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Racine R/C Club Meeting Minutes

September 21, 2025

Time: 1:00 PM

Location: R/C Flying Field

OPEN MEETING - Jim opened the meeting at 1:00 PM 18 members present.

Welcome Guests – Former member Jim Furby was visiting the area and was in attendance. New member Mike Sells also in attendance.

Minutes – Last Meeting – No changes to the minutes.

Reports

President – Jim Litwin reported that on Tuesday, Sept 23 the Mt. Pleasant PD will be conducting a training session NW of the Compost Site from 8:00 AM – 6:00 PM.

Vice President – Roger Nickolaus had nothing to report

Secretary/Treasurer - Bob Johnson Unable to attend

Newsletter Editor – Dennis Vollrath had nothing to report

Field Chairman – Trygve Smalley reported that the field is looking good, and thanked the members who have been cutting the grass.

Tractor Chairman – Eric Armantrout – Unable to attend

Web Master – Ron Hayes – Everything good – nothing to report.

Safety Officer – Darrell Hossalla – Everything OK – Advised members to watch their transmitter neck straps – Could get caught in a prop.

Compost Director – Steve Knackert – All going good

Old Business – None

New Business

Jim Litwin advised the following:

#1: Election of officers at the November meeting, If interested, let us know so that info can be given to members

#2: Voting on proposed By-Law & Field Rule changes at the November meeting. All submissions must be submitted in writing, as you want it to read, including where ever there needs to be deletions or modifications to existing language. Must be submitted to Club Sec, by noon, October 1st, a Wednesday.

#3: Club officers meeting Sunday, Oct 5th, as prescribed in the By-Laws to review all proposals, and submit their own if necessary. 2 members at large will be invited also.

#4: All proposed changes will be published in the Oct & Nov newsletter prior to voting at the Nov club meeting. There can be no amendments to any proposal. The shelter walls scheduled to go up, Saturday, Oct 11th, 8 AM, after a discussion by the membership in attendance. Club member Calvin Thomas comment-

ed to the membership that he was looking for an instructor to contact him reference instructing him in RC flying. Club members advised him that it was his responsibility to contact the instructor concerning scheduling training. VP Roger Nickolaus advised that he is at the field almost every afternoon, Mon, Tue, Thur & Friday and available to assist him. He was also advised that we discourage training on Sundays.

A poll of incumbent club officers indicated that all will stand for re-election. Anyone else interested in running for a club officer position is welcome to submit their name.

New Pilots – None

Show & Tell – None

Raffle Drawing – None

Close Meeting – Jim Closed the meeting with a reminder that the Shelter walls were going up, weather permitting on Saturday, October 11, and our next meeting would be on Sunday, October 19th.

JIM'S CORNER

Fall is in the air. Sweatshirts and light jackets are appearing more, and the sun is setting earlier. As I write this article, we are a few days away from putting up the shelter sides.

Get out and enjoy these days while there is still time.

Elsewhere in this newsletter are published a proposed Field Rule changes, and one By-Law change, for 2026. All the proposed changes were submitted by the October 1st deadline, and were reviewed by the Rules Committee prior to publication in this and the November Newsletters. As required by our By-Laws, these changes are to be published in two months Newsletters, and then voted upon at the November club meeting. Please review the proposed changes so you understand what is being proposed

and you are prepared to vote in November.

Also at the November meeting we will be voting for the 2026 club officers. These are the individuals that oversee the various aspects of the club. If you are interested in running for any of these positions, please let us know so we can get that information into the newsletter. Nominations can also be made prior to voting at the November meeting.

As I mentioned above, get out and get some flying in. The flying season is getting short, very fast, and soon daylight saving time will end making the day even shorter. Our next meeting is on Sunday, October 19th, at 1 PM at the field.

Fly Safe & Have Fun

Jim Litwin President

Dennys Stuff

A bit off topic, sort of! Your newsletter editor just had a second cellphone USB connector go intermittent while charging the phone. Cost to replace that Cell-phones USB plug was hundreds of dollars.

I had to buy a new replacement cellphone this week. And, Amazon has a magnetic adapter for the USB plug that allows leaving the adapter in the phone, eliminating the daily plugging in the charge cord, potentially wearing out the USB plug.

