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. Racine R/C Club Meeting Minutes

March 21, 2021

Time: 1:00 PM

Location: R/C Flying Field

Open Meeting - Welcome - New Members & Guests – Jim opened the meeting at 1:00PM. Paul Griesbach of the Calumet Flyers was present to check out our club.

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

President- Jim Litwin had nothing new to report but informed the membership he will address new compost information for Jerry Rose as Jerry could not make the meeting this month.

Vice President-Roger Nickolaus had nothing new to report.

Secretary/Treasurer-Bob Johnson

Current membership after dues collected at the meeting.

Open-14 (new member Manuel Gonzalez from Kenosha)

Junior-3

Senior-35 (returning senior member Jim Smith)

Total Membership YTD-52

Wisconsin Non-Stock Corp filling is in process.

General Fund-Continues to be healthy. We are well positioned to deal with any expenses (planned or otherwise) for 2021.

News Editor-Dennis Vollrath had nothing new to report. Dennis updated the membership list.

Field Chairman-Darrel Hossalla had nothing new to report.

Tractor Chairman-Eric Armantrout informed mem-

bership the fuel injection system in our mower is being rebuilt. This should restore some power so heavy grass can be handled better.

Web Master-Justin Francisco had nothing new to report.

Safety Officer-Dan Pozel was not at the meeting. Dan is at home recovering from a successful medical procedure. We all wish Dan a speedy recovery and can't wait to see him flying again soon.

Compost Director-Jerry Rose was not present, but Jim Litwin had the following update.

Jerry spoke with Mark Benish at the village of Mt Pleasant. Below are the items addressed.

Heavy pressure for a 3rd open compost day. Sunday keeps being mentioned. Apparently, Caledonia has open compost on Sundays. Jerry of course mentioned our concerns about Sundays. We are suggesting Mondays as a 3rd day if needed.

There continues to be too many contractors getting through and not paying the proper fees for dumping at the compost site. Jim handed out a copy of an email from Mark Benish outlining the rules and fees for contractors using the compost site. When manning the compost site on Wednesdays we need to make sure all contractors show the following before entry to the compost will be granted.

A current years permit to use the site.

Address where the material originated from and it must be within the village of Mt Pleasant.

One coupon to be turned into the attendant per visit. No more than 5 cubic yards per coupon. If more than 5 yards an additional coupon must be used.

A sample permit and coupon along with an overview of the above information will be posted in the compost shed for attendants to access.

We need do our best to identify contractors particularly if there is no sign on their vehicle without profiling.

Road to the compost will be paved but not until the water problem at the entry off of route 20 is resolved.

Old Business- 2020 club awards were presented at the meeting. The winners are:

- Sportsmanship-Jerry Rose
 - Golden propeller-Jim Litwin
 - Instructor Award-Darrel Hossalla
- Craftsmanship-Lucas Holl

New Business- None. Hoss mentioned the club house walls will be taken down in April and a wood cutting event will be coming soon as well.

New Pilots – None

Show & Tell – Rich Smentek brought a sail plane launcher to show.

Raffle Drawing – Bill Wampler won the raffle and donated the \$14.00 to the club. Thank you, Bill!

Close Meeting – Jim closed the meeting with a reminder that the next meeting is Sunday April 18th at the field at 1 PM.

JIM'S CORNER

Spring is definitely here. The flying field is greening up, rain and periodic rain in the forecasts, and it's much warmer! Nice.

I have some sad news to report, club member Ron Burden died on Monday, April 5th at home. He had been having heart problems, and had a pacemaker installed about 3 weeks ago. Seemed to be doing OK, but apparently died in his sleep at home.

You might have seen Hoss's post and picture. Eric headed up a work party and the grass cutting equipment is set for the summer.

Quite a bit of work was done. The old mower we bought for parts was rejuvenated, mower deck transferred and other misc. equipment changes were made, and we have an operating mower again.

A more detailed explanation will be given at the upcoming meeting next week.

The compost site is open for the summer, so anticipate that flying field grass cutting and other maintenance issues may be taking place on Wednesday's & Saturdays, when the compost site is open.

Weather permitting, we try and do field maintenance on compost days due to the flying restrictions on those days.

If you have seen some of the members wearing jackets with the club logo on the back, and wanted one, there is a local vender that can do the for you. You take whatever jacket you have / want to use

and take it to:

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3211 Washington Avenue

Racine, WI 53405

262-634-9557

Call for current hours of operation. Costs vary on the number of colors and size. Single color club logo on the back of a jacket were running approximately \$40.

