

NJ PINE BARONS RC CLUB NEWSLETTER

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MINUTES OF MEETING AUGUST 1, 2007

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LOCATION: OUR TRAILER AT THE
FLYING FIELD

MEETING RUN BY: GEORGE
ENGLE

MEMBERS PRESENT: 14

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:
7:00 PM

TREASURER'S REPORT: JERRY GAYSTER reported that expenses for the month were just the normal, and although the membership is low, it looks like we will have enough money to pay our normal expenses through the year. It was also noted that money from the 50/50 raffle at the picnic paid for most of the picnic expenses. Final check book balance, including dues from 4 new members, was \$4,831.45.

Jerry suggested that we should do something to get new members, especially young members. Our membership has about 30 less members than last year, and this effects our check book balance.

MEMBERSHIP: GERRY GAYSTER reports that we have 163 members.

OLD BUSINESS: BILL McBRIDE had set up a model airplane display at the BURLINGTON COUNTY LIBRARY on WOODLANE RD. The display was a big success, and indications are we will be getting a letter from the library indicating the same.
CLUB PICNIC

We plan to have another club picnic and Fun Fly on Saturday, September 22, 2007. Details will be worked out at the September meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: The subject of ways to encourage more people to get into flying RC was discussed, and the following recommendations were suggested.

1. Improve on the way new pilots are provided instructions. (see President's Corner)
2. When a visitor shows interest with the sport provide a method for the visitor to have some hands on time with flying. (A purchase of a 40 size trainer for the club by

Eric Henderson and Bob Tucker is in the works at this time.)

3. Possibly provide a Trainer Night were Trainer's would be available to teach interested student pilots.

In order to provide a good environment when a student pilot is flying, it was proposed that the student has the *right of way* when he is flying. There should be no 3D type of flying in his area.

2.4 GHz flyers

To insure that all members have a valid AMA Card and are a member of the club, Spread Spectrum members will be required to take a new 2.4 GHz pin when flying.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 7:55 PM

HARRY MINNIER for TONY GALLOW

President's Corner

Well I've officially turned into a "fair weather flyer!" Today is another beautiful, sunny, calm day but with the mercury bumping 90+ the A/C and my couch are just too enticing. From the turn-out at our picnic last week I can say "I'm not alone." We had a beautiful day but I think the heat kept a lot of the regulars at home. Ed and Dot did a fantastic job behind the grill and the "Tuckerton contingent" kept us entertained with some LARGE 40% planes. A great day was had by all who were there.

We are seeing more and more 2.4 GHz radios at the flight line and not just park flyers. Now I know not having to grab a pin is really cool but it does present some problems. First, people who fly 72 MHz and 2.4 GHz tend to fall out of the habit checking for a pin before turning on. Second, we have a limit of five planes in the air over the main field at any given time. Just because you have 2.4 GHz and don't need a pin doesn't mean you can fly at any

time you want without waiting your turn on busy days. Last, and most important, we want to ensure everyone flying has valid AMA! At the picnic the people from Tuckerton were flying as guests and since they had 2.4 GHz they had no pin or slot to put their AMA cards. We should be able to look for pins on all antennas and find corresponding memberships or AMA in the pin's slot; a much better situation. So sorry to all you 2.4 GHz flyers who thought the pin was dead. Start digging through your flight boxes and dusting off those club memberships; the pin is back (as soon as I find time to make five of them).

At the last meeting we discussed the falling membership and ways to encourage more people to get into flying RC. One common theme was the lack of a program for new pilots. Our club has by lack of direction (by me) left the student pilot to fend for himself. Imaging being a new club member and brining your trainer out to the field and asking the first guy you see for help. You'd probably get an answer like, "See the guy over there with the red hat, I think he can help." So you go over to the guy with the red had and ask for help and get..." No, I'm not an instructor but there is a board with their pictures in the trailer." So you go to the trailer and write some names down... "Steve Stormer, Steve Dodds, Aldo, George Engle etc." Back out to the flight line to find these guys, you ask around and get... "I don't think he's a member any more" ... and ... "He hasn't been here in weeks"... you go home frustrated.

So I need some help to correct the situation. If you are interested in being an instructor please email me at the address below; even if you are already an instructor. I want to update the list of instructors. I will act as the contact person for student pilots. When a student can't arrange for an instructor himself, I will arrange a time and day with one of our instructors. I'll probably send out an email to all our instructors with the time and day the student needs help and hopefully one of the instructors will already be going to the field and reply to my email. As you can imagine the more instructors we have the better chance the student will find help. So again, **PLEASE email me if you want to be an instructor.**

Lastly, to encourage new blood Eric and Bob have gotten together and secured a club trainer. The idea is to have a trainer at the field so interested spectators can have a hand (or thumb) at flying. Details to follow.

George Engle theenglefamily@hotmail.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE FIELD

(As the editor - Electricarry sees it.)



A visitor from the Tuckerton Club had this P38— flew great — Bob Emmy picture



Pete from the Tuckerton club was flying this one, and it flew GREAT



Another plane from the Tuckerton Club



Larry William's great flying Canard ?? plane



Larry's WW1 Fokker Dr.1 Triplane

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Larry's, boat goes on water, land, and flies



Sometimes things just don't work right, want proof, just ask Allen Stern



Eric's new comet, this one had quite a few modifications before it flew for the first time. Picture by Bob Emmy



Eric's comet — On takeoff right engine had a problem, but he was able to save it. (Don't know how he did it) Really flew GREAT after an adjustment to that right engine.