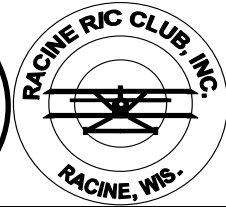




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Racine R/C Club Meeting Minutes

Sunday: November 8, 2020

Time: 1:00 PM

Location: R/C Flying Field

Open Meeting - Welcome - New Members & Guests – Jim opened the meeting at 1:00PM. Meeting was held outside as the weather was perfect. Approximately 20 members were present. There were no guests or new members in attendance.

Minutes - Last Meeting –Reports- There were no changes to the minutes from the last meeting.

President- Jim opened the meeting by stating the agenda for today will be to announce nominations for club officers for 2021 and to discuss the details behind Don Parkinson’s missed compost duty on October 7, 2020.

Vice President - Roger Nickolaus had nothing new to report

Secretary/Treasurer - Bob Johnson reported there is \$5455.65 in the club bank account and that the account will be moved from US Bank to Johnson Bank.

Newsletter Editor - Dennis Vollrath had no new business to report but announced he and Ona May are now husband and wife. Congratulations to Denry and Ona May!

Field Chairman - Darrel Hossalla had nothing new to report. There was a quick discussion as to whether the field needed to be cut/rolled again this year. The consensus was the field will be left as is for the balance of 2020.

Tractor Chairman - Eric Armantrout had nothing new to report.

Web Master - Justin Francisco had nothing new to report.

Safety Officer - Dan Pozel had nothing new to report.

Compost Director - Jerry Rose reported all is good with the compost site however there was an incident last Wednesday October 4th at approximately 5:15PM. Gun shots were heard coming from a location along the far southeast side of the field near the homes located along highway H. The club member on duty thought he heard rounds coming close to his location at the compost site. A call was made to the Mt Pleasant police department the next day. The response from MPPD was incidents like this need to be reported as soon as possible after it happens in order for them to investigate. Jerry asked membership to be sure to report situations like this immediately after they happen by calling 911 with specific details of the event. Be sure to let Jerry and Jim know at the same time. Shooting is permitted in this area of Mt Pleasant, but we should not feel in danger when performing our compost duty.

Old Business- New Years party discussion from last meeting continued. Hoss commented that it is in our best interest to cancel the event for this year due to the Covid 19 situation. There is just too much risk in our closed club house for spouses and guests to partake in the food serving etc. Club members can continue with our annual 1st flight for gas, electric and glow powered aircraft. Jim asked for a motion and a vote and it was decided to cancel the 2021 party including spouses and guests.

New Business – Jim announced the following list of club members running for 2021 club officers.

President-Jim Litwin
Vice President-Roger Nickolaus
Secretary/Treasurer-Bob Johnson
News Editor-Dennis Vollrath
Field Chairman-Darrel Hossalla
Tractor Chairman-Eric Armantrout
Web Master-Justin Francisco
Safety Officer-Dan Pozel
Compost Director-Jerry Rose

Jim asked for additional nominations. No additional nominations were submitted so a motion to approve the above list of nominations as the officers for 2021 was accepted by the membership. Voting on the 2021 membership dues schedule will take place at the December 20th meeting.

Jim announced a final decision was to be discussed regarding Don Parkinson's missed compost site duty on Wednesday October 7th from 4-6PM. Jim read the letter sent to Don on October 12, 2020 detailing the club's obligations based on our By Laws. Jim was clear that the club is obligated to follow the same procedures in all cases ensuring consistency and fairness to all club members.

Jim then asked Don to read his response to the above letter. Don asked Jim to go ahead and read his response to the membership. After reading Don's response he was given the opportunity to personally address the membership summarizing his thoughts listed below.

Don pointed out that his missed duty was not intentional.

He was very confused due to the stress caused by receiving a positive COVID 19 test result. He felt it necessary to con-

centrate on notifying family and friends he came in contact with recently after being notified as well as other personal matters that needed to be addressed that were time sensitive.

Don felt he notified Jerry Rose via text but acknowledged the timing of the response might have been too late for Jerry to locate a replacement in time.

Don was very apologetic and stated he has been a good club member for the past 8 years and would never intentionally do anything to hurt the club. He stated he would accept whatever decision the membership came up with but asked for consideration to remain an active member.

Jim asked for input from membership. Hoss started by saying he felt Don had good reason for missing his compost duty and suggested he should not be expelled for a year based on the club by laws.

