

Hobbyists General Meeting Minutes

May 1, 2025

The May Birthday slide is being displayed as Members arrived. 40 Hobbyists have birthdays in May 6 including lifetime members (John Garrigan, John Pensec, Allen Demby, Arthur Wrubel, Vin Ferrantino and Dick Spalckhaver). One Hobbyist, Louis DeVito, is celebrating his birthday today.

Meeting called to order by President Don Peterfriend at 10:02AM.

- Don welcomed all attendees with a thanks for attending. Hopefully the old adage, “April Showers Bring May Flowers”, rings true.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Bob Paoli. Bob reminded all about the upcoming Memorial Day on May 26th which commemorates all those who have died in service to our Country. The American Legion will have a service at Memorial Park/Van Ness Square starting at 11:00AM to honor this Day and those who made the ultimate sacrifice.

President’s Report- Don Peterfriend

- Upcoming Special Events- Spring Dinner/Dance on May 5th, 6:00PM to 10PM. Contact Bill Healy.
- Gentlemen’s attire is Business Casual, tie not required and no jeans.
- Encouraged all Members to participate in as many activities which the Club has to offer. Also urged all to take a Leadership Role by assisting/supporting our Activity Chairmen. This will also provide Bench Strength for our Activities. Review the website for a complete listing of our Activities.
- Need to keep our New Membership moving forward. We are having great success with New Members joining the Club thanks to Bob Mosher’s efforts. Please get a friend, relative or neighbor to join the Hobbyists.
- Urged Members to attend meetings and reach out to others to attend.
- Appreciate if members would remain after Meetings for Speaker Presentations which are interesting and informative.

Hobbyist Concern- Peter Philip

- Good News Everybody is Healthy and no one had called Peter to let him know they passed.

Treasurer’s Report – Gary Engelhardt

- Good News, Bank found \$1 which was missing, CD Interest \$140 for the month and Gary stated he was glad he resisted the temptation to Buy Tesla Stock.

Membership – Bob Mosher

- We currently have 426 members, 70 are Lifetime including those to be added during 2025. There are 78 members present today. Since the beginning of the year 17 new Applications have been received. A reminder, per the Hobbyists Constitution New Members may introduce prospective Applicants, however, the New Member must be a Member for one year prior to Sponsoring an Applicant.
- Activity Chairs send Hobbyists pictures to Hobbyists66.com for presentation at monthly Meetings.
- New Inductees: Andy Keesing (Len Manis) and Dan Greenstein (Steve Freidman).

Speaker Program- Peter Weinstein

- Today’s program “Decisions: Making the Right Ones More Often” Presented by: Jack Warner

Activity Chairman Reports:

