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Racine R/C Club Meeting Minutes

August 17, 2025

Time: 1:00 PM

Location: R/C Flying Field

Open Meeting - Jim opened the meeting at 1:00PM. 19 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 reported that due to extra heavy grass clippings generated while mowing, the club needed to purchase a new grass sweeper. The old unit just could not handle the volume of clippings. Jim met with board members, and it was decided to purchase the new sweeper. The new unit works well.

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	34
Open Members	10
Junior Members	
Family	2
Total	46

Newsletter Editor-Dennis Vollrath had nothing to report.

Field Chairman- Trygve Smalley was not present. Field looks good.

Tractor Chairman- Eric Armantrout was out of town. Jim reported that there was a problem with the mower shutting down. Battery terminals and fuse connections were cleaned, and the mower seemed to run OK.

Web Master- Ron Hayes reported the web site is all good.

Safety Officer- Darrell Hossalla had nothing new to report.

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

Old Business- None

New Business – Next months newsletter will advise members of upcoming important items:

#1 Election of officers for 2026 will take place at the November meeting. If you are interested in running let us know so information can be provided to membership.

#2 Voting on proposed By-Law and Field Rule changes will also happen at the November meeting. All submissions must be in writing, as you want them to be read, including where there needs to be deletions or modifications to exiting language. Submissions must be sent to the club secretary by noon Wednesday Oc-

tober 1st. Email is the preferred method. Bob Johnsons email is **johnsbob@wi.rr.com**.

#3 Club officer meeting Sunday October 5th, as prescribed in the By-Laws to review all proposals and submit their own if necessary.

#4 All proposed changes will be published in the October and November newsletter prior to the November club meeting. There can be no amendments to any proposal.

New Pilots – None

Show & Tell – Denny showed hardware kits (both metric and SAE) available from Amazon. He also had a battery balance plug kit, thread gage and nibbler for cutting fiberglass and metal. Rich Smentek showed a mini battery-operated tire pump. Jerry showed prop covers for sale as well.

Raffle Drawing – Roger Nickolaus won the August Raffle. Roger donated \$22.00 to the club. Thank you, Roger!

Close Meeting – Jim closed the meeting with a reminder the next club meeting will be Sunday September 21st at 1PM at the club house.

JIM'S CORNER

We are certainly have a wide variety of weather to deal with. Starting to be cooler, and drier. The field grass is starting to turn a shade of brown now, but we are keeping it cut so you should not have any problems landing on the field.

With the coming of fall, comes the annual issues pertaining to the club. That is, Proposed Field Rule and By-Law changes, and the election of club officers.

With regard to proposed Field Rule and/ or By-Law changes, club members must:

Submit their proposed changes, in writing (or email message), to the club Secretary.

The club Secretary must receive your proposed change by noon of Wednesday, October 1st. The proposed changes shall be as you want the change to read. It would also indicate what you want eliminated if that is the case.

The proposed change cannot be amended, nor changed after submission. The proposed change will be published in the

October & November newsletters, and voted on at the November meeting. The club officers will meet, as per club by-laws after all submissions have been received, to discuss, and possibly submit proposals of their own as a collective body.

Also note, that at the November meeting, club officers for 2026 will be elected. Nominations can be made up to the time of the election vote is taken. This is your chance to get involved in the club activities.

If there is something you would like to see run differently, this is your chance to submit your name, and run for an officers position.

I would encourage anyone interested in running for a club officer position to review the job descriptions for these positions as published in the club handbook, pages 14-15, Section 4.08 "Duties of Officers". Let the campaigning begin! I have not, as of the printing of this Newsletter, polled the current officers as to who is willing to stand for office again.

During the October meeting, we may ask incumbent officers of their intent to run again or not, so as to let members give greater thought about running for an office.

Typically we put up the shelter walls the first Saturday in October, and this year it

looks like that will be October 4th, weather permitting. Some people get to the field about 7:00AM, but we are really putting everything up by 8:00AM. We **NEED YOUNG MUSCLE**.