Now, look at the backside of your transmitter and its USB plug for charging its battery pack. My Spektrum nX10 came with a USB adapter, but it was no where nearly as robust as this unit.

The Amazon unit comes with a charge cord with a magnetic connector with pins to connect to the circular adapter shown. The cables provided have the type C connectors on both ends, but I found that Amazon has a small standard USB type A to USB type C adapter that works quite well.

I'll show them at the next club meeting.

Next, I've been working on a little micro-controller project that shows how many MilliAmpere Hours is taken out of your receiver battery during a typical day of flying. There are several versions of it. First one shows the receiver voltage, how low the receiver voltage sagged, the actual milliamperes being pulled out of the battery pack, and the total MilliAmpere Hours pulled out of the pack during the days flying. All shown on an LCD display.

The second version shows the MilliAmpere Hours pulled out of the battery pack by flashing an LED.

Where if you have pulled

1.6 Ampere Hours out of your 2.5 Ampere Hour battery pack, the LED flashes red once for the "1" and flashes green 6 times for the "6". It works quite well.

But, there is always an improvement on the project, and that is to send the MilliAmpere Hour information to your transmitter during flying via a Spektrum receiver with telemetry.

The last item is in progress and may take awhile to read up on how to do it.

One interesting outcome of the project was the current pulses pulled by the servo motors under load conditions on the servo arm.

Typical Hitec 645MG servos pull a pulse current with a peak value of around 1.3 Amperes at around 50 times per second.

But, I borrowed a high performance Hitec HS-7955TG servo from Hoss for similar testing. That servo pulls over 3 Ampere pulse currents repeating some 300 times per second!

If you have a model with a bunch of these high powered servos, you'd better be powering your servos with a receiver that has dual power inputs that can handle #16 or #18 wire.

More to come in November.



BY-LAW & FIELD RULE CHANGES PROPOSALS

The below proposed By-Law & Field Rule changes will be published in this October Newsletter and the November Newsletter. They will be voted on at the November club meeting. No amendments are allowed.

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CURRENT BY-LAWS

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MEETINGS

SECTION 3.01 ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the members of the club shall be held annually on the second Sunday of November at such time and place, in Racine County, State of Wisconsin, as may be fixed by the President.

SECTION 3.02 MONTHLY MEETINGS

Regular monthly meetings of the members shall typically be held on the third Sunday of each month, except November and December, which will be held on the second Sunday, at the time and place set by the President.

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CHANGES MADE TO BY-LAWS

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PROPOSED FIELD RULE CHANGE

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CHANGES TO FIELD RULE

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PROPOSED FIELD RULE

- 16. The RC Club will not allow rotary aircraft with the exception of DRONES to fly. The drone can only fly when there is clear air space, (No other aircraft is flying or getting ready to fly.) or for special demonstrations, or the search & recovery of down aircraft. No other aircraft may fly while the Drone aircraft is being flown.

Author supplied reason: The original by-law agrees that a rotary wing aircraft can fly during search & recovery. With allowance of other times it would give the drone the opportunity to practice in the recovery area. As we all know practice helps all flyers.

