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Racine R/C Club Meeting Minutes

April 12, 2026

Time: 1:00 PM

Location: R/C Flying Field

Open Meeting - Jim opened the meeting at 1:00PM. 20 members were in attendance.

Welcome - New Member & Guests – No new members or guests.

Minutes - Last Meeting – No changes to the minutes.

Reports

President- Jim Litwin reported recent high winds had the following effect on our field:

- Storage tote and burn barrel were tipped over.
- Porta John did not tip over due to Rogers die down stakes. Thanks Roger.
- Small plane tables were found up against the fence. Thank you to Trygve for repairing the broken table.
- Flagpole was snapped in half. Thank you to Jerry Rose for repairs and for using his backpack blower to clear corn stalk trash from fences and around the shelter.

Screen material was added under eaves of the club house to stop the birds from nesting in them. Hopefully this will help stop the droppings as well!

Vice President- Roger reported that there were mixed inputs on the Tailgaters venue for the club banquet. Members found the facilities and service to be sub-standard, and the food was just OK. A different venue will be investigated for the 2027 banquet.

Secretary/Treasurer-Bob Johnson

Current membership as of this newsletter.

Senior Members	30
Open Members	10
Junior Members	2
Family	
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Total	42

Our funds are doing well and there should be no issue for the foreseeable future. Non-Profit Organization filing was made to the state of Wisconsin for 2026. The cost of this filing is \$20.00.

Newsletter Editor-Dennis Vollrath had nothing new to report.

Field Chairman- Trygve Smalley was not present.

Tractor Chairman- Eric Armantrout was not present.

Web Master- Ron Hayes had nothing new to report.

Safety Officer- Darrell Hossalla had nothing to report.

Compost Director- Steve Knackert reminded members to make sure everyone is out of the compost site before locking up the gate. Walk back and look at the backside of the mounds of material. Someone was locked in the compost site in a recent Wednesday session.

Old Business- Nothing to report.

New Business – The purchase of six new Adirondack chairs was brought up by Jim Litwin. He informed members that the cost of the chairs is \$30.00 each. A motion was made and passed to buy six new chairs. The new chairs will replace a few broken chairs and add to the total number on hand.

New Pilots – None

Show & tell – John Bolt has a Golden Falcon kit he will give away for free along with miscellaneous modeling tools.

Jerry Rose showed a drawing of a 1930's JEEP Racer he is scratch building. The plane has a one piece 84" main wing. Can't wait to see it in the air!!

Paul Westcott showed sample aluminum parts (trim tab and part of a wing) that he used for practicing the riveting and assembly needed for building his RV7A full scale airplane. The detailed discussion was very interesting.

Raffle Drawing – No raffle at the April meeting.

Close Meeting – Jim closed the meeting with a reminder the next club meeting will be Sunday, May 3rd.

JIM'S CORNER

We have had some people flying, mostly with the smaller electrics, but to be honest, the field is soft & soggy from all the rain. We will start cutting when it dries out, but right now the mower will be leaving ruts and there are areas where we will get stuck.

As a reminder to everyone, please drive around and check the compost site prior to locking up to insure you don't lock someone in.

It has happened this year and it's embarrassing.

At this time of the year there is not much happening club wise. The shelter sides will come down, hopefully Saturday May 30th, about a month from now. Some cleanup has already occurred.

We hope to rent a small paddle sweeper to get the gravel off the grass from the winter snow plowing.

Restacking the wood pile is another project that Tryg will heading up in the near

future. We have a little welding project on the mower, and some service work on it, but otherwise we should be set for the summer.

I can't say it enough. Check out your planes after this winter season. The place to find problems is at home in your workshop. Not on your first flight of the season!

Our next club meeting is on Sunday, May 3rd, at the field at 1PM. See you then.

Fly Safe & Have Fun

Jim Litwin
President

Dennys Stuff

Status Update:

Some of the RRCC members are aware that your newsletter editor had major surgery on March 31st for the removal of 1/2 of my left lung. I spent two days in the hospital post surgery.

Past history, they found a cancerous nodule one inch in size in my left lung during tests that were made during the removal of a kidney stone in January. There were absolutely zero symptoms.