Several other members voiced their thoughts and opinions as well which seemed to be consistent with Hoss's.

Jerry Rose discussed the seriousness of issues like this and how important it is for all members to follow through with their compost duty. If we do not, we could lose our flying field. The Village of Mt Pleasant owns the land our club is located on.

JIM'S CORNER

We certainly are have a good run of nice weather. Some days have been a little windy, but still pretty warm, no snow (as I write this article), and nice for this time of the year.

Our December club meeting is being

Our Wednesday compost duty is our "rent" for this land, and it could be taken away very easily. Jerry went on to say how failure to notify him or Jim Litwin when a member cannot make their assigned duty, at least the day before, creates a lot of additional work.

Jim asked for a vote on whether Don can remain a member in good standing or be expelled for 1 year. The result of the vote was not to expel Don. Don HAS made up the 2 hours

New Pilots – None

Show & Tell – Jerry Rose brought a Balsa USA Citabria Pro bind and fly float plane float plane. He is selling it for \$400.00 with the motor.

Raffle Drawing – Steve (Shameless) Navone won the raffle and donated the money back to the club. \$26.00 from this months raffle along with \$15.00 from last month will be deposited in the new checking account this week. Thank you Steve!!

Close Meeting – Jim closed the meeting with a reminder that the next meeting is Sunday December 20, 2020. Voting on the new due schedule will be set for 2021. Compost assignments will be at the next meeting

Bob Johnson

Secretary Treasurer

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held on Sunday, December 20th at the field at 1 PM. There are several issues that will be discussed. I would strongly request that everyone in the shelter wear a mask. We will be a little too crowded to ignore the potential risks.

The first issue that will be discussed, and

a membership vote is required, is the setting of the membership dues schedule for 2021. The current rate is shown below.

RATES:

ANNUAL REGULAR MEMBER \$ 70.00

FAMILY RATE (Two adults residing at the same address) \$80.00

JUNIOR RATE (Under the age of 19, or Full Time Student under age of 22) \$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.**

As the Treasurer's report indicated, our finances are in good shape, and we don't anticipate any major projects or purchases. It would be my recommendation that the membership dues schedule remain the same as last year.

As you all know, a condition of membership in the Racine RC Club for all Senior and Regular members is working 4 hours a year at the Mt. Pleasant Compost Site. A review of our membership SEEMS to indicate that we can expect to have 48 members available to work the compost site. **That results in 192 hours available.**

The Compost Site will open April 7th and close December 1st. We will be responsible for 139 slots equaling 278 hours. It's easy to see that with 278 hours required, and only 192 hours potentially available, we are short 86 hours, or 43 time slots short.

Language approved by the membership, is in place to deal with this problem, BUT there are pitfalls. The language basically is as shown below:

“ Membership in the club is conditional upon agreement to assist with staffing the Mt. Pleasant Compost Site on scheduled Wednesday afternoons, Noon - 6 PM, and AMA membership. That in the event there are insufficient regular and senior citizen members to staff the compost site, that additional staffing to fill vacant positions would be accomplished by:

1. Volunteers from the membership. Volunteers, who do an additional 4 hours, will be excluded from any lottery selection as described in # 2 below. In the event there are insufficient volunteers,
2. A lottery would be used to select members for the additional staffing needs. Those selected to staff the compost site from the lottery would be excluded from any future lottery selections for the next five (5) years, however, they would still be obligated to fulfill their normal, annual, compost site obligations. “

The first thing that should become evident, is that with approximately 48 available members, 43 out of the 48 would be obligated by the lottery to take an extra time slot at the Compost Site, and your lottery time slot would not be at a time of your picking, and would be assigned. Not real convenient!

The second issue is the cumulative effect. If 43 members were selected in the lottery, they would be excluded from the lottery for the next 5 years, and the result would be that it would be impossible the following year to staff the Compost Site at the level we are required to do.

The solution: If everyone would step up and pick 6 hours, we would be covered, and they would be hours you selected and fit your schedule. Additionally, it appears we will have to look at the Club By-Laws and Membership requirements to see if an adjustment is needed

to the Compost Duty requirements.

I'm sure no one likes the idea of doing extra time at the compost site, but that is the only means by which we get to keep our flying field.

Don't try and relate to this past summer's compost site duty, when we had multiple people there. Remember the Compost Site was not open in the beginning, construction was taking place, and the Village staffed it for a while to figure out how they wanted it operating.

