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Editors Note:

The July meeting was replaced by the RRCC club picnic, so there are no minutes to report.

JIM'S CORNER

Warm is not we are having for weather. It's called **HOT!!** The air quality has been poor and that also goes for the lack of clear skies. But tomorrow will be a better day.

The flying field has been staying pretty green, and the grass continues to grow. In fact there has been so much grass, that when we cut the field we are making grass wind rows, which makes the next cutting even worse.

Club officers discussed this problem, and agreed we need to start sweeping the field again to remove the dead grass, so a new larger sweeper was obtained, and it works great. With that said, get out and enjoy the field.

Next month really starts the administrative topics of the club. Any proposed Field Rule or By-Law changes must be submitted, as you want them to appear, by noon on Wednesday, October 1st. When submitting a proposed change, don't forget to submit what needs to be omitted in the existing language if appropriate.

We are also getting to the time of electing officers. If you think you might want to submit your name for consideration for one of the club officer positions, please do so.

The club picnic was held on Sunday, July 20th, in place of a club meeting. Thanks to Roger Nicholaus, and everyone who brought something to pass, good food and a good time was had by everyone.

Our next club meeting is Sunday, August 17th at 1 PM. Hope to see you there.

Fly Safe & Have Fun
Jim Litwin

Dennys Stuff

Got some items to cover this month, starting with cowl work on my Piper Cub.

The front of the cowl had to be enlarged to allow better air cooling of the Hacker motor. The issue is how to expand the existing hole, while keeping the hole centered around the motor shaft.

The 3D printer comes in handy for this function. Take a look at a quick 3D printout of a concentric plug with the inside diameter fitting the existing cowl hole, and the outside diameter of the desired diameter for the new hole. The photo at right shows how it worked.

Next, the hole had to be enlarged to the diameter marked with the red marker. Here I used an electronics tool that may have use for the readers of this article. This “Nibbler” can cut up to about 1/16 material, including fiberglass and aluminum. You use it to repeatedly “Notch” the project to get what you need.

A Dremel also works with this, but I’ve had cases where it got loose and made a bigger hole than desired. Amazon sells them. Look for “Pro’sKit 900-215 Nibbler” for \$18.00.

Fellow RC’rs Roger has been busy with his 3D printer, printing up various items for the RC hobby. First is a 5 cell A123 battery case for the starters the gasser guys use.



Next, Roger drew up and 3D printed a very neat 3D printed switch case to control the gasoline pump used to fill those gas-ser model airplanes.

Both have had multiple copies made, and you can see them regularly at our RC field.

One thing very nice about these 3D printed cases, one can use them to print up just about any sort of case, including any round or rectangular holes, internal brackets, mounting holes as is required.

And if you need another one, just print it again. And if it gets damaged, just print another one!

This is far superior to what we used to do with plywood boxes.

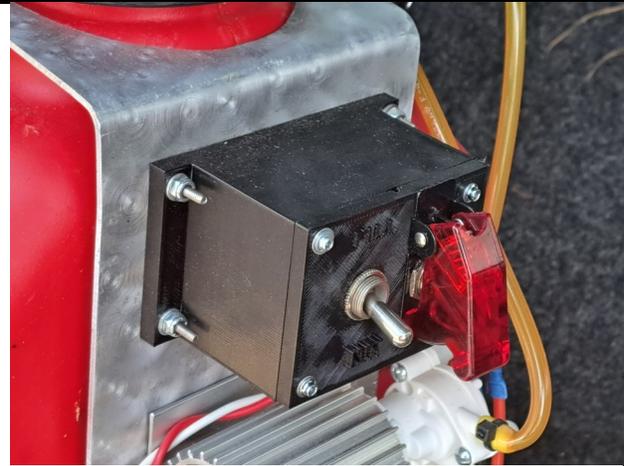
Going now to some electronic subjects, this involves the USB chargers we all use to charge our cell-phones, our RC transmitters and many other items.

I've reported on this before, and IMHO, it merits a second look. I just picked up another USB meter that covers just about everything you need on this stuff.

Here is the Amazon reference:

[USB 3.0 Tester, Eversame IPS Color Display Digital Multimeter Voltmeter Current and Voltage Monitor,](#)

These units can be used to verify proper operation of those cheap USB cords, yeah I've found a few bad ones with these USB meters. Also, the photo of mine shows



charging a Spektrum nX transmitter battery. It took just over 9 hours, with the charging current dropping down to 0.138 Amps(138 MilliAmperes) And, it dumped 3120 MilliAmpere Hours INTO the Spektrum battery. Useful information indeed.

Last but not least, your editor has a very high powered Black and Decker Hedge trimmer with a 40 Volt battery pack. The 40 Volt battery died. I found that a new 40 Volt battery from Amazon was some \$120.00. A brand new complete Black and Decker unit was only \$25 more.

So, I bought a good hedge trimmer from Harbor Freight that uses a 20 Volt battery I already have.

Since then, I've found that Amazon sells a

40 Volt Black and Decker battery replacement for around \$30.00 that has both good and bad reviews.

So I'm going to give away the Black and Decker hedge trimmer along with its charger free to any active RRCC member that wants it. But, you **HAVE** to buy the Amazon 40 Volt Li-Ion replacement battery to use it.

Let me know.
DennyV
RCC Editor

July 2025 RRCC Picnic Photos





**Your Picknic
Crew**

July 20th, 2025



**Good Day, Good Food,
Good Friends!**

Compost Duty

DATE	TIME	PRINT NAME	PHONE #	EMERGENCY #	SECONDARY PHONE #	EMERGENCY
23-Jul	Noon - 2 PM	Paul Willems	262-619-4119	262-664-3025		
	2 PM - 4 PM	Wayne Greisen	262-455-1898	XX		
	4 PM - 6 PM	Dan Pozel	262-939-0548	262-488-4236		
30-Jul	Noon - 2 PM	Paul Willems	262-619-4119	262-664-3025		
	2 PM - 4 PM	Jason Fisher	309-825-4251	309-261-5282	Steve Kn	262-497-2824
	4 PM - 6 PM	Chuck Brzezicki	847-514-2187	773-392-0518		
6-Aug	Noon - 2 PM	Don Parkinson	262-488-5962			
	2 PM - 4 PM	Wayne Greisen	262-455-1898	XX		
	4 PM - 6 PM	Gary Bokowy	630-258-4921			
13-Aug	Noon - 2 PM	Don Parkinson	262-488-5962			
	2 PM - 4 PM	Wayne Greisen	262-455-1898	XX		
	4 PM - 6 PM	Gary Bokowy	630-258-4921			
20-Aug	Noon - 2 PM	Doug Karge	262-620-9926	262-620-9927		
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	4 PM - 6 PM	Doug Karge	262-620-9926	262-620-9927		
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	4 PM - 6 PM	Dennis Vollrath	262-994-6342	262-902-2399		
3-Sep	Noon - 2 PM	Don Parkinson	262-488-5962			
	2 PM - 4 PM	Jim Houtsinger	262-945-1404	262-945-5910		
	4 PM - 6 PM	Gary Bokowy	630-258-4921			
10-Sep	Noon - 2 PM	Matt Hjoll	309-339-6072	303-696-2204		
	2 PM - 4 PM	Matt Holl	309-339-6072	303-696-2204		
	4 PM - 6 PM	Eric Armantrout	262-498-1035	262-287-6787		

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	4 PM - 6 PM	Tim Brown	262-498-0913				4 PM - 6 PM	Chuck Brzezick	847-514-2187	773-392-0518
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