If you are looking for a T-Shirt or Sweat shirt with club logos on it and with your name, Eric Armantrout's wife does them. You supply the garment. Talk with Eric if you are interested.

For those who "Just Need To Go To A SWAP Meet", the Lodi Area Radio Control Club is having a Tailgate Swap meet & Fun Fly on Sunday, May 16, 2021 starting at 9 AM. Go to their web site for more information if you are interested.

As a reminder, we have a club meeting on Sunday, April 18th at 1 PM. No major issues to be discussed, but I will be entertaining a discussion about our insurance policy that covers the loss of our equipment, and whether or not we should continue with it.

We will also talk a little about next month's shelter tear down and a wood splitting party.

Fly Safe & Have Fun
Jim Litwin
President

Denny's Stuff

There wasn't much going on around the Vollrath home for the past month. What with the Covid 19 restrictions being lifted somewhat over the past weeks, Ona May and I did some driving around Wisconsin to get out of the house.

As far as those projects go, I'm making a last call for the following items.

1)
Receiver switch harnesses using that high quality four pole, double through locking type switch.

2)
My "SwitchIR meter that measures the quality of your receiver switches along with those servo extensions.

3)
Those two cell 2500 mah A123 battery packs that are used for receiver power on our RC models.

Let me know if you'd like to put your name down for one or more of each of the above items. Payment is **AFTER** delivery, **NOT** before delivery of the items.

I've mentioned in the previous newsletter that I've picked up a new Spektrum nX10 transmitter along with a pair of Spektrum AR8020T receivers.

The AR8020T's have a built in barometric altitude indication system that pro-

vides a voice command through the nX10 transmitters speaker that give a vocal indication every five seconds on the current altitude of your model airplane.

I've also checked if the AR8020T receiver will provide vocal altitude indication through my older Spektrum DX9 transmitters speaker. It does not.

I'm planning to update the firmware on the DX9 in the next month or so to see if that helps with the AR8020T altitude function.

Something interesting on the AR8020T, it has a compatibility with the Spektrum Pitot airspeed accessory. I've purchased two of the Pitot units for \$49.00 each.

Spektrum's part number is their SPMA9574, which requires a compatible receiver such as their AR8020T unit. I've played with it, and got the nX10 transmitter to vocalize the models current altitude, AND the models current airspeed on a round robin speech routine.

That feature will be quite interesting during landing attempts, since the pilot will have a direct knowledge of the models airspeed.

I'm planning on installing the two Pitot tubes in my Kantana model, and another to be determined in the near future.

More to come.



Ona May and I visited some friends of Ona Mays sister near Madison last week end. This is part of their train set.



This photo shows many years of building this train set. There are many radio controlled locomotives and countless cars. The woman on the left did ALL of the buildings and landscaping. Her husband did only the train tracks and associated wiring. He indicated it takes 10 people to run everything at the same time. The panoramic view on the previous page covers about 1/2 of the complete train track layout.



Hoss new model airplane that he has been working on for many months. Hoss' indicates it flew very well. Very nice job! (Thanks Chuck for the fotos)



Eric and crew busy at work exchanging the mower deck from the RRCC original power unit to the Jacobsen mower we had in the back of our equipment storage housing. This saved our club around \$1000 by not replacing the diesel injectors of the old mower.