All of that moved our members' hours to a later date, some of it resulting in a doubling up. We also picked up some additional members from Illinois after their field was closed to COVID. With their field open, we can expect them not to return.

At our last meeting it was decided not to have the "1st of the year" event that we traditionally have. COVID has changed a lot of things. It is expected that members will still gather, brag about who was the first one up on New Year's Day, but we won't have the family members there, and no food being brought in or made on site.

I hope to see you at the upcoming club meeting. As indicated above, there are things to discuss and vote on. Both the Membership Dues rate & the Compost Duty issue affect membership renewal considerations.

At this time I would like to extend to all members a very Happy Holidays, and a Merry Christmas to all!
Fly Safe & Have Fun
Jim Litwin
President

Dennys Stuff GPS Tracker

One of our RRCC members brought in a GPS tracking device that can be installed into a model airplane. This device allows measuring maximum speed, average speed, maximum altitude, total distance and a few other things. Look for part number DYN4403 Passport GPS Speed Meter 2.0 in the Tower Hobbies web page.

My GPS tracker unit finally arrived after a trip through Knoxville TN and who knows where else. Well, I did manage to get one flight on this unit before Ona May

and I were married. This is a very slick unit that will show a lot of information during a flight.

It does appear though, that the maximum speed indicated can be thrown way off if any acrobatics is performed. I don't think my Turbo Bushmaster model ever got close to 95 MPH as indicated by this unit!

The next page shows how this tracking device allows the user to directly overlay the tracking information onto a internet map. Very nice!

Denny and Ona May Vollrath update.

Most RRCC members are aware that Ona May and I were married on November 7th. Due to the virus, the wedding was limited to a very few close friends. However, two weeks after we were married, both of us came down with Covid 19. And, it hit both of us pretty hard. I

also had the common flu on top of the Covid 19. We have no idea on how we got hit, but the best guess is someone from out of state at our wedding had it. We are currently doing OK now, but neither of us **EVER** want to go through that again.



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This JPG photo was provided directly by the GPS tracker unit . It's interesting, as you move the mouse cursor along the flight path, it shows actual speed, altitude and other info at that spot in the flight path. For instance, it is easy to track the actual speed of the model while it is either taking off, or landing.

Also, the GPS tracker also showed the total flight distance on this TurboBushmaster flight was 3.6 Miles.

DennyV

COMPOST ROSTER 2020

Date	Time	Worker	Date	Time	Worker
09/09/20	12-2	Darrel (Hoss) Hossalla	10/21/20	12-2	Roger Nickolaus
09/09/20	12-2	Edward Witt	10/21/20	2-4	Roger Nickolaus
09/09/20	2-4	Darrel (Hoss) Hossalla	10/21/20	4-6	James Martinich
09/09/20	2-4	Edward Witt	10/28/20	12-2	Dennis Krzyzanek
09/09/20	4-6	Ron Dixon	10/28/20	12-2	Paul Willems
09/09/20	4-6	Eric Armantrout	10/28/20	12-2	Ron Burden
09/16/20	12-2	Craig Manka	10/28/20	2-4	Dennis Krzyzanek
09/16/20	2-4	Craig Manka	10/28/20	2-4	Paul Willems
09/16/20	4-6	Eric Armantrout	10/28/20	2-4	Ron Burden
09/16/20	4-6	Ron Dixon	10/28/20	4-6	James Martinich
09/23/20	12-2	Stephen Knackert	11/04/20	12-2	Douglas Karge
09/23/20	2-4	Rich Smentek	11/04/20	2-4	Douglas Karge
09/23/20	4-6	Donald Parkinson	11/04/20	4-6	Peter Redel
09/30/20	12-2	Bill Flannery	11/11/20	12-2	Thomas Dremel
09/30/20	2-4	Bill Flannery	11/11/20	2-4	Thomas Dremel
09/30/20	4-6	Bill Flannery	11/11/20	4-6	Peter Redel
10/07/20	12-2	Bob Lupia	11/25/20	12-2	James Strelitzer
10/07/20	12-2	Ronald Schroeder	11/25/20	2-4	James Strelitzer
10/07/20	2-4	Bob Lupia	11/25/20	4-6	James Strelitzer
10/07/20	4-6	Donald Parkinson	12/02/20	12-2	Steven Navone
10/14/20	12-2	Larry Petricek	12/02/20	2-4	Steven Navone
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