

## **April 2023 Meeting Minutes**

Mark Weeks Called Meeting to Order @ 6:32 Pm.

Introduction of Officers and Guests: 15 Members and one Guest (Doug Hoff) in attendance.

President - Mark Weeks

Vice President - Ron Swift

Secretary - Steve Higgins

Treasurer - Dart Sharp

Safety Officer - Vince Bell

Minutes from February Meeting approval: Motion was made 2nd and passed.

### **OFFICER REPORTS:**

President: Will cover under new business. .

Vice President: Night Fly Event #1 was well attended and came off well. Cars and Crawlers, lots of people at the event and went smoothly.

Micro Quad was canceled due to the weather. The next one is in May. Car Racing was a few weeks ago, with another in May.

Ron Brought a Sign-up Sheet for booth duty in the Buzzard's booth, and Sandy made a couple of new banners for the booth at the Hobby Expo. Sandy Duvall and Sharon Beba were looking to help with the club. Things like helping with the Christmas Party and the Summer picnic event. If your wife would like to help, please contact Ron Swift, and he can put you in touch with Sandy.

Secretary: Currently 48 Members. Membership Cards for 2023 are done and as you see I have started to hand them out. Over the next few months, I will be handing them out as I see members, If I don't see you in the next couple of months, I will mail them to everyone starting the middle of June.

Treasurer: Good Shape. Honey Buckets have been emptied and paid.

Safety Officer: Someone hit the safety net, and they ended up having cut the safety net. Make sure that you are behind the safety netting, and you are behind the netting when you are flying. Ron told a story about the pilot stations and how a plane hit the flight station. It cut the net but did stop the plane. So, make sure that you are flying from the pilot stations.

Field Manager: Everything is looking good

Newsletter Editor: Ron brought copies of the March newsletter. When you are at the field, take pictures and share them; it improves the website and newsletter.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None:

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Dart Sharp proposed: New awning for the car track. We have a plan to keep it from blowing away. The trailer is 6.5 feet wide, so that'll give us a bit of overlap to block out the sun. Storage for Tank/Car/Crawler Materials. We should be able to find something for around \$400-500... Ron proposed that we put away \$550 for a new storage shed.

It was asked if we don't have room in the container, putting them into the container might eat up a lot of room. Not to mention the back and forth up the hill to get the stuff out and in. Both votes were seconded and approved by the membership. Dart overseeing sourcing these items

Where do we place the Windsock donated by the Marymoor Rc Club? It was proposed that we put it North-East of the runway out by the road.

Nobody dissented that was at the meeting. Worst case, it can be moved if necessary.

Work Party Scheduled for April 22nd.

Awnings Setup

Replace the road flags.

Windsock.

Organize Container

Crawler Track Stairs

Stairs to Car Track

Bushwack Entry

Weed-wack Parking Hill and Upper Parking/Crawler Area

Repair Flight Stations/Build 1 more.

Mark locations of flight stations to assist in re-placement after mowing. We need to keep the spacing between the flight stations... It was mentioned that we could use pavers to mark where the flight stations should be. In the past we did use pavers, but the field was much narrower than today.

June through Sept 2nd Sat at the field. The May 6th meeting will be held at the field, followed directly by the club auction.

Two Fire Extinguishers have been purchased and installed. One is in the clubhouse, while the other is on the Frequency Board.

Dave mentioned that Lou sold Broadway Hobbies in Everett to another guy who went to Mexico and isn't stocking shelves, and one of the guys purchased the place as of April 1st it'll take a month or two to get restocked. Ron mentioned that he could put an ad for him in the newsletter.

Paul asked about a build day for the wings. Also, maybe do a workday for the guys who have mini quads... Steve Higgins will send out a message.

Update on Power and Water. Mark Spent some time talking to the Rangers. Sometime next week they will get together and dig the water line and get power installed.

Asked about using the lake more often, they may let us use it more, but they don't want us driving on the lower road as its mucky and rutted.

We discussed doing more camp stuff with the scout campers, we would need to do a session for each week. They want to make sure that it covers the entire camping season. That would be 8 to 12 sessions once per week. Each session would have to be the same. They are still working up their camp schedule.

The Rangers may ask for help with some extra labor to set up picnic tables/gazebos they are installing around the camp.

**SHOW AND TELL:** None.

**PROGRAM:** Wet Engines by Ron Swift.

Ron spoke for a few minutes about using gas, glow, or nitro motors.

Top Takeaways:

Make sure your props are meant for motor type. Electric props don't handle most Gas/Glow/Nitro Motors well. Wood Props are generally too heavy for electric motors.

You need to make certain that your props are properly balanced.

Make sure the fuel lines you are using are meant for the fuel you are using. Some fuel will damage or eat thru silicone tubing.

Ensure you use the right spinners, as most plastic spinners won't survive most "Wet" engines.

In cooler weather conditions, Ron showed lighter fluid; he uses it to help get some motors started in cold weather locations. For diesel engines, you can use WD-40 to help them start.

Sometimes it's less expensive to buy a new carburetor than a rebuild kit.

Ron then showed various types of motors he brought to the meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:41 pm.