

Questions arose as to how to best recycle batteries, with some claiming Lowe's has a battery bin, and cautioning anyone using it to drain the battery first. Apparently Marlton and Evesham townships also recycle batteries.

The club strongly urges members not to use old batteries, with little charge in them, as they are prone to exploding. Recently Steve witnessed this firsthand: a battery in the midst of being charged smoked, popped, and then swelled. It was a 6 cell. Angel grabbed the battery and tossed it into the parking lot where it exploded, giving off so much heat Steve could feel it from many feet away.

Use only good, reliable batteries.

There was a motion to adjourn; Jim announced that he is no longer president but he will be cooking the bratwurst tomorrow, and hot dogs too, starting around 11 a.m. \$5 for food and \$5 per table.

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minutes of the meeting

The Pine Barons met to appoint Jim Heffern as interim secretary, announce a Swap Meet with a raffle for a plane, discuss locator investment, and address battery safety and future plans, including a presidential election on December 6.

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James Heffern
To: me · Sat, Oct 4 at 3:57 PM ▾

The Pine Barons met on Saturday October 4 with 10 members in attendance, Jim, Jim Heffern, Greg, Chet, Steve, Tony, Bob, Pat, Electric Bill, and Larry. Of immediate importance was appointing Jim Heffern interim secretary until a worthier candidate comes forth, or the old secretary resumes his duties.

Announced for Sunday's Swap Meet (beginning at 9 a.m. and ending at 3 p.m.) was a raffle in which the winner will receive a brand new Freewing Avanti yellow 80 mm plane which lists at Motion RC for \$429.00.

Jim set 30 sellers as the goal for the meet, and he hoped that his AMA magazine ad did the trick in drumming up interest in this semi-annual extravaganza. If there is a decent turnout, at the next SWAP meet in 2026 two planes will be raffled off instead of one.

There was a discussion on whether the club should invest in two locators for planes that members can share amongst themselves. The use of locators has become crucial to finding planes lost in the field, especially since the batteries are flammable, and it only takes one run over by a tractor to set the entire field ablaze. However, actually investing in club-owned locators was tabled as the consensus was they would "disappear" rather quickly. It was still recommended that every member make a conscious effort to acquire one to shield the club from liability in the event of a fire.

Tony said he has connections with the Burlington County Parks Commission and has been invited to speak at one of their meetings, and make a pitch for parkland being dedicated, for a moderate price, to the use of the Pine Barons.

Jim pointed out, regarding the move of the club anywhere, that the monthly expense of rent is cheap, almost negligible, compared to the cost of getting the field up and running, which could be in the neighborhood of \$10-\$15,000.

Tony said the club is still solvent, with 52 members, and was confident it could even survive another year with as little as 25 members based on the state of its finances.

There will be a meeting of the club on Saturday December 6 to elect new officers, including a president. Any member with a knack for managing both people and money is urged to run for president.

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