

February 2008 Meeting Minutes

President Fred Hanquet called the monthly meeting of the Barnyard Buzzards to order at 7:03 P.M., Tuesday, Feb 5, 2008 at Alfys Pizza with 27 members present.

Fred asked for visitors or guests to identify themselves,

Mr. