

April 2008 Meeting Minutes

President Fred Hanquet called the monthly meeting of the Barnyard Buzzards to order at 7:00 P.M., Tuesday, April 1, 2008 at Alfys Pizza with 18 members present.

Fred asked for visitors or guests to identify themselves. No visitors were present.

Our next meeting is at the Club field, May 6. The meetings will be at the field until October when we'll resume meeting at Alfys. The May meeting will also be the judging of the Builder's Contest.

Fred asked for ideas and volunteers (3 person committee) for the Auction proceeds from our annual auction event. The annual auctions will be in June and July at the Club field. Remember when cleaning out your hangar that any items can be donated for the auction.

The field has a new look, the runway is close to the original foot print and there is a white center line down the middle for a visual. We seem to be always crowding the fence on takeoffs. The line will give a good reference point.

Fred once again asked Brian Illston and Jay Bell to be the mole guys. Jay is also taking on the duty of getting prizes for our competitive events. Thanks Guys!

Our landlord, Dale Reiner, has asked us to call the Snohomish County DOT and report the potholes on the road to the field. Maybe if enough calls come in, they'll do some work on it. Ron Rueter will pass along the number.

Fred asked for a motion to accept the minutes as written in the February and March newsletters. Motion made, seconded and unanimously passed.

Fred introduced the current club officers:

President - Fred Hanquet

Vice President - Brian Illston

Secretary - Chet Blake

Treasurer - Rick Hanners

Field Safety Officer - Vince Bell

Newsletter Editor and Webmaster - Ron Swift

Field Manager - Ron Rueter

Vice President - Brian Illston reported that he needs help with at least one of the Open Houses. Please see Brian if you can help.

Brian reported that he had asked for help at the events. Charlie Higgins has stepped up to the plate and is welcomed as the official time keeper for the events. Thank you, Charlie !

Brian is going to get signs made to attach to the fence about properly and loudly calling out your intentions, such as Taking off, Dead stick, Hand launch, Landings & properly displaying frequency in the frequency board, etc. as a reminder to pilots.

Secretary - Chet Blake reported we have 61 members, which includes 1 family and 1 Jr. member.

The Builder's Contest is in process, the conclusion is May 6th at the field.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, May 6th at the Club Field.

A sign in sheet is sent around at each meeting now for member sign in. This is a suggestion from the AMA that we decided to adopt.

An email was sent out about the Maytown Float fly on April 4th. Dick Ovrud talked briefly about it and had general directions. He's planning on being there.

The Club Insurance Certificate and Charter registration have been received.

Treasurer - Rick Hanners reported that the bank balance is \$7933.58.

The income from the builders contest is \$110 (11 entries).

Safety Officer - Vince reported that we're doing a good job safety wise. The white stripe down the middle of the runway is a good visual. He's noticed that pilots are making more of an effort to stay center. Don't take off and veer over the pits. Incident reports should be at the field shed soon. We ask that one is filled out if there's a strange problem that creates a crash. The info will be kept and recorded for evaluation.

Special Committee Reports

Alternate Field Location Committee - Nothing new.

Pilot training - There are 2 active students, 6 inactive students.

Sound Management - No new readings or report. The Club has bought a dB meter. Ron Rueter and Fred will manage this.

Field Improvements - Ron has been at the field and applied some paint remover to the top of the men's porta-potty to allow some light in.

The Field clean up will be April 19th ,weather permitting. Inclement weather date will be April 26th. If postponed, email notices will be sent out.

Some of the work for the field clean up will be: weed the perimeter of the field, clean off the paint from the porta-potty, brush down and repaint the tables, weed whack and blow away debris, tighten the netting on the fence. Lots to do, but with enough people it will go fast. Lunch and refreshments will be provided.

Ron asked for a motion to buy a line type paint sprayer (cart) and a case of paint. The use of line chalk or lime will continually build up and cause a curbing effect. A motion was made, seconded and approved for Ron to purchase the cart and materials.

The field is back to it's original dimensions, 50' x 350' with a line marking center.

Old Business

Fred asked for ideas for Programs and items the members would like to see at the meetings.

May will be the Builder's Model Show and Contest Judging.

June and July will be the annual auctions.

August will be a 4 stroke rebuild demonstration

September will be a flying demonstration.

