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Racine R/C Club Meeting Minutes

Sunday: October 18, 2020
Time: 1:00 PM
Location: R/C Flying Field

Open Meeting - Welcome - New Members & Guests – Jim opened the meeting at 1:00PM. There were no guests or new members in attendance.

Minutes - Last Meeting –Reports- Due to the club picnic in September there was no meeting and thus no minutes to approve.

President- Jim opened his report by indicating there was very little on today’s agenda and that he expected a quick meeting. He went on to highlight that there were no submissions to change the Field Rules or By-Laws.

Jim then reminded attendees that Election of Club Officers will be done at the next meeting, November 8th, 2020. He explained that the meeting was being held on the 2nd Sunday in November as required in the Club By-Laws. The current list of candidates is as follows.

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

Jim emphasized that nomination's could still be made prior to time of voting.

Vice President – Roger reported that there was good attendance at the club picnic and everyone seemed to have a good time. He went on to thank all of those who assisted. He gave a special thanks to his wife and Larry Petricek's wife for their volunteering to act as servers.

Secretary / Treasurer –Ed indicated that there was no change to membership from last meeting.

Safety Officer- Not in attendance

Field Chairman- Hoss thanked all of the members who helped take care of the field for the past summer. Their efforts kept the field in prime condition for every ones flying enjoyment.

He also thanked those who can out this past Saturday to put up walls on the pavilion. Special thanks were given to Mike Stein who has donated drained fuel for burning in wood stove. This saves the club some expense dollars over the winter.

Hoss noted that there will be no wood cutting party this year as there is ample on hand for the coming season. Also, for those interested, there is excess weed killer available for their home use. Contact Hoss for more info on that weed killer. There is a substantial amount of weed killer available.

Newsletter Editor – Dennis had nothing to report. Dennis had extra copies of the newsletter for the membership.

Tractor Chairman – Eric indicated that he repaired an idler pulley and put on a

new belt on the mower.

Compost Director – Jerry highlighted a change to placement of compost materials brought into site by users. Going forward only leaves and grass clippings will be put in forward pile. All other items (sticks, tree limbs, garden plants, shrubs, etc) are to go in rear area. After concerns voiced by resident's new bins have been set up for wood chips and compost pick up.

Web Master- Justin indicated that there was a brief outage on the Web site but it is now back to normal. He also encouraged members to post club related items to the Facebook site.

Old Business- Larry Petricek indicated that the Auction/Swap meet hosted by Milwaukee area RC Association in West Bend has been canceled due to Covid 19 concerns. The deposit paid by association will be applied to next year (2022 event).

New Business – A brief discussion on status of News Year Day 1st to Fly banquet was opened in regards to holding the event with Covid concerns in the enclosed pavilion. It was agreed upon to table further discussion to the next meeting without a formal motion or vote.

New Pilots – None

Show & Tell – None

Raffle Drawing – Lucky winner was Mike Stein.

Close Meeting – Jim closed the meeting at 1:20pm with a reminder that the next meeting is to be on Sunday November 8, 2020.

JIM'S CORNER

The corn & soybeans fields have been harvested around our flying field, the leaves are dropping, the days are shorter, and it's getting COLDER! I guess fall is here. Good thing we have a wood stove in the shelter building.

Our monthly meeting this month is actually our annual meeting, and according to the By-Laws, it is to be held on the 2nd Sunday in November.

At this meeting we vote on issues. There will be no voting on Field Rule or By-Law changes as none were submitted. We will be voting for club officers for the upcoming year.

The list of candidates is indicated in the Secretary's minutes from the last meeting. As stated, nominations for other candidates will be accepted prior to the vote.

The COVID rate in our area seems to be increasing, so will remind everyone to practice their social distancing, and wear

a mask if you are so inclined. This doesn't mean we have to hide in our basement; just be smart. If you are not feeling well, stay home.

It doesn't hurt to take advantage of one of the free COVID test sites that are in the area. Personally I have had 4 tests so far, and all negative. They are quick & easy.

Next month, at the December meeting we will be voting on the dues rate for 2021. You can start paying your dues at that meeting. Jerry Rose will not be set up for you to pick your compost site shifts until the January meeting.

If you have some friends, fellow club members, neighbors or family that you have not seen in a while, consider calling them. For some people this has been a very stressful time, and a little reassurance and friendly talk might help.

Fly Safe & Have Fun

Jim Litwin
President

Dennys Stuff

Well Now! It's November 1st, and fall is here to stay. There are a lot of things going on in the Vollrath home now days. Starting off with the wedding between your editor and Ona May Brunsvold on November 7th, 2020. Due to the Covid 19 concerns, the wedding will be limited to family and a few close friends.

As for various projects in the pike, there isn't much new around here, your editor has covered most of the electronic projects that are related to the RC field over the past few years.

But, there is still a nagging issue that has raised concerns both in our RRCC club, along with RC members that follow the www.rcgroups.com web site.

Your editor has thousands of postings in RCGroups. One is my SwitchIR project. As a reminder, this project allows direct measuring of the resistance of the servo extensions and receiver switch harnesses.

The integrity of these servo extensions depends on the quality of the crimping job used by the manufacturer of these servo extensions. And, sad to day, a lot of the suppliers have very poor quality

control (Or no quality control) of their equipment.

In fact, one of the RC Modelers that has purchased one of my "SwitchIR" meters has found that 25% of his new servo extensions were junk.

And, out of those 25%, several were so bad that if the servo extension had been used on an elevator, it would have cost the modeler an airplane.

Add to that, the total lack of quality and design for some of those receiver switch harnesses that use a cheap sliding switch with four poles in parallel for turning the receiver on and off.

Your editor has found a number of those switches where the supplier only used ONE of the four poles in the switch. Your \$1000.00 30 cc gasser model is depending on a single sliding contact not smaller than the date on a dime.

I am out of parts for building more of those SwitchIR meters that has been covered many times in the RRCC newsletter. If around a half dozen more RRCC members would like to have one, I could place an order for parts to build

more. My price of \$25.00 each for these units is the cost of materials.

It's easy to use, plug in the servo extension or receiver switch harness into the meter, and push its button. Any reading over 100 MilliOhms for a standard 12 inch servo extension is suspect.

Now, for those RRCC members that would like to build up their own servo extensions, I've been using a top quality crimping tool from Ebay. It is described as "Engineer PA-11" crimping tool. Not cheap at around \$80.00 or so.

But let me assure you that commercial duty crimping tools that were used at work years ago cost some ten times that \$80.00 each. And, the shop had hundreds of manual crimping tools. The shop also had several far more expensive automatic wire crimping machines.

The shop drawings called for the specific crimping tool, the wire size, and the specific terminal part number. If anyone got caught using the wrong crimping tool, wire size or terminal part number, it could cost them their job.

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.

I was intending on covering this device in the newsletter. It was ordered last

Wednesday, with delivery scheduled for last Friday. Roger N got his last Saturday.

For me, it was shipped from Horizon Hobbies in Champaign Ill. Next stop was Toledo OH, then on to Indianapolis IN, and who knows where its next stop will be.

Oh well, Fed Ex did it to me again, it should show up eventually, perhaps in time for the December newsletter.

DennyV

Hey, you are supposed to have four guys on that stove!





**THANKS
BUZZ!**





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
10/14/20	2-4	Larry Petricek	12/02/20	4-6	Steven Navone
10/14/20	4-6	Larry Petricek			