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Racine R/C Club Meeting Minutes

December 15, 2025

Time: 1:00 PM

Location: R/C Flying Field

Open Meeting - Jim opened the meeting at 1:00PM. 21 members in attendance.

Welcome - New Members & Guests – There were no guests or new members.

Minutes - Last Meeting – The Milwaukee RC Association Swap Meet in January is at the Washington County Fairgrounds, (West Bend) not the Sheboygan County Fairgrounds.

Reports

President- The Milwaukee RC Swap Meet is January 26, 2025. Volunteers are needed for the following shifts.

6:30AM-8:30AM

8:30AM-10:30AM

10:30AM-12:30AM

The event opens at 8:30AM. There will be free admission for volunteering and working a two-hour shift.

The voting for 2024 award recipients will take place at the January meeting. The information will be in the January Newsletter.

Vice President- Roger Nickolaus had nothing new to report.

Secretary/Treasurer-Bob Johnson reported our checkbook balance remains strong and we are well positioned for any planned or unplanned club requirements.

Here is the current membership as of this newsletter.

Senior Members	36
Open Members	11
Junior Members	3
Total	50

Some of the 2025 dues were received at the December meeting, and members that have sent their dues in the mail, total 23 members so far for 2025.

Please remember the newsletter will continue to be sent to current members up to the date when the field and shelter lock combinations are changed. After that, only current 2025 members will receive the emailed RRCC newsletter.

Newsletter Editor-Dennis Vollrath had nothing new to report.

Field Chairman- Trygve thanked everyone that helped mow and maintain the field.

Tractor Chairman- Eric Armantrout had nothing new to report.

Web Master-Ron Hayes had nothing new to report. Please visit the RRCC website to see member flights filmed by Ron. If you haven't seen this yet it's worth viewing!

Safety Officer- Contact Darrell Hossalla if you are going to the swap meet.

Compost Director- Steve Knackert was unable to attend. A new compost sign-up sheet is available.

Old Business- Nothing to discuss.

New Business – Vote for 2025 member-

ship dues. A vote took place, and a motion was made to keep the amount of our dues the same for 2025 as they were in 2024.

Senior Member-\$40.00
Open Regular Member-\$70.00
Junior Member-\$1.00
Family Membership-\$80.00
Non-Flyer-\$30.00

Do we want to have an awards banquet or present awards at a club meeting? We need time to arrange a venue if a banquet is agreed upon. Roger will check into a venue for the banquet. The RRCC members seem to want a banquet to occur in 2025.

Thanks to Jim for decorating the clubhouse for the holidays.

New Pilots – None

Show & Tell – There were multiple transmitters for sale at the December meeting.

Raffle Drawing – Ron Hayes won the raffle and donated \$14.00 to the club. Thanks Ron!!

The raffle came to \$44.00 total of which \$39.00 went to the club.

Close Meeting – Jim closed the meeting with a reminder the next gathering will be on January 1st for the News Years Party and “First in the Air for 2025”. Next club meeting will be Sunday January 19th at 1PM at the club house.

JIM'S CORNER

A new year is here, and I hope everyone has a new project in mind, and uses these cold winter months to build something, or at least do some upgrades. There is usually a little crash, or bad landing damage that could use your attention.

For those that didn't come to the 1st of the year event at the field, you missed a nice gathering. The weather cooperated

and there was plenty of food. Roger & his wife prepared the brats and they were good. A special thanks goes out to Chuck Roberts, as he paid for all the meat and buns for this event. It wasn't necessary, but certainly appreciated. Thanks Chuck!

The 1st of the year also has the “First in the Air” bragging rights.

This year they were:

First Glider - Jason Fisher
First Electric Plane - Eric Armantrout
First Gas Airplane - (A tie)
Darrel Hossalla & Roger Nickolaus

Our RRCC Members have been paying their dues, which are the same as last year, and the signup roster for the compost site has been circulated. See Steve Knackert if you haven't signed up yet.

The membership has decided to again have an awards banquet. Roger is checking on some sites, but I expect we'll be at the Roma Lodge again. Everyone seems to have a pleasant time there.

We will be voting on the 2024 year award recipients at our upcoming January 19th club meeting. Paper ballots will be used, and you will be voting for the following:

CRAFTSMANSHIP AWARD:

For outstanding craftsmanship; awarded by the club based upon nominations from the membership. The trophy is to honor the wonderful and precise crafting by the modelers in the club.

SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD:

This award to be awarded by the club membership to a member who has displayed outstanding "Sportsmanship" during the year. "Sportsmanship" is a broad

term encompassing a members helping of others, friendly attitude, and an outgoing warm representative of the club.

GOLDEN PROPELLER

AWARD: The award was conceived to honor a flyer (member) who has performed outstanding or exceptional service to the club and is awarded by members of the club.

