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Racine R/C Club Meeting Minutes

September 6, 2026

Time: 1:00 PM

Location: R/C Flying Field

Open Meeting - Jim opened the meeting at 1:00PM. 15 members were in attendance.

Welcome - New Member & Guests – Robert Gilkerson from Mt Pleasant joined the club. Robert is a senior member and has flown years ago. He will need a trainer to work with him.

Minutes - Last Meeting – No changes to the minutes.

Reports

President- Jim Litwin reported there were no submitted Field Rules or By-Law changes.

In accordance with our By-Laws, the rules committee, consisting of all club officers and 2 members at large, will meet immediately after the club meeting.

The slate of candidates for officer positions is full except for the position of field chairman. Please consider running for this position. Note, even though the other positions have a candidate any member can still submit their name if they desire.

The village did come to the field on Sunday August 16th and took their video shots for the tourism video they are putting together. Dennis Vollrath made our portion available on the internet.

Vice President- Roger had nothing new to report.

Secretary/Treasurer-Bob Johnson

Current membership as of this newsletter.

Senior Members	31
Open Members	10
Junior Members	2

Family Members	5
Family	
Total	48

Our funds are doing well and there should be no issue for the foreseeable future.

Newsletter Editor-Dennis Vollrath reported the wind speed indicator is being fixed.

Field Chairman- Trygve Smalley- We need grass mowers. If you can, please consider signing up. A thank you goes out to Jerry Rose, Hoss and others for their help fixing up the club house and mowing the field.

Tractor Chairman- Eric Armantrout not present but all is good.

Web Master- Ron Hayes had nothing new to report.

Safety Officer- Darrell Hossalla had nothing new to report

Compost Director- Steve Knackert noted the chalk board sign at the compost

site. Garden waste to be put in the brush pile along with nuts, apples etc. Only yard grass and leaves in the pile on the south side against our field.

Old Business- None

New Business – Jason Fisher mentioned all planes need fail safe set up so a down plane can shut down.

New Pilots – None

Show & tell – nothing was shown at the meeting.

Raffle Drawing – Wayne Greisen won the September raffle for a total of \$36.00. \$17.00 went to Wayne and the club banked \$18.00.

Close Meeting – Jim closed the meeting with a reminder the next meeting will be held on October 4th at 1PM.

JIM'S CORNER

I usually start out my Newsletter column by saying something about the recent weather & flying conditions. This time I'm not sure what to say. From my perspective, it has been terrible. Wind, rain, wild fire smoke, wet field conditions, and terrible skies have not made for favorable flying. During my visits to the field, I have noticed there have not been many people out flying, so they probably have the same view of the conditions. Strange summer this year.

As noted at the last meeting, no proposed By-Law or Field Rule changes were submitted this year, and at the Rules Committee meeting held after last month's meeting, no changes were proposed.

The only thing the membership will be voting on at the November 1st meeting will be for the 2027 club officers. At this time there is a candidate for each posi-

tion, **except the Field Chairman position. That one is vacant!** As mentioned before, a member can submit their name as a candidate for any of the officer positions. If you are interested in running for the Field Chairman position, please let us know so your name can be submitted to the membership.

The setting of the 2027 membership dues is done at the December 6th meeting.

An email message was sent out to everyone, but I'll also include it here, and that is to advise of the death of long time club member, Buzz Paricka. He died on September 17th. Buzz was our "Unofficial Club Photographer", and will be missed by everyone.

With the installation of the new air compressor, we need to dispose of the old one. I had planned to cover this at last months meeting and completely forgot. We'll deal with it this month.

At this time, after discussion with several "Key" members, the erecting of the shelter walls is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, October 17th, weather permitting. Our next club meeting is on Sunday, Oc-

tober 4th, at the flying field. Hope to see you there.
Fly Safe & Have Fun
Jim Litwin
President

2027 OFFICER CANDIDATES

At the present time the list of candidates for club officer for 2027 are:

President
Vice President
Sec/Tres.
Tractor Chairman
Safety Officer
Newsletter Editor
Compost Director
Webmaster
Field Chairman

Mike Sells
Roger Nickolaus
Bob Johnson
Peter Gehrig
Darrel Hossalla
Dennis Vollrath
Steve Knackert
Ron Hayes

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Because most of these positions have a candidate does not mean someone else cannot also run for a position. If you are interested, please let us know.

Dennys Stuff

A rant on the price of stuff!

We've all been hit with the prices of stuff that we buy, starting off with the price of gas, groceries, hobby stuff, you name it. Even the price of those A123 cells has gone up by a dollar or two because of the tariffs. (BTW, the Stortronics warehouse in Michigan for the A123 cells recently had over 120,000 of them in stock, and that has dropped to some 50,000 a few weeks later. Wonder whose buying that many of them?)

Starting off with the price of groceries, your editor was born and raised on a small 80 acre farm in West Central Minnesota 85 years ago. That goes back to when Diesel fuel was 18 cents a gallon.

Now days, if you buy a \$4.00 box of breakfast cereal, the company making the cardboard box for the cereal gets 20 cents, Advertising gets a dollar or so, the cereal manufacturers get another dollar or so.

And, the farmer gets a whole 9 cents.

No wonder so many farmers are going bankrupt. (It's also the reason I did not stay on my dads farm after school!)

Some readers of the RRCC newsletter have noted that the MicroSoft 365 subscription software that cost me \$99.00 a year went up to some \$130 a year. And, MicroSoft dropped the all important desktop publishing software I and millions of others used for business and home projects.

I investigated other software for creating the RRCC newsletter, and finally found you can buy after market MicroSoft Office software for \$30.00 that you own, and also includes desktop publishing. I wound up with a copy of Office 2021, which works just fine.