- Beer Appreciation – Rick Rosenthal: “MAY DAY MAY DAY!” or to quote Animal House “DRINK HEAVILY” Next gathering is scheduled for May 8, 2025 6:30PM at Grant Street Café, Grant Ave, Dumont, NJ.
- Bocce - Steve Friedman: Meets every Friday 9:30AM. April began outdoors at Waldwick Boro Park. All members always welcome, show up, no talent required just bring a rake and lawn chair.
- Book Club – Jon Sterling: Meeting is scheduled for May 16, 2025 at 10AM in the FPC Library. Book will be “Heaven and Earth Grocery Store” by James McBride. Also, will discuss June Book Decision.
- Chess Club – Rick Pascal: Meets Wednesdays at 10AM at the Church, with a refresher at 9:30AM. As we are not getting any younger, Chess is “Good for the Brain”. June starts outdoor and the RW Duck Pond.
- Camera Club- Still seeking an Activity Chair.
- Dinner Dance- Bill Healy: The next Dinner Dance will be on May 5th at Seasons in Washinton Twp. from 6PM to 10PM. For the price the Venue (appetizers, entrees, desserts, open bar and ambiance) is about as good as it gets and it is always an enjoyable evening. Any questions feel free to contact Bill Healy.
- Fishing- Peter Weinstein: Next trip is to Lake George scheduled to depart on Friday Night (5/30/25). Fishing will be via a Charter Boat with “Lines in the Water” on 5/31 and 6/1. Contact Peter Weinstein (201-663-3536 or rodnreel44@aol.com) for details as website is in process of updating.
- Golf- Don Peterfriend congratulated Gary Engelhardt on his recent Hole in One. Commissioners: Gary Don Tuesday Golf, Giancarlo Bisone Friday Golf and Mike Doherty Handicap Program. See website for all details. REMINDER: If you cancel be sure to notify the Golf Club so you don't get charged as well as Captain.
- Investment Club-Mike Flannery and Ron Reedy: Future meetings will be Wednesday July 23rd 1:30PM Zoom only and Wednesday October 22nd FPC and Zoom. Constant Contact email will be forthcoming with specifics.
- Military History – Tom Heed: Nothing scheduled for May.
- Movie Lovers- Dick Oswald: Ridgewood Village Hall. Movie will be “The Life and Death of Colonel Blimp” (1948-180 minutes there will be an intermission). Series of episodes during the career of Colonel Blimp starting in WW1 through mid WW11. Check web pages for additional details.
- Music Lovers – Jim McKeown: The upcoming program is Friday, May 9, 10AM, “Broadway’s Most Memorable Songs and Showstoppers”. Rick Pascal will present the first in a series of three presentations that have delighted audiences for generations dating back to the 1920s. The program will be in the FPC auditorium. Review the website for more details.
- Newsletter – Rick Pascal: Next edition will be mid-June. Activity Chairman kindly forward information and photos to Rick Pascal and Bill Carbone by early June.
- Pickleball – Allen Krauss: Outdoor pickleball started April 2nd and will continue through October. Outdoor is played at Saddle River County Park in Rochelle Park on Wednesdays from 8:30AM to 11:00AM. If you initially signed up but do wish to play contact Allen to remove your name. Contact Allen at akrauss@gmail.com for further information or see website for further details.
- ROMEO- Cliff Matthews: Next lunch will be May 16, 2025 Noon at TS MA (637 Wyckoff Ave, Wyckoff, NJ.) Kindly advise Cliff no later than Noon on May 13th to reserve your seat and allow him to have a good headcount for the reservation.
- Trip and Tours- Bob Sayegh and Bob Paoli: Upcoming Trips:1) Wednesday June 18th bus departs Graydon North Parking Lot at 9:00AM for trip to the Paterson Great Falls and the Paterson Museum followed by lunch at Limoncello Restaurant in Waldwick and 2) Wednesday September 10th to

September 12th the Fall Trip to Woodloch Pines Resort, Hawley, PA. Bus departs Graydon North Parking Lot at 9:30AM on Sept 10th arriving for lunch. Contact Bob Sayegh (201-670-6010)for further details.

- Volunteer Services- George Millington and Dave Smilon: Program is active with 14 regulars going 2 Tuesdays per month (May 6th and May 27th 2025) to Eva's Village in Paterson. The group meets at 10AM at Graydon North Parking Lot and departs to Eva's Village to set up tables and serve lunches at noon as well as 1PM to homeless and working poor. Generally, the group finishes around 1:30PM and is back in Ridgewood by 2PM.
- Wine Appreciation—Bob Stevenson: Nothing Scheduled for May. Next Luncheon will be June.
- Wine Making- Paul Richert: The Group will next begin producing in May a Chilean Blend (Syrah-Cabernet Sauvignon-Malbec). The fun will commence on May 12th (crushing) and continue on May 19th (pressing) at The Wine Experience in Tinton Falls. Cars leave Graydon Pool North Parking Lot at 9AM sharp generally returning around 1PM.

Chairs still needed for Camera Club and World Affairs. Someone needs to step up to Chair either one or both Activities. See President Don Peterfriend.

Other Business: None

Business Meeting Concluded at 10:41AM

Today's program: "Decisions: Making the Right Ones More Often"

Presented by Jack Warner

Respectfully submitted by,
Chuck Woehrle, Executive Secretary