

April 2016 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Chet Blake at approximately 6:30pm with 11 members in attendance. Club Officers were introduced by the club President, Chet Blake:

- **President** - Chet Blake
- **Vice President** - Tim Shegrud
- **Secretary** - Mark Weeks
- **Treasurer** - Ron Swift
- **Safety Officer** - Vince Bell
- **Field Manager** - Jay Bell
- **Webmaster** - Ron Rueter (Currently in AZ)
- **Newsletter Editor** - Ron Swift

Chet called for additions or corrections to the minutes as published on the web/newsletter. No one provided any corrections and a motion was made to accept the minutes. The minutes were approved.

Reports

VP - April 30th will be our first night fly event. The start time for the even has been moved until 7:30. May 14th will be the Boats and Floats with a 10:00am start time.

Secretary - The membership level at the present time is 28 paid members plus 1 student member. The AMA charter renewal has been received.

Treasurer - The club treasury stands at a healthy level.

Safety Officer - The runway is narrower than it has been it now stands at 45 feet wide, this will allow for a more defined pits and a driving area behind the pits. If you have to use the "Pallet walkway" Please be careful it is a work in progress.

Newsletter Editor - Printed copies of the newsletter are available for anyone who wishes a hard copy. Ron asks that if people take pictures to please send copies to him and Ron Rueter, for possible newsletter/website usage.

OLD BUSINESS

Reminder of FAA registration is a requirement of the FAA. Please place your FAA number on all aircraft.

Jay had a dirt spreading work party on March 12th to fill in some of the low spots on the runway while it was still wet enough to identify them. It was sure wet! Thanks to those who helped out, now we just wait till the grass comes in.

Our first night Fly event is April 30th. Even if you don't or won't have a lit up night flying plane or quad come and enjoy the evening. It's easy to light up a plane, an inexpensive LED strip from Hobby King is all you need.

Mark is laying out pallets and tying them together with firing strips to make a safer way to walk over the boggy area and eventually over the creek to aid in retrieval of downed aircraft. Pallets are still needed. Please look for heavy duty ones as we want them to last as long as possible.

Jay has resumed the Field Manager position. Thanks for coming back to this very important job. If you have any special project please contact Jay or Mark.

Field improvement ideas are always welcome, we do have funds set aside for field improvements and the goal is to improve but we do not want to break the bank, please share your ideas with the board or membership. It's your field help make it what you want.

As with anything involving money, internet, special interest groups, etc. false Drone registration sites are out there. Please be sure you go the FAA OFFICIAL site for your registration.

NEW BUSINESS

Mark added a holder and a write in the rain tablet for signing in at the field. We decided a long time ago that we'd like to have a written log of members and guests using the field. Its finally in place. Please sign in when using the field.

Along the same lines, with the advent and mass sales of 2.4, we have all seemed to gone away from posting your AMA card. We are all guilty. Please get back into the practice of putting your AMA card in the appropriate slot. It's a Club and AMA rule.

Both Mark and Bryan have come up with ideas (reminders) as how not to leave the field with you AMA card in the frequency board. Mark has added some key hooks so you can place your car keys next to your card. Bryan takes a business card and places it on his steering wheel as a reminder. Try one or both.

Mark's wife Ronna has completed the GPS Coordinates and elevation of the field and it has been installed on the frequency board. It looks nice and has an official feel to the board.

Jay also has made an addition to the board; there is now a photo of the area north of the road. IF you do put down you now have an overview as how best to retrieve you plane.

Night Fly event: Fire pit is available, light snacks and beverages. Starting time is around 7:30 pm, get used to the darkening skies and kind of slip into the darkness. This could be 2 to 3 hours or less depending on the weather and skies. Be part of it for our first ever try at this.

With the night fly we are looking for ideas as to best light up the runway. Solar lights, chem sticks from the dollar store. Ideas?

Driving south of the frequency board is still not advised, the ground is still not hard enough and will just cause more ruts and damage to the areas. Please refrain.

The idea of a designated handicap spot was brought up. We are looking for the correct place to put one, for now those who can please leave a save close to the field center for our members who need a closer walk. Mark will look into getting a sign and post.

FYI Bryan heard from Dick Broderson he is doing better and hope to get out to the field soon.

Program: Modern R/C Technology and toys; Vince shared his spectrum DX9 and it telemetry features. You can program it to accept various items. Vince watches flight pack voltage and more. Mark shared his new Phantom 3 and showed a bit of controlling via or android device. Someday I will get the waypoints and follow me features figured out. Ron Swift shared sensor and GPS apparatus that he has gathered to build a 800 size quad

A motion was made and passed to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm

Mark Weeks, Club Secretary