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Date	Time	Name(1)	Name(2)	Substitute	Date	Time	Name(1)	Name(1)	Substitute
04/07/21	12-2	Darrel Hossalla			08/11/21	12-2	William Bylsma		
04/07/21	2-4	Darrel Hossalla			08/11/21	2-4	Charlie Reich		
04/07/21	4-6	Terry Peterson			08/11/21	4-6	Gary Bokowy		
04/14/21	12-2	Roger Nickolaus			08/18/21	12-2	Bill Flannery		
04/14/21	2-4	Roger Nickolaus			08/18/21	2-4	Charlie Reich		
04/14/21	4-6	Terry Peterson			08/18/21	4-6	Gary Bokowy		
04/21/21	12-2	Terry Peterson			08/25/21	12-2	Jerry Rose		
04/21/21	2-4	Darrel Hossalla			08/25/21	2-4	Ray Fisher		
04/21/21	4-6	Jason Fisher		Stephen Knackert	08/25/21	4-6	Ray Fisher		
04/28/21	12-2	Roger Nickolaus	Arland Matson		09/01/21	12-2	Carl Bergquist		
04/28/21	2-4	Rich Smentek			09/01/21	2-4	Dennis Vollrath		
04/28/21	4-6	Jason Fisher		Charles Roberts	09/01/21	4-6	Dan Pozel		
05/05/21	12-2	Jason Fisher	Arland Matson	Stephen Knackert	09/08/21	12-2	Wayne Greisen		
05/05/21	2-4	Dennis Vollrath			09/08/21	2-4	Wayne Greisen		
05/05/21	4-6	Dan Pozel			09/08/21	4-6	Donald Parkinson		
05/12/21	12-2	Charles Roberts	Arland Matson		09/15/21	12-2	Richard Stapleton	Charles Brzezicki	
05/12/21	2-4	Carl Bergquist			09/15/21	2-4	Richard Stapleton	Charles Brzezicki	
05/12/21	4-6	Raymond Redlin			09/15/21	4-6	Richard Stapleton	Charles Brzezicki	
05/19/21	12-2	Jerry Rose			09/22/21	12-2	Donald Parkinson		
05/19/21	2-4	Dennis Vollrath			09/22/21	2-4	Bill Flannery		
05/19/21	4-6	Eric Armantrout	Ron Dixon		09/22/21	4-6	Bill Flannery		
05/26/21	12-2	Matthew Holl			09/29/21	12-2	Douglas Karge		
05/26/21	2-4	Matthew Holl			09/29/21	2-4	Douglas Karge		
05/26/21	4-6	Matthew Holl	Manuel Gonzalez		09/29/21	4-6	Douglas Karge		
06/02/21	12-2	Charles Roberts			10/06/21	12-2	Buzz Paricka		
06/02/21	2-4	Rich Smentek			10/06/21	2-4	William (Oz) Miller		Ron Dixon
06/02/21	4-6	Dan Pozel	Manuel Gonzalez		10/06/21	4-6	Donald Parkinson		
06/09/21	12-2	Jerry Rose	Jim Smith		10/13/21	12-2	Trygve Smalley		
06/09/21	2-4	Ray Fisher			10/13/21	2-4	William (Oz) Miller		Ron Dixon
06/09/21	4-6	Ray Fisher	Manuel Gonzalez		10/13/21	4-6	Stephen Knackert		
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06/16/21	2-4	Rich Smentek			10/20/21	2-4	William (Oz) Miller		Ron Dixon
06/16/21	4-6	Justin Francisco		Dallel Hossalla	10/20/21	4-6	Stephen Knackert		
06/23/21	12-2	Raymond Redlin			10/27/21	12-2	Buzz Paricka		
06/23/21	2-4	Raymond Redlin			10/27/21	2-4	Buzz Paricka		
06/23/21	4-6	Justin Francisco			10/27/21	4-6	Trygve Smalley		
06/30/21	12-2	Jim Litwin	Jim Smith		11/03/21	12-2	Stephen Knackert	James Martinich	
06/30/21	2-4	Jim Litwin	Jim Smith		11/03/21	2-4	James Martinich		
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07/07/21	12-2	Bob Johnson			11/10/21	12-2	Paul Willems		
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07/07/21	4-6	Eric Armantrout	Ron Dixon		11/10/21	4-6	Jim Strelitzer		
07/14/21	12-2	Bob Johnson			11/17/21	12-2	Paul Willems	Michael Stein	
07/14/21	2-4	Carl Bergquist			11/17/21	2-4	Michael Stein		
07/14/21	4-6	Justin Francisco	Helmut Schmidtke	Roman Kirykowicz	11/17/21	4-6	Jim Strelitzer	Michael Stein	
07/21/21	12-2	Wayne Greisen			11/24/21	12-2	Paul Willems		
07/21/21	2-4	William Bylsma			11/24/21	2-4			
07/21/21	4-6	Eric Armantrout	Ron Dixon		11/24/21	4-6	Jim Strelitzer		
07/28/21	12-2	William Wampler			12/01/21	12-2	Steven Navone		
07/28/21	2-4	William Wampler	Helmut Schmidtke	Roman Kirykowicz	12/01/21	2-4	Steven Navone		
07/28/21	4-6	William Wampler			12/01/21	4-6	Steven Navone		
08/04/21	12-2	William Bylsma							
08/04/21	2-4	Charlie Reich							
08/04/21	4-6	Gary Bokowy	Helmut Schmidtke	Roman Kirykowicz					