amp Hours at \$26 to 300 Amp Hours at over \$400.00.

If you are interested in one of these units, be sure to purchase one with a built in BMS (Built in Battery cell balancer Unit) built into the unit.

That's about it.
DennyV
RRCC Newsletter Editor

Merry Christmas
and Happy
New Year
everyone!



46th ANNUAL

SUNDAY
JANUARY 26th, 2025

MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

AUCTION & SWAP SHOP



Sponsored by
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Chapter #7

ADMISSION: \$5.00 ADULTS
(UNDER 16 FREE)

SWAP SHOP: 8:30-2:00

NO SELLING before 8:30 A.M. no exceptions

AUCTION

Throughout the day

TABLE FEES

All tables are \$20.00 each
Admission \$5.00 per person.

Contact event Coordinator Laurie for table reservations and questions at 414-461-6013 or email register.mrca@gmail.com

FOOD – BEVERAGES – AMPLE PARKING

RAFFLE 50/25/25

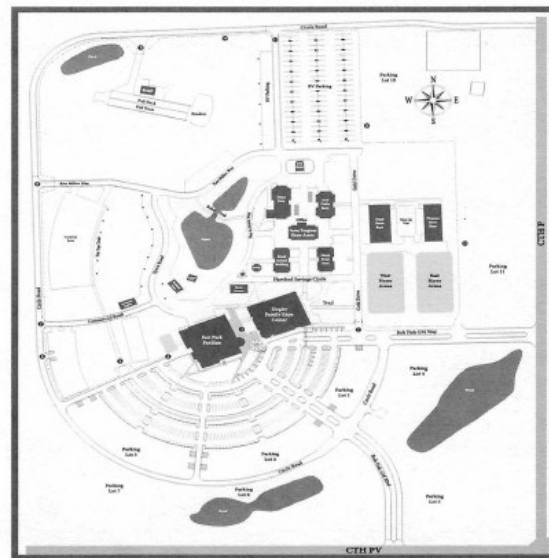
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MEMBER CLUBS:

ABC R/C; Astro Wings of Wis; Lakeland R/C; Milwaukee Area Radio Kontrol Society (MARKS) Club; Fond Du Lac Aero Modelers Assn.; Flying Electrons, Inc; Pebble Creek Flyers, Inc; Racine R/C Club, Inc; Rainbow Aero Modelers Society (RAMS) Club; Rubicon Area Flyers (RAF) Club; Sky Ranch Flyers; Watertown Aeromodelers R/C Club.

AFFILIATE CLUBS; Bong Eagles; Circlemasters Flying Club; Model Engine Collectors Associaton (MECA); IPMS, Richard I Bong Chapter.



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have buyers for all!”***