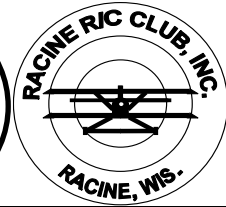




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Racine R/C Club Meeting Minutes

February 16th, 2025

Time: 1:00 PM

Location: RC Flying Field

OPEN MEETING – Jim opened the meeting at 1:00 PM

Welcome – No guests

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

Reports

President –

Thanked Hoss for plowing the snow from the parking lot

New field rules are posted on the north wall of the outside shelter area.

This meeting is about getting ready for the awards banquet

Vice President –

Roger Nickolaus – Awards banquet Saturday, March 1

Roma Lodge (same as last year)

5PM gathering – 6PM meal served

\$25 per person

Secretary/Treasurer –

Bob Johnson – Unable to attend this meeting – Out of town

Open membership 7

Senior 25

Total 32

Safety Officer – Darrell Hossalla - Nothing to report

Field Chairman – Trygve Smalley – Unable to attend

Newsletter Editor – Dennis Vollrath – Nothing to

report

Tractor Chairman – Eric Armantrout – Nothing to report

Compost Director – Steve Knackert – Reported that we only have 11 open slots to complete the compost site schedule.

Web Master – Ron Hayes – Working on issues with updating the web site

(NOTE: As of March 1st, problem corrected)

Old Business

No old business to be discussed

New Business

Ray Fisher asked to speed to the issue of getting new members into the club. Ray had read some articles whereby new interested people in RC flying should immediately be put into the air with a club provided airplane to get some exposure, and hopefully want to join the club and learned to fly RC.

Discussion took place afterward relating to the clubs previous attempts to have available trainer aircraft at the field and its elated problems of keeping batteries charged. The additional issues of insurance coverage was discussed with non AMA people flying at our field.

The lack of sufficient instructor pilots available whenever someone came to the field was also mentioned. The AMA's "Intro Pilot" program was mentioned, but required "Intro Pilot" instructors, and necessary paperwork completed prior to the flight to provide the necessary liability coverage to the club. The discussion was ended.

New Pilots – None

Show & Tell – Dennis Vollrath displayed a new RC airplane balance device he built. It is easily adjustable for various sizes of planes. This balancing device allows balancing any model with the model wheels only a few inches off of the table. The building diagram available from him if you want to make your own. He also displayed the fuselage of his new J3 electric powered Cub.

Raffle Drawing – Dennis Vollrath won - \$14 to the club.

Good of the Order – Jerry Rose requested a discussion of a change on how we distribute the raffle funds at the annual banquet. Jerry realized that this should have been brought up under New Business. The RRCC membership indicated that they were willing to entertain his request. Discussion was held, and Motion made, 2nd, and approved by the membership present, that in the future, the raffle funds awarded at the banquet be divided into quarters, for four winners, rather than one.

Close Meeting – Jim closed the meeting with a reminder that the next meeting is scheduled for Sunday March 16th at 1 PM

JIM'S CORNER

As I write this article, there is NO snow on the ground, and temps in the high 40's. Love this Wisconsin winter weather!

Last weekend we held our annual Awards Banquet at the Roma Lodge. There was a little smaller attendance, but I believe everyone had a good time and there was plenty of good food and desserts. Being that it was an awards banquet, the 2024 awards were given to the recipients.

- Golden Propeller Award Jim Litwin**
- Instructor Award Roger Nickolaus**
- Sportsmanship Award Jason Fisher**
- Craftsmanship Award Eric Armantrout**

With a grass field, the hardy club members are flying their planes, and that is a reminder to all of us to prepare our plane for the upcoming flying season. I've mentioned it numerous times, but look at the date you installed your batteries, including the transmitter. Do they need to be replaced to insure you don't have problems? I know from experience, the sick feeling when your transmitter battery drops off and you have no control. A lost \$\$\$\$ plane.

The combination code for the padlocks on the shelter, Porta Pottie, and entrance gate have been changed. The new code is printed on your 2025 membership card.

Our next meeting is on Sunday, March 16th at the field at 1PM. See you then.

Fly Safe & Have Fun
Jim Litwin
President

Dennys Stuff

I've been writing the RRCC newsletter since about 2007 now. It has been enjoyable and keeps my busy. But a recent email from Microsoft caused a big concern.

I have been using Microsoft "Desktop Publishing" on the RRCC newsletter since day one. This is a powerful, fairly easy to use program that is designed to create items from single page fliers to complete books. And, it works very well for creating and printing the RRCC newsletter.

I have been using Microsoft Office 365, a subscription based software (That I pay \$90/year) that includes the Desktop Publishing program. Microsoft just announced that they will no longer include the publishing program with MS Office 365. The end date is October, 2026, next year.

Worse, Microsoft is eliminating their publishing software from all subscription programs. I've tried to buy hard copies of their publishing program. But they come from dubious sources that concern downloading them.

