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Racine R/C Club Meeting Minutes

April 13, 2025

Time: 1:00 PM

Location: R/C Flying Field

Open Meeting - Jim opened the meeting at 1:00PM. 17 members were in attendance.

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

Minutes - Last Meeting – No changes to the minutes.

Reports

President- Jim Litwin had a few minor updates:

A new stop sign was posted outside of the large plane area reminding pilots to stop before entering the pit area with motors turned off.

The red, white and blue flag was replaced on the windsock flagpole.

New windsocks were ordered to replace the weathered flags.

Vice President- Roger Nickolaus had nothing to report.

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

Current membership as of this newsletter.

Senior Members	30
Open Members	8
Junior Members	<u>2</u>
Total	40

Newsletter Editor-Dennis Vollrath was out of town.

Field Chairman- Trygve Smalley was out of town at

Volleyball tournaments.

Tractor Chairman- Eric Armantrout was out of town.

Web Master- Ron Hayes had nothing to report.

Safety Officer- Darrell Hossalla had nothing new to report.

Compost Director- Steve Knackert reported all is good at the compost site.

Old Business- None

New Business – Hoss mentioned the meeting date should be changed from the 3rd Sunday of the month to the 1st Sunday. Apparently, there are members calling Hoss as they forget when the meetings are held. If the date is changed a revision of our By-Laws

needs to be sent to the AMA. There was no vote taken on the issue.

New Pilots – None

Show & Tell – Roman gave away his Carbon Cub and Revolver. Both models were in excellent condition and would make great flying planes for a member that wants to take a step up from a Trainer Plane. Thanks, Roman!!

Raffle Drawing – Steve Novone won the April Raffle. Steve donated the entire \$26.00 to the club. Thank you Steve!!

Close Meeting – Jim closed the meeting with a reminder the next club meeting will be Sunday May 18th at 1PM at the club house.

JIM'S CORNER

As I write this article, I along with others in the club, are preparing for our annual trip to Woodruff, SC, to the "Joe Nall" RC event at Triple Tree Aerodrome. This is the largest RC flying event in the country, and it's quite an experience. Lots to see and gets the RC juices flowing. The warmer weather helps.

We have been working on getting our RC field in shape for a season of flying. The field has been cut several times, and it's been rolled so you should experience smoother landings and takeoffs.

At this time we are looking at taking down the shelter walls on Saturday, May 31st. A

couple of hours of time should do it.

It's mentioned in almost every article I write about checking over your plane prior to coming to the field, but we still see planes with some sort of problems occurring as planes are brought out for the first time after a winter season. A little maintenance goes a long way in preventing a bigger problem later on.

The weather is getting better so get those planes out and do some flying.

Our next meeting is on Sunday, May 18th at 1 PM at the field. See you then.

Fly Safe & Have Fun

Jim Litwin

President

Dennys Stuff

Well, after a stupid accident with my Hanger 9 J3-Piper Cub, it is all back together, ready to fly. Just waiting for the weather to make it possible.

So what happened to that model? It took place after landing the model, where the North East wind caused the Cub to drift on the ground, South toward the fence.

Thought I'd cleared the fence, but, nope.

The model hit the fence at the opening on the motors cowling, damaging the cowling, and the battery access canopy.

In hind sight, a simple rudder command would have saved the day.

We were leaving for the East Coast the next day. I checked Tower Hobbies, they had both the cowling and the access canopy in stock. Oh well, they will be ordered

middle of the next week while at the East Coast of the USA.

In Washington DC, the Tower Web page showed that they were out of stock on the cowling, with next delivery scheduled for August or September. Or worse, depending on what tariffs are active then.

At any rate, the Battery canopy didn't fit well. I had to do some major sanding to make the battery canopy fit. And, in the mean time, the plexiglass canopy popped loose from the wood frame.

FYI, years ago I've used CA to attach those canopies to the wood frame. That danged CA likes run all over the place, ruining the appearance.

I've since been using the "E6000" clear transparent adhesive for gluing in items that need to be attached without the glue showing. That adhesive was also used to attach the fake engine plastic units to the cowling.