We have too many older people trying to carry the heavier stuff! Bring one of your kids or grandkid for a couple of hours to help you.

We will be mentioning this following information at the upcoming September meeting, but the Mt. Pleasant Police Department will be conducting a training session on Tuesday, September 23rd, from 8AM – 6PM, on the Village property northwest of our flying field / compost site area.

I have no idea what the training involves; maybe a mock crime scene. Basically where the "Drone People" were last year. Don't go back there snooping on them. This is north of the tree line / creek area, and we really should not be bothering them with our flying, but for the day try and avoid the area if you can. Who knows, they might even stop by to see our planes, etc.

Our next meeting is Sunday, September 21st at 1PM at the field. See you then.
Fly Safe & Have Fun
Jim Litwin
president

Dennys Stuff

Not much going on around the Vollrath Workshop now.

My 3D Creality K1 printer has been busy though for the past year and a half. I made an "Hour Meter" for it that shows accumulated print time. Right now, that printer has 1254 hours 46 minutes on it.

And, for the first time in the past 18 months, it had a major problem.

These printers operate somewhat like squeezing toothpaste out of a tube, but it uses plastic type material that is heated to 428 degrees F.

The actual temperature on the filament used for printing is displayed on the print-

ers LCD display. And, that temperature which has been rock solid at 220 degrees C was varying between 195 C to 225 C.

Finally, the printer halted printing with an error code indicating problems with the temperature control of the heated filament.

I bought the Creality K1 printer from Amazon, and, Amazon has a LOT of spare parts for this printer. The spare parts includes a complete printer high temperature module including the heater, thermostat, nozzle and frame for \$33.00 that is a direct drop in for the old part.

Well, kind of a drop in. Seems some of the screw holes did not quite line up, adding a half hour to complete the job.

I've printed several items since the repair job, and the displayed temperature of the heated filament shows exactly 220 C, never varying even one degree

There are a LOT of 3D printers on the market right now. FYI, I've read that Creality is one of the largest manufacturer of 3D printers in the world. And, three of us in the RRCC club have one of the Creality K1 printers.

Just for something to print, I did the compost tags for the club house as shown in the top photo. Then later, added another one for the container.

I did screw up on a recent print drawing though, that cost me about \$2.00 in wasted filament. It's called spaghettification!

The bottom photo is self explanatory.



The print was 3 hours long, and the first run on the print job was screwed up, and I ignored the Creality software warnings about a problem with my CAD file for the print job. I turned it on, left the house, and came back to the stuff I pulled out of the printer and stuffed it into a trash can!

FYI

I've also built hour meters for my riding lawnmower that shows total hours and minutes, number of hours and minutes on the days mowing job, and the number of hours and minutes since the last oil change.

Don't know if this would be useful for our clubs tractor and lawnmower though. Let me know.

DennyV RRCC newsletter editor

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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12-Nov	Noon - 2 PM	Buzz Paricka	262-654-2308				
	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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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
	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 Hayes	224-355-7651	312-217-3197		13-Aug	Noon - 2 PM	Don Parkinson	262-488-5962	
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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
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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
	2 PM - 4 PM	Rich Smentek	414-322-9699	414-531-8075			2 PM - 4 PM	Chuck Brzezick	847-514-2187	773-392-0518
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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
	2 PM - 4 PM	Steve Knackert	262-497-2824	262-497-4848			2 PM - 4 PM	Jim Litwin	262-939-7926	262-939-0293
	4 PM - 6 PM	Dan Pozel	262-939-0548	262-488-4236			4 PM - 6 PM	Jim Litwin	262-939-7926	262-939-0293
18-Jun	Noon - 2 PM	Mike Stein	262-893-5980	262-751-3054		8-Oct	Noon - 2 PM	Rick Stapleton	847-942-7431	847-346-6587
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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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