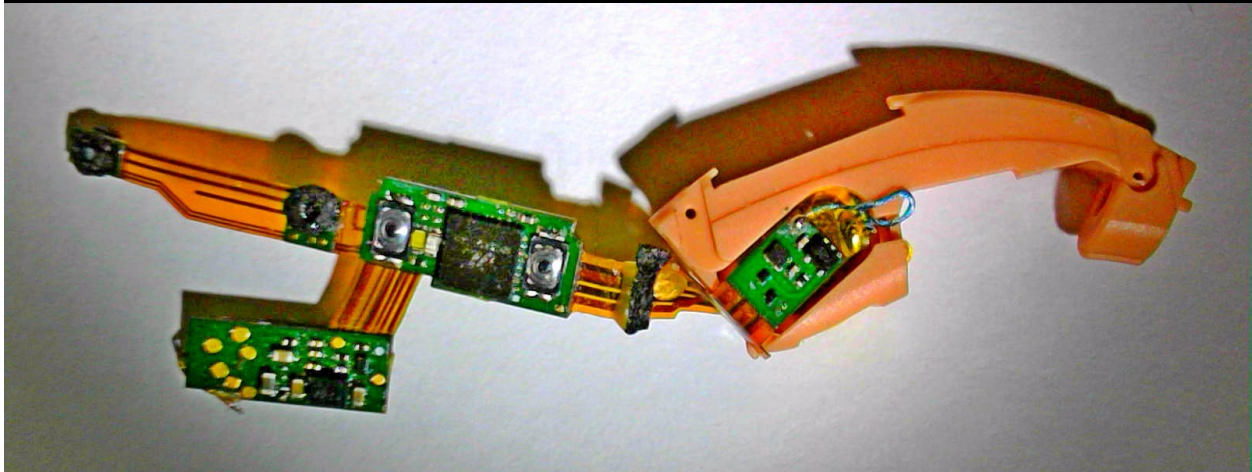
Microsoft indicates they have other MS programs that are capable of desktop publishing, such as the Microsoft "Word" program. I just tried a little bit of the newsletter in the current version of "Word". Exporting the March newsletter to Word wound up saving only the text, nothing else. The saved text file was completely unusable.

I did find a recommended desktop publishing program as "Free Ware" by the name of "Scribus Software". YouTube has an hour of videos on how to use this program. I've downloaded and installed it on my PC and have played with it. Scribus is one of the very few programs

that can read Desktop Publisher files.

So, your editor has over a year to change over to something new for the newsletter. A google search showed that a lot of people are really PO'd about this. This includes companies that have hundreds of computers with Desktop

Publishing that have been using MS Desktop publishing many years for their books, service manuals and similar items. And they've found out after October 2026, that they will not be able to access their previous work, going back decades.

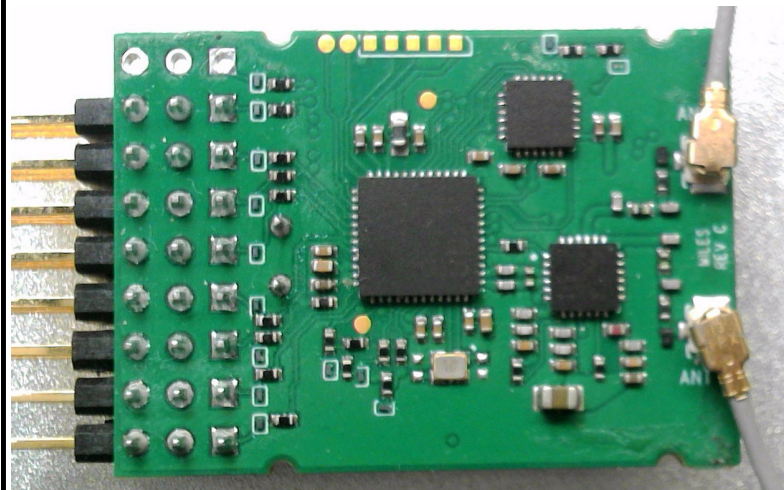


Way off topic!

The photo above shows the inside of one of my hearing aids that died and was replaced under warrantee. This hearing aid was purchased through Amazon for around \$300.00 for the pair.

Like our 2.4 Ghz RC receivers, there is not much inside these units, my guess is there is perhaps \$40.00 worth of parts inside this hearing aid. I've also looked inside old cell-phones. A cheap \$100 cellphone has far more expensive components inside.

FYI, last summer, a local hearing aid place in Racine on Hy 20 tried to sell me a pair of similar hearing aids for **\$5500.00**. I tried the **\$5500** hearing aids in their office. It didn't have much more capability than my \$300 Amazon hearing aids.



Compare the photo at left of the inside of a Spektrum AR8360T receiver against what's inside a typical hearing aid.