Compost Duty

DATE	TIME	PRINT NAME	PHONE #	EMERGENCY #	SECONDARY NAME	PHONE #	EMERGENCY
17-Sep	Noon - 2 PM	Bob Johnson	847-421-5494	262-902-8960			
	2 PM - 4 PM	Bob Johnson	847-421-5494	262-902-8960			
	4 PM - 6 PM	Bill Flannery	414-870-9455				
24-Sep	Noon - 2 PM	Bob Johnson	847-421-5494	262-902-8960			
	2 PM - 4 PM	Chuck Brzezicki	847-514-2187	773-392-0518			
	4 PM - 6 PM	Eric Armantrout	262-498-1035	262-287-6787			
1-Oct	Noon - 2 PM	Jim Litwin	262-939-7926	262-939-0293	Roman K	262-577-4267	
	2 PM - 4 PM	Jim Litwin	262-939-7926	262-939-0293	Helmet S	262-287-0555	
	4 PM - 6 PM	Jim Litwin	262-939-7926	262-939-0293	A	(SAME)	
8-Oct	Noon - 2 PM	Rick Stapleton	847-942-7431	847-346-6587	Nick Sele	847-833-1207	
	2 PM - 4 PM	Rick Stapleton	847-942-7431	847-346-6587	Nick Sele	847-833-1207	
	4 PM - 6 PM	Rick Stapleton	847-942-7431	847-346-6587	Nick Sele	847-833-1207	
15-Oct	Noon - 2 PM	Bill Flannery	414-870-9455				
	2 PM - 4 PM	Bill Flannery	414-870-9455				
	4 PM - 6 PM	Eric Armantrout	262-498-1035	262-287-6787			
22-Oct	Noon - 2 PM	Carl Bergquist	262-652-3391				
	2 PM - 4 PM	Jim Houtsinger	262-945-1404	262-945-5910			
	4 PM - 6 PM	Chuck Brzezicki	847-514-2187	773-392-0518			
29-Oct	Noon - 2 PM	Carl Bergquist	262-652-3391				
	2 PM - 4 PM	Jim Houtsinger	262-945-1404	262-945-5910			
	4 PM - 6 PM	Jim Strelitzer	262-884-1156				
5-Nov	Noon - 2 PM	Buzz Paricka	262-654-2308				
	2 PM - 4 PM	Buzz Paricka	262-654-2308				
	4 PM - 6 PM	Jim Strelitzer	262-884-1156				
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	2 PM - 4 PM	Carl Bergquist	262-652-3391				
	4 PM - 6 PM	Jim Strelitzer	262-884-1156				
19-Nov	Noon - 2 PM	Steve Navone	414-881-2255	414-881-8570			
	2 PM - 4 PM	Steve Navone	414-881-2255	414-881-8570			
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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
	2 PM - 4 PM	Roger Nickolaus	414-405-8004	414-405-8011			2 PM - 4 PM	Jason Fisher	309-825-4251	309-261-5282
	4 PM - 6 PM	Tim Brown	262-498-0913				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	
23-Apr	Noon - 2 PM	Ron Hages	224-355-7651	312-217-3197		13-Aug	Noon - 2 PM	Don Parkinson	262-488-5962	
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	4 PM - 6 PM	Ron Hages	224-355-7651	312-217-3197			4 PM - 6 PM	Gary Bokow	630-258-4921	
30-Apr	Noon - 2 PM	Trggve Smalley	414-940-0929	414-687-9715		20-Aug	Noon - 2 PM	Doug Karge	262-620-9926	262-620-9927
	2 PM - 4 PM	Jim Lange	262-237-9362				2 PM - 4 PM	Doug Karge	262-620-9926	262-620-9927
	4 PM - 6 PM	Jerry Rose	262-490-2816	262-598-6904			4 PM - 6 PM	Doug Karge	262-620-9926	262-620-9927
7-May	Noon - 2 PM	Trggve Smalley	414-940-0929	414-687-9715		27-Aug	Noon - 2 PM	Dennis Vollrath	262-994-6342	262-902-2399
	2 PM - 4 PM	Rich Smentek	414-322-9699	414-531-8075			2 PM - 4 PM	Dennis Vollrath	262-994-6342	262-902-2399
	4 PM - 6 PM	John Bolt	815-540-5694	815-312-8335			4 PM - 6 PM	Dennis Vollrath	262-994-6342	262-902-2399
14-May	Noon - 2 PM	Jim Lange	262-237-9362			3-Sep	Noon - 2 PM	Don Parkinson	262-488-5962	
	2 PM - 4 PM	Jim Lange	262-237-9362				2 PM - 4 PM	Jim Houtsinger	262-945-1404	262-945-5910
	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
	2 PM - 4 PM	Jerry Rose	262-498-2816	262-598-6904			2 PM - 4 PM	Matt Holl	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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11-Jun	Noon - 2 PM	Mike Stein	262-893-5980	262-751-3054		1-Oct	Noon - 2 PM	Jim Litwin	262-939-7926	262-939-0293
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	4 PM - 6 PM	Terry Peterson	262-945-4010	262-945-5577			4 PM - 6 PM	Rick Stapleton	847-942-7431	847-346-6587
25-Jun	Noon - 2 PM	Terry Peterson	262-945-4010	262-945-5577		15-Oct	Noon - 2 PM	Bill Flannery	414-870-9455	
	2 PM - 4 PM	Rag Fisher	414-421-5425	414-421-5425			2 PM - 4 PM	Bill Flannery	414-870-9455	
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