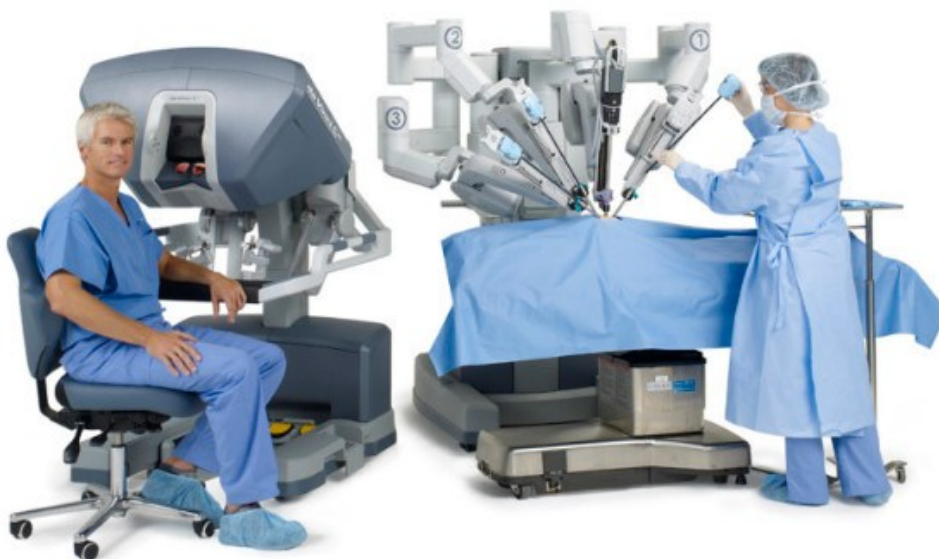
The St. Lukes hospital used their DaVinci Xi robot surgery tool to conduct the band-aid surgery. This robot is a multi-million dollar, 8 foot high machine. For

those interested, go to youtube and look for Davinci Xi robot surgery tool.

The cancer found is a very rare, less than 1% of cancer types that doubles in size every 5 years or so. This type cancer has no known causes, and can appear anywhere in your body.

I've been very busy with hospital follow-ups, with working with various people nearly every day either at home, or at hospital locations since the surgery. Looks like it will come to an end in the next few weeks. I got one more CT scan to do to verify that no other issues exist.

So, there has been little other stuff going on in the Vollrath residence over the past month or so!



Denny
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Compost Duty Roster 2026

04/01/26	Noon - 2 PM	Darrel Hossalla
	2 PM - 4 PM	Darrel Hossalla
	4 PM - 6 PM	Justin Francisco
04/08/26	Noon - 2 PM	Roger Nickolaus
	2 PM - 4 PM	Roger Nickolaus
	4 PM - 6 PM	Paul Westcott
04/15/26	Noon - 2 PM	Roger Nickolaus
	2 PM - 4 PM	Darrel Hossalla
	4 PM - 6 PM	Trygve Smalley
04/22/26	Noon - 2 PM	Jerry Rose
	2 PM - 4 PM	Rich Smentek
	4 PM - 6 PM	Mike Sells
04/29/26	Noon - 2 PM	Trygve Smalley
	2 PM - 4 PM	Rich Smentek
	4 PM - 6 PM	Paul Westcott
05/06/26	Noon - 2 PM	Trygve Smalley
	2 PM - 4 PM	Rich Smentek
	4 PM - 6 PM	Peter Gehrig
05/13/26	Noon - 2 PM	Mike Sells
	2 PM - 4 PM	Mike Sells
	4 PM - 6 PM	Peter Gehrig
05/20/26	Noon - 2 PM	Terry Peterson
	2 PM - 4 PM	Dennis Vollrath
	4 PM - 6 PM	Dennis Vollrath