I had to also buy another version of the MicroSoft office software that included the Excel spread sheet. So, for \$60.00, I own it, and it has been working just fine AFTER MicroSofts cut off date last month or so on desktop publishing.

More than a few RRCC members are now wearing hearing aids. A few months ago, I got an email from a hearing aid place that offered free hearing tests. And, found that they just wanted to sell me a pair of **\$5500** hearing aids.

That, my friends is a higher markup on a product than the popcorn you buy in the movie theater.

The cost of materials to make a hearing aid is at the most, well under \$200 for a pair of the top of the line hearing aids.

The hearing aid companies indicate that the high cost is due to the miniaturization of the electronics in their hearing aids.

Well, most every one of us has one or more credit cards that contain a tiny microprocessor that handles communication between the credit card and the card readers.

Now, these credit cards handle the communication wirelessly. I've cut open a

credit card, and found the microcontroller is about the size of the head of a pin.

That is far more miniaturized than any hearing aid. These tiny computer chips have many pages of data stored on them. It's interesting, that tiny computer chip on your credit card has nearly the same computing power as the original desktop IBM PC of 45 years ago. Amazing isn't it?

The top photo is what's inside of my 5 year old \$1500 (Each) hearing aid that died last year. Maybe at most, \$50 worth of parts. The bottom photo is of the computer chip I used for the club Anemometer, that cost \$12.00. The bottom unit has hundreds of times more performance than the computer chip used on the hearing aid.

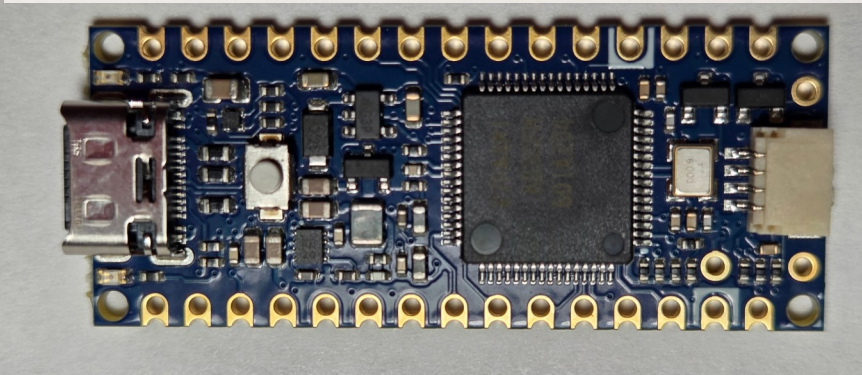
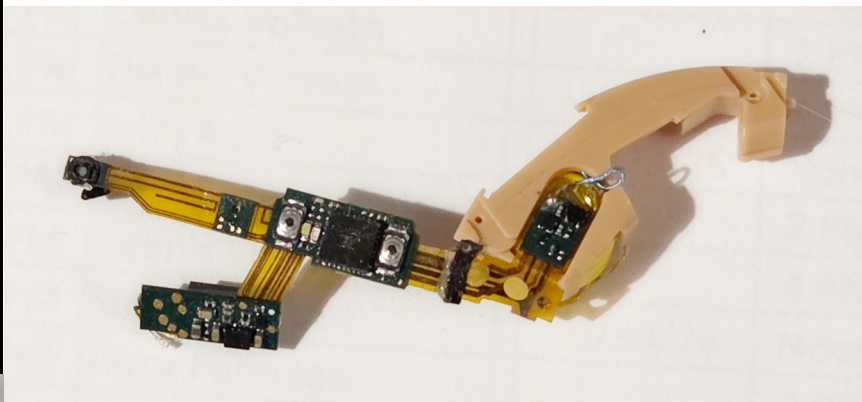
FREE FREE FREE!

Your editor has a pair of very heavy hydraulic floor jacks that are free to anyone that stops by my home to pick them up.

My days of crawling under my vehicles to change oil and stuff are long gone.

I also have a pair of vehicle ramps that you can drive up on to allow crawling under your vehicle. Also free!

Denny Vollrath
RRCC Newsletter editor



Compost Duty Roster 2026

	Time Slot	Employee(s)
09/23/26	Noon - 2 PM	Mike Stein
	2 PM - 4 PM	Jim Houtsinger
	4 PM - 6 PM	Chuck Brzezicki
09/30/26	Noon - 2 PM	Carl Bergquist
	2 PM - 4 PM	Jim Houtsinger
	4 PM - 6 PM	Mike Stein
10/07/26	Noon - 2 PM	Chuck Brzezicki
	2 PM - 4 PM	Roman Kirykowicz &
	4 PM - 6 PM	Helmet Schmidtke
10/14/26	Noon - 2 PM	(SAME)
	2 PM - 4 PM	Eric Armantrout
	4 PM - 6 PM	Eric Armantrout
10/21/26	Noon - 2 PM	Ron Hayes
	2 PM - 4 PM	Ron Hayes
	4 PM - 6 PM	Ron Hayes
10/28/26	Noon - 2 PM	Chuck Brzezicki
	2 PM - 4 PM	Carl Bergquist
	4 PM - 6 PM	Jim Strelitzer
11/04/26	Noon - 2 PM	Buzz Paricka
	2 PM - 4 PM	Carl Bergquist
	4 PM - 6 PM	Jim Strelitzer
11/11/26	Noon - 2 PM	Buzz Paricka
	2 PM - 4 PM	Buzz Paricka
	4 PM - 6 PM	Jim Strelitzer
11/18/26	Noon - 2 PM	Steve Navone
	2 PM - 4 PM	Steve Navone
	4 PM - 6 PM	Steve Navone