Please, Please, look over these award criteria and give some thought to a club member whom you think deserves recognition by being nominated for these awards. Trophies will be given out at the upcoming banquet.

Reminder, Sunday, January 26, The Milwaukee RC Association is hosting their annual SWAP Meet & Auction. The flyer for this event is found elsewhere in this newsletter.

I hope to see you at the January 19th club meeting at the field, and for those of you who haven't yet paid your membership dues, use the meeting as a chance to do so. Pay your dues and sign up for your compost site duty.

Fly Safe & Have Fun

Jim Litwin
President

Dennys Stuff

OK, its commercial time! Many of our RRCC members have had to buy their hobby materials from places such as Horizon Hobbies (Tower Hobbies) and the like. But, Amazon sells a LOT of hobby related materials that can be used in our hobby.

In fact, Amazon even sells electronic components such as a little circuit board that provides all of the time keeping functions to build an alarm clock. I've purchased four of them, and have found them to be accurate to about one minute per year. (Only \$2.50 each)

I ordered my new Icharger 4010 Dual charger from Amazon last spring. No one else had any in stock at that time.

I just ordered and received two hardware kits from Amazon today. They are "K - Kwokker" screw kits.

The first is a 1110 piece #2-56 to 10-24 kit contained in a very nice plastic binned case. The second is an 1720 piece K-Kwokker metric screw kit with screw sizes ranging from M2 to M5.

Both come in an assortment of lengths, also include appropriate nuts, washers and lock washers. The price for each is around \$22.00. This sure beats running to the local hardware store every time you need a certain size small screw for your various needs.

After way to many years, your editor just ordered and received a Hanger 9 J3 Cub 10cc model airplane from Horizon Hobbies. The model was ordered Sunday afternoon, and was received the following afternoon at 2:00 PM, via Fed-Ex.

As is common now days, the cardboard box was doubled with a second close fitting box to provide some degree of protection against shipping damage.

Your editor traveled to Hobby Lobby to pick

up some new CA of all sizes. But, Hobby Lobby didn't have any 30 Minute epoxy. Seems no one in Racine has any of this stuff. All they have is the usual 5 Minute epoxy.

So, again Amazon came to the rescue, I found some that showed up today.

This IHanger 9 J3-Cub looks to be a very well made ARF, where most everything fits OK. Well, almost everything. The servo cutouts in the fuselage were a little bit short in length, so they had to be extended by around 1/16 inch.

That was an easy job, using my Variable-Speed Oscillating Multi-Tool. (Harbor freight has them) This tool can easily cut square holes in any material. I used it to cut a 1X2 inch square hole in the 3/8 inch thick firewall of the J3-Cub.

I'm going to power this model with a 6S2P A123 battery pack, along with an spare old Hacker A50-12S motor I've had for several years.

The radio system will be using four brand new Hitec 645MG servos, along with a new Spektrum AR8360T receiver with built in gyro functions. (Even though this slow flying model probably won't need a gyro!)

I do have a simple project for this spring that will require the assistance of a club member with a 50 cc Gasser model.

The project involves how much current the servos pull in these gassers, both with the engine off, and at different engine power levels. The questions is if the engine vibration increases the servo loading. It won't take but a few minutes with one of my oscilloscopes and a servo plug that allows measuring this current on a 50 cc Gasser with big control surfaces. This will be a future article in the newsletter.

This will be a quick static test with the model securely located on one of our model test stands.

More to come.
DennyV, RRCC editor.



46th ANNUAL

SUNDAY
JANUARY 26th, 2025

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AUCTION & SWAP SHOP



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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

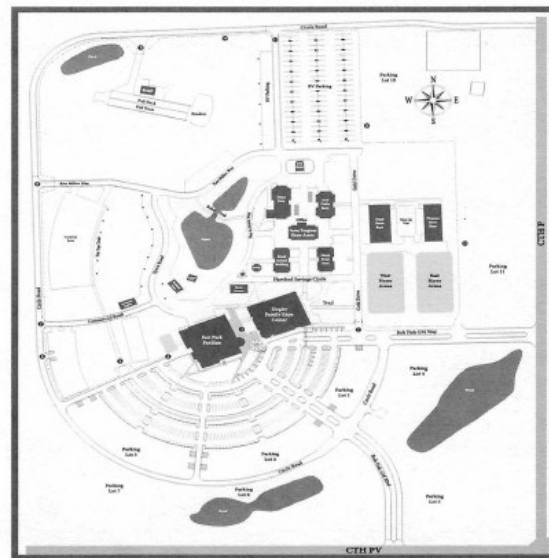
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AFFILIATE CLUBS; Bong Eagles; Circlemasters Flying Club; Model Engine Collectors Associaton (MECA); IPMS, Richard I Bong Chapter.



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