DATE	TIME	NAME	DATE	TIME	NAME
04/01/26	Noon - 2 PM	Darrel Hossalla	07/29/26	Noon - 2 PM	Don Parkinson
	2 PM - 4 PM	Darrel Hossalla		2 PM - 4 PM	Don Parkinson
	4 PM - 6 PM	Justin Francisco		4 PM - 6 PM	Tim Brehm
04/08/26	Noon - 2 PM	Roger Nickolaus	08/05/26	Noon - 2 PM	Matt Holl
	2 PM - 4 PM	Roger Nickolaus		2 PM - 4 PM	Matt Holl
	4 PM - 6 PM	Paul Westcott		4 PM - 6 PM	Matt Holl
04/15/26	Noon - 2 PM	Roger Nickolaus	08/12/26	Noon - 2 PM	Don Parkinson
	2 PM - 4 PM	Darrel Hossalla		2 PM - 4 PM	Ray Fisher
	4 PM - 6 PM	Trygve Smalley		4 PM - 6 PM	Ray Fisher
04/22/26	Noon - 2 PM	Jerry Rose	08/19/26	Noon - 2 PM	Jason Gamble
	2 PM - 4 PM	Rich Smentek		2 PM - 4 PM	Wayne Greisen
	4 PM - 6 PM	Mike Sells		4 PM - 6 PM	Rick Stapleton
04/29/26	Noon - 2 PM	Trygve Smalley	08/26/26	Noon - 2 PM	Tim Brehm
	2 PM - 4 PM	Rich Smentek		2 PM - 4 PM	Wayne Greisen
	4 PM - 6 PM	Paul Westcott		4 PM - 6 PM	Tim Brehm
05/06/26	Noon - 2 PM	Trygve Smalley	09/02/26	Noon - 2 PM	Mike Stein
	2 PM - 4 PM	Rich Smentek		2 PM - 4 PM	Wayne Greisen
	4 PM - 6 PM	Peter Gehrig		4 PM - 6 PM	Rick Stapleton
05/13/26	Noon - 2 PM	Mike Sells	09/09/26	Noon - 2 PM	Bob Johnson
	2 PM - 4 PM	Mike Sells		2 PM - 4 PM	Bob Johnson
	4 PM - 6 PM	Peter Gehrig		4 PM - 6 PM	Rick Stapleton
05/20/26	Noon - 2 PM	Terry Peterson	09/16/26	Noon - 2 PM	Bob Johnson
	2 PM - 4 PM	Dennis Vollrath		2 PM - 4 PM	Jim Houtsinger
	4 PM - 6 PM	Dennis Vollrath		4 PM - 6 PM	Eric Armantrout
05/27/26	Noon - 2 PM	Jerry Rose	09/23/26	Noon - 2 PM	Mike Stein
	2 PM - 4 PM	Jerry Rose		2 PM - 4 PM	Jim Houtsinger
	4 PM - 6 PM	Dennis Vollrath		4 PM - 6 PM	Chuck Brzezicki
06/03/26	Noon - 2 PM	Steve Knackert	09/30/26	Noon - 2 PM	Carl Bergquist
	2 PM - 4 PM	Terry Peterson		2 PM - 4 PM	Jim Houtsinger
	4 PM - 6 PM	Peter Gehrig		4 PM - 6 PM	Mike Stein
06/10/26	Noon - 2 PM	Terry Peterson	10/07/26	Noon - 2 PM	Chuck Brzezicki
	2 PM - 4 PM	Steve Knackert		2 PM - 4 PM	Roman Kirykowicz &
	4 PM - 6 PM	Justin Francisco		4 PM - 6 PM	Helmet Schmidtke
06/17/26	Noon - 2 PM	John Bolt	10/14/26	Noon - 2 PM	(SAME)
	2 PM - 4 PM	Steve Knackert		2 PM - 4 PM	Eric Armantrout
	4 PM - 6 PM	Justin Francisco		4 PM - 6 PM	Eric Armantrout
06/24/26	Noon - 2 PM	John Bolt	10/21/26	Noon - 2 PM	Ron Hayes
	2 PM - 4 PM	Jason Fisher/SteveK		2 PM - 4 PM	Ron Hayes
	4 PM - 6 PM	Jim Litwin		4 PM - 6 PM	Ron Hayes
07/01/26	Noon - 2 PM	John Bolt	10/28/26	Noon - 2 PM	Chuck Brzezicki
	2 PM - 4 PM	Jason Fisher/SteveK		2 PM - 4 PM	Carl Bergquist
	4 PM - 6 PM	Jim Litwin		4 PM - 6 PM	Jim Strelitzer
07/08/26	Noon - 2 PM	Jason Gamble	11/04/26	Noon - 2 PM	Buzz Paricka
	2 PM - 4 PM	Jason Fisher/SteveK		2 PM - 4 PM	Carl Bergquist
	4 PM - 6 PM	Jim Litwin		4 PM - 6 PM	Jim Strelitzer
07/15/26	Noon - 2 PM	Jason Gamble	11/11/26	Noon - 2 PM	Buzz Paricka
	2 PM - 4 PM	Ray Fisher		2 PM - 4 PM	Buzz Paricka
	4 PM - 6 PM	Ray Fisher		4 PM - 6 PM	Jim Strelitzer
07/22/02	Noon - 2 PM	Joe Spaulding	11/18/26	Noon - 2 PM	Steve Navone
	2 PM - 4 PM	Joe Spaulding		2 PM - 4 PM	Steve Navone
	4 PM - 6 PM	Joe Spaulding		4 PM - 6 PM	Steve Navone

