

August 2010 Meeting Minutes

President Chet Blake called the monthly Barnyard Buzzard Model Airplane Club (BBMAC) meeting to order on Tuesday, August 10, 2010, 6:30 P.M. at the flying field in Monroe. 17 members were present. The next meeting will be on September 14, 2010, 6:30 P.M. at the club's flying field in Monroe. This will be our last meeting at the field for the season.

President Chet Blake welcomed everyone. There were no guests or visitors present. He made sure to thank all who attended.

Chet introduced the officers and then went into the officers' reports.

President - Chet Blake

Vice President - Jim Reynolds (absent)

Treasurer - Rick Hanners

Secretary - Vaughan Houger

Field Safety Officer - Vince Bell

Newsletter Editor and Webmaster - Ron Swift

Field Manager - Jay Bell

Officers Reports

Vice President - Jim Reynolds was absent. President Chet Blake reminded everyone of the upcoming (now concluded at the time of this

writing) Combat event this weekend, Saturday 8/14. The next event is the Fun Fly scheduled for September 11th. You can locate more information about the Barnyard Buzzard events at the www.barnyard-buzzard.com website Chet also reminded everyone to participate in the builder's contest, which is underway. It is still \$10 to participate.

Scott Curtis talked a bit regarding the combat event. He requested anyone who could attend to help as spotters would be appreciated. (Secretary's note: I attended the combat event on Saturday 8/14. This was my first experience witnessing this intense and fast paced event. It was truly amazing. I might have to invest in a combat plane...)

Treasurer - Rick Hanners reported that the Buzzards have \$5,875.18 in the bank.

Secretary - Vaughan reported that the Buzzard membership is now at 63. It seems we lost a member (probably somewhere in the corn!).

Safety Officer - Vince stated that everyone is doing fine and staying safe. (You might want to read Vince's latest article in the August Newsletter regarding being prepared and being smart when out in the heat.)

Field Manager - Jay commented on the new field tables. Jay is planning to oversee a field cleanup day on Saturday, August 21st with the 28th as a backup date. The priority is to paint the tables. The new tables

have had enough time to dry and are ready to be painted in time for the fall and winter weather.

Speaking of the field condition, if you signed up to mow, you selected one of the easiest times of the year due to the dry condition of the field. Since we do not water the field the grass dries out leaving not much to mow. Additionally, be aware of bee's or wasps nests. It seems Ron Rueter found one under one of the tables. I couldn't quite make out the actual size of the nest. The thing seemed to grow from about the size of a soft ball to about a basket ball size. The good thing is the thing was destroyed and no one was stung. So, be careful.

Newsletter - Ron Swift thanked Ron Rueter for sending photos of the recent Open House. You can see those on the web site. Ron was looking for someone to take photos of the combat event and send them to him for our September newsletter.

Old Business

Prizes. At the July meeting this issue was brought forth for exploration and for members to think about. The types of prizes for winners of events were the topic of discussion. Should winners receive a plaque, a gift certificate, other prizes, or some combination? Chet explained the history of how the plaques came to be the preferred reward for skill achievement. This was initiated with the builder's contest years ago. Prior to the plaques gift certificates or merchandise from various hobby stores were the prizes: The dollar amount of the prize corresponded to the placing of the winner.

After a brief discussion among the present members a motion was presented. The motion was for winners of an event to decide whether to receive a plaque or a gift certificate. The motion was seconded and voted on. There were a couple of nays the majority was ayes. The motion passed.

So, the gift certificates will be of different amounts where the first place winner will receive the highest amount, or a plaque. Each award can be decided individually.

In other news, Ron Swift reported on the Index event. He stated the event was well attended. The club's booth drew interest from a lot of people. Chet talked about the issue regarding unmanned aerial vehicles, which could have impact to our hobby. Chet has been in communication with AMA President Dave Mathewson. Apparently, the FAA is expected to draft a rule in mid 2011.

New Business

None.

Announcements

Remember the upcoming events. See the Barnyard Buzzard website for event, date, time, and location. Event Calendar All current AMA members are welcome to participate - \$5.00 entry fee. Anyone can

watch for free. Food and beverages are available for \$5.00 per person (not included in the \$5.00 entry fee for pilots).

The meeting officially adjourned at 7:18 PM. The next meeting is Tuesday, September 14, 2010 at the field in Monroe at 6:30 P.M.

The club newsletter is available online. If you still want to receive a "hard" copy contact: Ron Swift (425-788-6045) - Ronswift@cablespeed.com .

Respectfully submitted by Vaughan Houser BBMAC Secretary.