This E6000 adhesive is readily available at most hardware stores. It is a gel compound, and stays exactly where you put it, IE, it does not run all over the place like CA. And, it works very well for canopies.

Added to that was the need to re-glue the iron plates for the canopy magnets. Ace hardware has some **"Auto and Plumbing repair Metal hand moldable multi-purpose epoxy putty stick"**.

This stuff comes in a transparent plastic tube about an inch in diameter and 4 inches long. The epoxy is a preformed slug about 4 inches long. The epoxy hardener and activator are concentric (Inside and outside) in the slug.

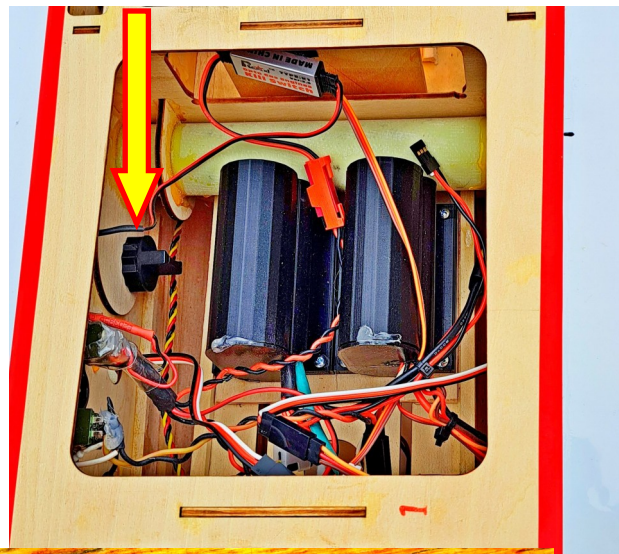
It's used by slicing off the amount of

epoxy you need, and mixing it with rubber gloves til it is medium grey. You have about 5 minutes to work with it before it starts setting up. It is rock hard after setting up.

Last but not least, the motor cowl needed to be repainted. The spray can indicated it can be used between 50F to 90F. I sprayed it outside at 59F. And, got runs all over the place.

So, the paint was removed with solvent before it set up. Repainting was done in my workshop while using my exhaust fan that blows all the fumes outside the basement. It looks OK from 10 feet away. At any rate, a new cowl is coming from Tower Hobbies sometime this year.

Here is some of Roger N's 3D printing stuff, with a vertical A123 pack mounting along with Rogers wing bolt wrench!



DennyV's trip to the USA East Coast.

My Wife Ona May, her son Ron and I traveled to the East Coast in April to visit with some of their friends who visited the USA from Switzerland. On the way, we stopped by the Dayton Ohio Airforce Museum in Dayton Ohio, along with a second Air Museum near the Dulles Airport near Washington DC.

That Dayton Ohio museum has to be seen to be believed. It has four buildings, along with a silo shaped building housing a number of missiles.

To give an idea of the size of the four buildings, one end of one of the buildings houses a full size B-52 Bomber. **Inside the building!** Each of these buildings is 200 feet longer than our field is long, and one of the four buildings would cover our entire flying field. (There are no internal supports on any of the buildings!)

This museum contains over 360 airplanes of all vintages from the early 1900's to the present day, along with countless engines and rocket engines of all types.

They even had a weird 12 cylinder aircraft engine that consisted of three rows of cylinders with four pistons in each row.

Everything is free, except the food, and a 400 seat movie theater. They even provide electric handicap scooters free of charge. Ona May used one the first day, and your editor shared a second one with Ron the second day. There is a LOT of walking!