Date	Club	Event
Sunday, April 12, 2026	Racine RC Club	Club Meeting
Sunday, May 3, 2026	Racine RC Club	Club Meeting
Saturday, May 30, 2026	Racine RC Club	Shelter Walls Down
* Sat Jun 6	Circle Masters Flying Club at Sussex Village Park	Control Line Open Fun Fly and informal contest
* Sat Jun 6 (rain Jun 7)	Flying Electrons	Annual Club "Fun Fly"
Sat Jun 6	Fond Du Lac Aeromodelers Association	Open Fun-Fly
Sunday, June 7, 2026	Racine RC Club	Club Meeting
* Sat Jun 27 (rain Jun 28)	Sky Ranch Flyers	Fun Fly
* Sun Jul 5	Racine RC Club	Club-Only Picnic
* Sat Jul 11	Bong Eagles at MARKS	Old Timer Contest
* Sun Jul 12	Flying Electrons	Club-Only Fun Fly
* Sat Jul 18 (rain Jul 19)	Astrowings of Wisconsin	Charity Fun Fly
* Sat Jul 18	Pebble Creek Flyers, Inc.	Club-Only Fun Fly
* Sat Jul 18 (rain Jul 19)	Rainbow Aero Modelers Society (RAMS)	SWARM Helicopter Friend Fly
* Mon Jul 20 - Sun Jul 26	Circle Masters Flying Club	EAA KidVenture – Oshkosh
* Sat Aug 1 (rain Aug 2)	Flying Electrons	Airfest, Fly-In Benefit Troop #110
Sat Aug 1	Rubicon Area Flyers	Fun Fly
Sunday, August 2, 2026	Racine RC Club	Club Meeting
* Sat Aug 8	Bong Eagles	All Free Flight Contest
* Thu Aug 13 - Sat Aug 15	Fond Du Lac Aeromodelers Association	Warbirds and Classics Over Midwest
* Sun Aug 16	Fond Du Lac Aeromodelers Association	Wellnitz Memorial Open Fun Fly
* Sun Aug 30	Circle Masters Flying Club	Demo Flying, Sussex Antique Farm Implementation Show
Sunday, September 6, 2026	Racine RC Club	Club Meeting
* Sun Sep 6	Watertown Aeromodelers RC Club at Watertown Municipal Airport	Open house and pancake breakfast with static displays
* Sat Sep 12 (rain Sep 13)	Flying Electrons	Fly-In and Swap Meet
* Sat Sep 12 (rain Sep 13)	Rainbow Aero Modelers Society (RAMS)	Club-Only Picnic
Monday, September 14, 2026		Field Rule/By Law Changes
To Be Determined	Flying Electrons	Pattern Contest (Flying Electrons members can fly at Astrowings)
Saturday, October 3, 2026	Racine RC Club	Shelter Walls Up
Sunday, October 4, 2026	Racine RC Club	Club Meeting
	Racine RC Club	Maker Faire
* Sat Oct 17 7-10pm	Flying Electrons	
Sat Oct 31 - Sun Nov 1 or following weekend	All clubs invited to participate and promote	
Sunday, November 1, 2026	Racine RC Club	Club Meeting (Vote Officers/Rule
Sunday, December 6, 2026	Racine RC Club	Club Meeting (Vote Club Dues Rate)