

NJ PINE BARONS R/C CLUB January 3, 2007

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LOCATION: MT. LAUREL LIBRARY, MT. LAUREL, NJ

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 7:35 PM

MEETING RUN BY: HARRY MINNIER (V.P.)

MEMBERS PRESENT: 17

50/50 CLUB WINNER: KEN FLAER \$12

Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: JERRY GAYSTER went through a report of expenses paid and deposits made from members who have renewed for this year. A final checkbook balance total was \$5148.18. He also reported that 102 members have renewed so far.

Hats for early signing members are being given out by KEN FLAER. He has given out about 30 hats so far.

OLD BUSINESS: Our "FROSTY FINGER" Fun-fly was totally rained out on January 1. We were planning to hold it on Saturday, January 6, but Beth cannot make it. So we will try to hold it on January 27 (rain date Jan. 28.) BILL TWOMEY will have to e-mail this information to members. The January 27 date was voted on and approved.

Members expressed the desire to have shirts with the club logo. ARNOLD DORKIN volunteered to take orders and do the distribution. Tony who got the hats will look into this and report at the next meeting. Shirts will have the logo above the pocket on the left. Color has not been agreed on and it is hoped to be able to be available in several colors. It was noted that we would need a black one for Bob T.

A motion was advanced to change the meeting time from 7:30 to 7:00 PM. It was voted on and approved by members present. We will continue to meet at the library, and will decide in June where the July and August meetings will be held as the library is not available at that time.

HARRY MINNIER and TOM PERKINS are still working on a flying demonstration at the Great Times Day Camp. Stay tuned for details.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:25 PM

TONY GALLO

(with additions by Harry Minnier)

President's Corner

Well I woke up New Year's Day to pouring rain, a flooded backyard and the only hope I had of flying would have been with a float plane; which I don't have. The new year wasn't off to a great start but we got the consolation prize the following Sunday. If you weren't out flying Sunday shame on you! You missed the best flying we are going to see until spring; sunny, 60 degrees, and very light winds. We couldn't believe it was January! The usual crowd was out in force. Darrin, Larry and Eric ("Evil") were tearing up the skies with their rendition of the Battle of Britain. Eric's Hurricane made several "knee-high" strafing runs to shouts of "LOWER, LOWER." Mike had his fleet of 3D planes out and he was trying to "tear the wings off" of his U-Can-Do. He actually tore the horizontal stabilizer off; TWICE! Easy Mike. The weather was so nice Sam was out for a whole two hours AND came back later that day! Usually by the time I get out and set up my plane I turn around to see Sam's tail lights leaving the driveway. Ron had his nemesis, the Mosquito, out again. If you haven't seen it, the Mosquito is the only plane I know that has more time on the runway than in the air! Ron does a great job flying it, but that plane just does everything in its power to refuse to travel straight down the runway; I've never seen anything like it. Keep at it Ron; you've almost broke its will. Speaking of broke, I think Vim broke a new club record for the fastest engine rebuild; at the field. Vim's YS 140L wasn't sounding right, luckily Eric pulled up and just happened to have a new piston ring in his FedEx truck. Who carries piston rings? Anyway, Vim not only pulled the engine out of the plane, he replaced the piston ring on the spot and had the Focus flying later that day. A job that usually takes a full day and a six-pack Vim did in a couple of hours. Nice job Vim. Let's see, what else....Oh, Matt was out tearing up the skies with his, well...green plane. Matt always knows how to have a good time flying! Bill was out doing aerobatics with his Big Beautiful Pitts. The weather was so nice and the winds so light we might have had more electrics flying than glow planes. Harry, Bob, Luke and company were busy flying electric all day. Harry was buzzing the field with his electric jet while Bob was busy flying Dorothy. I had a great time hovering my Quest when the skies were quiet and watching all the action between my flights. What a perfect day of flying, joking around with friends and just having fun!

George Engle

Trip to Great Times Day Camp

By: Harry Minnier

Tom Perkins and I made a trip to the Great Times Day Camp on Wednesday January 10, 2007 to look over the site for possibly putting on a demo. The camp is located off of the White Horse pike (Route 30) about 5 miles east of Atco. The day we chose to visit, turned out to be a very cold windy day. We even had some snow flurries on the way down, not the best day....considering we've hardly had winter weather. Barry, the GTDC Coordinator, met us and filled us in on what the camp wanted to do. He said the plan was to have a Big Radio Control

Day with flying RC Planes in demos and fun contests for the big event. There would also be an RC boats contest on the lake plus some *other* events. Barry mentioned they would have food and beverages available for sale to the public. He pointed out the building with the kitchen that had a large deck, holding some 30 to 40 tables. A firm date has not been set yet. Most likely, it will not occur until the end of August/September and could be as late as October.

Barry directed us to an electric golf cart where we climbed on board. Of course, the weather didn't get better so we drove through light rain falling mixed with some snow flakes and still a strong wind. Our first stop was a soccer field just across the large parking lot. This site is bordered by large trees in front of us and on our right. We found this site to be okay for park size electric types, etc. But, not for gas....as the takeoff and landing is restricted by trees. The trees, in front of the site, also borders the lake and this could cause some concern. We next went about halfway around the lake to another possible site, but ruled it out due to very short runway/landing and trees. It would also require flying over the lake and had a very small landing site. We indicated our concerns and told Barry our choice would be the soccer field. Barry thanked us for coming. He will keep in touch and let us know how the Radio Control Day event develops and the time schedule. We finally thawed out about half way home.

Harry and Tom

South Jersey Silent Flyers Indoor Fun Fly

The next SJSF Indoor Fun Fly will be held on Wednesday, January 17th at the Fellowship Baptist Church located at 1520 Hainesport Rd., Mt Laurel, NJ. Directions to the flying site are available at www.sjsf.org. Pilots will be required to show proof of current AMA membership. Pilot fees to cover the cost of renting the gymnasium are \$2 for SJSF members and \$4 for non-members.