Here is just a few of the hundreds of photos and videos I took on the Dayton and the DC air museums. IMHO, if you ever travel within an hours drive of Dayton, this museum is an absolute must see

If you can't get to see this museum, take a look at these youtube videos of this museum. It is two parts, an hour each. (Copy/paste into Google)

[National Museum of the US Air Force guided tour - Part 1](#)

[National Museum of the US Air Force guided tour - Part 2](#)

(Only charge is \$15 for parking)





Museum near
Dulles Airport



The Supersonic
Concord



This is the original Boeing B-29
Superfortress Enola Gay airplane
that dropped the bomb in WWII



Compost Duty

7-May	Noon - 2 PM	Trygve Smalley	414-940-0929	414-687-9715
	2 PM - 4 PM	Rich Smentek	414-322-9699	414-531-8075
	4 PM - 6 PM	John Bolt	815-540-5694	815-312-8335
14-May	Noon - 2 PM	Jim Lange	262-237-9362	
	2 PM - 4 PM	Jim Lange	262-237-9362	
	4 PM - 6 PM	Chuck Roberts	224-717-9998	847-872-3628
21-May	Noon - 2 PM	Jerry Rose	262-498-2816	262-598-6904
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	4 PM - 6 PM	Tim Brown	262-498-0913	
4-Jun	Noon - 2 PM	Steve Knackert	262-497-2824	262-497-4848
	2 PM - 4 PM	Rich Smentek	414-322-9699	414-531-8075
	4 PM - 6 PM	Chuck Roberts	224-717-9998	847-872-3628
11-Jun	Noon - 2 PM	Mike Stein	262-893-5980	262-751-3054
	2 PM - 4 PM	Steve Knackert	262-497-2824	262-497-4848
	4 PM - 6 PM	Dan Pozel	262-939-0548	262-488-4236
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	2 PM - 4 PM	Steve Knackert	262-497-2824	262-497-4848
	4 PM - 6 PM	Terry Peterson	262-945-4010	262-945-5577
25-Jun	Noon - 2 PM	Terry Peterson	262-945-4010	262-945-5577
	2 PM - 4 PM	Ray Fisher	414-421-5425	414-421-5425
	4 PM - 6 PM	Ray Fisher	414-421-5425	414-421-5425
2-Jul	Noon - 2 PM	Mike Stein	262-893-5980	262-751-3054
	2 PM - 4 PM	Jason Fisher	309-825-4251	309-261-5282
	4 PM - 6 PM	Dan Pozel	262-939-0548	262-488-4236
9-Jul	Noon - 2 PM	Terry Peterson	262-945-4010	262-945-5577

Compost 2025

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2-Apr	Noon - 2 PM	Darrel Hossalla	414-651-0968	262-930-6820						23-Jul	Noon - 2 PM	Paul Willems	262-619-4119	262-664-3025
	2 PM - 4 PM	Darrel Hossalla	414-651-0958	262-930-6820							2 PM - 4 PM	Wayne Greisen	262-455-1898	XX
	4 PM - 6 PM	John Bolt	815-540-5694	815-312-8335							4 PM - 6 PM	Dan Pozel	262-939-0548	262-488-4236
9-Apr	Noon - 2 PM	Roger Nickolaus	414-405-8004	414-405-8011						30-Jul	Noon - 2 PM	Paul Willems	262-619-4119	262-664-3025
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	4 PM - 6 PM	Tim Brown	262-498-0913	312-217-3197							4 PM - 6 PM	Chuck Brzezick	847-514-2187	773-392-0518
16-Apr	Noon - 2 PM	Roger Nickolaus	414-405-8004	414-405-8011						6-Aug	Noon - 2 PM	Don Parkinson	262-488-5962	
	2 PM - 4 PM	Darrel Hossalla	414-651-0968	262-930-6820							2 PM - 4 PM	Wayne Greisen	262-455-1898	XX
	4 PM - 6 PM	John Bolt	815-540-5694	815-312-8335							4 PM - 6 PM	Gary Bokow	630-258-4921	
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	2 PM - 4 PM	Jim Lange	262-237-9362								2 PM - 4 PM	Doug Karge	262-620-9926	262-620-9927
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	4 PM - 6 PM	Chuck Roberts	224-717-9998	847-872-3628							4 PM - 6 PM	Gary Bokow	630-258-4921	
21-May	Noon - 2 PM	Jerry Rose	262-498-2816	262-598-6904						10-Sep	Noon - 2 PM	Matt Hjoll	309-339-6072	303-696-2204
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4-Jun	Noon - 2 PM	Steve Knackert	262-497-2824	262-497-4848						24-Sep	Noon - 2 PM	Bob Johnson	847-421-5494	262-902-8960
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