If anyone has any ideas, please forward them to Fred.

Chet asked about the club's shed repairs since we voted out the idea of a container. It was suggested that due to the time it involves, it shouldn't be part of the field work day. A separate day will be set up.

Ron Swift reminded everyone that Craig Crummer's widow, Lorraine, called him and gave him R/C stuff that Craig had 'willed' to be sold by Ron with the proceeds split 50/50 split between Lorraine and the club. Ron brought some photos of some of the planes.

New Business

Fred talked to Dale and it looks like we might be at this location for some time. Dale relayed some ideas he's thinking of for the land, including possible summer cabins, a pond, and being registered with Snohomish County as a park and air park. We might have to close sometimes when public events could be occurring at the pond or on the grounds.

Dale also reported that approximately the same time our shed was broken into, his trailer was broken into.

Ron Swift offered to make an alarm with fire alarm strobes and 110 or 120 dB horns that can be implemented.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to get Dale a \$100 gift certificate.

Sandy is making safety signs for Brian to post at and around the frequency board. Sandy showed the Event CD vests and the Safety Officer's vest. Nice job Sandy!

The board had gotten together and had a CD meeting. It was thought best to go back to the \$5 entry fee for Fun Flys and Combat events. This includes lunch. If a spectator wishes to buy lunch, they can do so for \$3.00.

Brian asked about increasing the rent as a gesture to Dale that we appreciate the fact that he always thinks about us. This was tabled until next meeting.

The Builder's Contest will be judged in 3 areas. Pilot's Choice, then 1st and 2nd in each class (ARF or Built).

Brian Illston asked the membership to start thinking about changing by-laws for the Field Manager to be a paid position. Rick brought up that it can not be a board position due to the fact the Club made the officers an odd number (5) so there can't be a tie. This will be talked about at the next meeting.

Fred brought up the Membership Participation Plan. Some discussion followed and more wrinkles have to be worked out 'if' it would ever fly. This will be brought up again at the May meeting.

Discussion about a membership cap revealed that the Club currently doesn't want a cap on membership. "If" the time ever comes that it's felt to be needed, it will be discussed then.

Chet asked about themes for the Open Houses. He mentioned an Old Timer's Day. Old Timer either by age, of vintage aircraft such as the WWII and older planes. This would be at the last Open House for the year. Brian would like ideas for the first Open House. Get ideas to him.

Announcements

Fred's phone # is still 425.891.3145 and his email is still goldbarfred@gmail.com.

Chet's phone # is 425.879.2792 or email - chetblake@comcast.net.
Please email Chet if you are not receiving the monthly notices,
announcements, etc. via email.

Program & Show and Tell

Vince brought his new 2.4 Gig radio set up and receiver along with his Extra 260 with a DA 50 engine. The 2.4 gig is a nice compliment to his JR radio that had a frequency module. It just snaps in the place of the frequency module, and it has its own antenna so you remove the 72 MHz antenna and replace it with the provided plug. The receiver antenna is very short, so no outside antenna is needed and keeps that scale look of the plane. From reports so far, these radio systems have no reported problems, crashes or planes shot down.

Vince bought the Extra 260 (27% ??) at the North West Hobby Expo. He had to use some good old experience on a lot of it since there were no included instructions. The plane flies like a dream, rock steady and seems very dependable. Vince has made some improvements like redoing the hinges and covering in some spots.

The power plant is a DA50. What a nice engine! Just the polished finish alone makes it a nice engine besides the fact that it's a top performer with a fantastic dependability record. Nice presentation, Vince!

Chet brought his Hughes H1 racer that he's building from scratch. After many web searches for plans he happened to see an article about

the plans in the Model Aviation August 2006 issue. Sure enough, he had the magazine but never looked at that month, since he was moving to a new residence. The plans were 8.5 x 11 and he had them blown up at a local copy shop..... 850 times!

It's been a chore since the plans were for a 30" electric and lots of areas had to be beefed up. We'll have to see how it turns out since the tail section is so long, it's extremely tail heavy. There's a .70 Magnum on it and hopefully produces enough thrust to haul it around. It WILL be a heavy plane.

The best part was all the research about Howard Hughes and his eccentric manners but yet the valuable input he had on aviation.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:55 P.M..

Respectfully submitted, Chet Blake BBMAC Secretary.