

Hobbyist Membership Meeting
Thursday, May 3, 2018

Minutes

Officers in Attendance: Rich Edelman (President), Ed Daly (First Vice President), Don Togneri (Second Vice President), John Pensec (Treasurer); and Joe Burns, (a Past President) substituting for Joe Shannon, Secretary

The President called the meeting to order at 10:00AM, and reminded the attendees to silence their cell phones, and asked any who had not parked appropriately (blocked driveways or parked too close to street corners) to go and attend to their cars.

Salute to the Flag lead by Bob Paoli (a Past President)

Announcements and Hobbyist Business – Rich Edelman

- The Chair for the new Archives Committee is Joe Suplicki
- There is a need for a Chair for the Music Club, and a backup to Pat Mulry for the Audio Committee
- Bill Flynn is interested in restarting a Pinochle Club. Contact Bill if interested

Special Recognition (with Certificate of Appreciation) to Len Cheringal

The President called Len Cheringal and Al Ianacone, along with Tennis Club co-chairs, George Shabet and Dick Oswald to come to the front of the room. He then told the members the following:

At a recent Hobbyist Tennis Club session Al Ianacone experienced a medical emergency. Al believed that he would be OK if he just went home and rested. Len Cheringal convinced him that it was best to call 911 and get medical help. Al was taken to Valley Hospital where a doctor inserted a stent. The doctor maintained that had Al not come to the hospital he likely would have died. The Hobbyist are pleased to recognize Len Cheringal for his prescience in recognizing the seriousness of Al's situation, and his insistence that Al agree to be taken to the hospital.

Programs – Ed Daly

Today's program is about being defrauded when dealing with merchants and contractors. It will be presented by Hobbyist Steve Mercer and Denis Niland, Investigators for the Bergen and Passaic Counties Division of Consumer Affairs.

The June meeting's speaker, Ken Barton, will talk about the adventure he and some friends had sailing around the world in a 52' sailboat.

Membership – Ed Lundell

Ed introduced the following new members (sponsored by) – Paul Daniele (Joe Coppola), John DiSalvo (Charles Berkowitz), Len Manis (Steve Mercer), Ray Rubin (Al Kunz), Mike Zaritsky (Dick Ramge), and Vince Scauzzo (Ed Lundell).

Treasurer's Report – John Pensec

Hobbyists continue to enthusiastically participate in the variety of activities available in the club. To that point the Treasurer recorded total deposits and credits of \$21,467 during the month of April, and issued checks to vendors of \$12,938.

Hobbyists Concerned – Peter Philip

Jim Schwick died in April. Bob Stevenson had knee surgery and is participating in rehabilitation.

Activities

Many activities chairs keep the Hobbyist website up-to-date with information about their clubs events. Even though they may have chosen to announce at this meeting what they have going on, their verbal reports will not be reported in these minutes if it duplicates what is already on the website.

Dinner Dance, May 7 – Bill Healy

180 are signed up for the dance.

Fishing – Gene Boyle

The plan is to start this year's fishing activities in June.

Golf – Paul Fazio

All events are outlined on the website, but of note is that Tom Desmond made a hole in one this last week.

Military History – Bob Paoli

There will be no Military History presentation in May. Meetings will resume in September.

The April meeting was replaced by a trip, by 20 Hobbyists, to the U.S. Intrepid, the retired aircraft carrier moored on the Hudson River, in New York City. The trip was well received.

A trip is planned for later this year, probably in November, to the battleship U.S. New Jersey which is moored in Camden (NJ). Transportation will be by bus. This trip will be open to all Hobbyists.

Public Affairs – George Mackey

The next Public Affairs meeting will be on Wednesday, May 9th. It will be a round table, and will be a discussion about the current deployment of U.S. military in Africa.

Tennis – Dick Oswald

There will be no tennis on May 28, Memorial Day.

Trip & Tours – Ray Cheesman

Sign- ups to-date for the various up- coming trips are: Ocean City – 24, Texas – 24, Caribbean Cruise – 30.

Meeting adjourned at 110:55 AM.



Speaking is Steve Mercer, a Hobbyist, and Denis Niland, both Investigators for the Bergen and Passaic Counties Division of Consumer Affairs. Also in the picture is Melissa Carroll, Outreach Specialist with that office.



Rich Edelman gave Len Cheringal a Certificate of Appreciation from the Hobbyists for his forthright efforts to encourage Al Ianacone to allow himself to be transported to Valley Hospital when Al was experiencing a heart attack.



New Members, and their Sponsors