DATE	TIME	PRINT NAME
2-Apr	Noon - 2 PM	Darrel Hossalla
	2 PM - 4 PM	Darrel Hossalla
	4 PM - 6 PM	John Bolt
9-Apr	Noon - 2 PM	Roger Nickolaus
	2 PM - 4 PM	Roger Nickolaus
	4 PM - 6 PM	Tim Brown
16-Apr	Noon - 2 PM	Roger Nickolaus
	2 PM - 4 PM	Darrel Hossalla
	4 PM - 6 PM	John Bolt
23-Apr	Noon - 2 PM	Ron Hayes
	2 PM - 4 PM	Ron Hayes
	4 PM - 6 PM	Ron Hayes
30-Apr	Noon - 2 PM	Trygve Smalley
	2 PM - 4 PM	Jim Lange
	4 PM - 6 PM	Jerry Rose
7-May	Noon - 2 PM	Trygve Smalley
	2 PM - 4 PM	Rich Smentek
	4 PM - 6 PM	John Bolt
14-May	Noon - 2 PM	Jim Lange
	2 PM - 4 PM	Jim Lange
	4 PM - 6 PM	Chuck Roberts
21-May	Noon - 2 PM	Jerry Rose
	2 PM - 4 PM	Rich Smentek
	4 PM - 6 PM	Chuck Roberts

Compost 2025

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2-Apr	Noon - 2 PM	Darrel Hossalla	23-Jul	Noon - 2 PM	Paul Willems
	2 PM - 4 PM	Darrel Hossalla		2 PM - 4 PM	Wayne Greisen
	4 PM - 6 PM	John Bolt		4 PM - 6 PM	Dan Pozel
9-Apr	Noon - 2 PM	Roger Nickolaus	30-Jul	Noon - 2 PM	Paul Willems
	2 PM - 4 PM	Roger Nickolaus		2 PM - 4 PM	Jason Fisher
	4 PM - 6 PM	Tim Brown		4 PM - 6 PM	Chuck Brzezicki
16-Apr	Noon - 2 PM	Roger Nickolaus	6-Aug	Noon - 2 PM	Don Parkinson
	2 PM - 4 PM	Darrel Hossalla		2 PM - 4 PM	Wayne Greisen
	4 PM - 6 PM	John Bolt		4 PM - 6 PM	Gary Bokowy
23-Apr	Noon - 2 PM	Ron Hayes	13-Aug	Noon - 2 PM	Don Parkinson
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	2 PM - 4 PM	Jim Lange		2 PM - 4 PM	Jim Houtsinger
	4 PM - 6 PM	Chuck Roberts		4 PM - 6 PM	Gary Bokowy
21-May	Noon - 2 PM	Jerry Rose	10-Sep	Noon - 2 PM	Matt Hjoll
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	4 PM - 6 PM	Tim Brown		4 PM - 6 PM	Bill Flannery
4-Jun	Noon - 2 PM	Steve Knackert	24-Sep	Noon - 2 PM	Bob Johnson
	2 PM - 4 PM	Jerry Rose		2 PM - 4 PM	Chuck Brzezicki
	4 PM - 6 PM	Chuck Roberts		4 PM - 6 PM	Eric Armantrout
11-Jun	Noon - 2 PM	Mike Stein	1-Oct	Noon - 2 PM	Jim Litwin
	2 PM - 4 PM	Steve Knackert		2 PM - 4 PM	Jim Litwin
	4 PM - 6 PM	Dan Pozel		4 PM - 6 PM	Jim Litwin
18-Jun	Noon - 2 PM	Mike Stein	8-Oct	Noon - 2 PM	Rick Stapleton
	2 PM - 4 PM	Steve Knackert		2 PM - 4 PM	Rick Stapleton
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25-Jun	Noon - 2 PM	Terry Peterson	15-Oct	Noon - 2 PM	Bill Flannery
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2-Jul	Noon - 2 PM	Mike Stein	22-Oct	Noon - 2 PM	Carl Bergquist
	2 PM - 4 PM	Jason Fisher		2 PM - 4 PM	Jim Houtsinger
	4 PM - 6 PM	Dan Pozel		4 PM - 6 PM	Chuck Brzezicki
9-Jul	Noon - 2 PM	Terry Peterson	29-Oct	Noon - 2 PM	Carl Bergquist
	2 PM - 4 PM	Jason Fisher		2 PM - 4 PM	Jim Houtsinger
	4 PM - 6 PM	Matt Holl		4 PM - 6 PM	Jim Strelitzer
16-Jul	Noon - 2 PM	Paul Willems	5-Nov	Noon - 2 PM	Buzz Paricka
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	4 PM - 6 PM	Ray Fisher		4 PM - 6 PM	Jim Strelitzer
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12-Nov	Noon - 2 PM	Buzz Paricka	19-Nov	Noon - 2 PM	Steve Navone
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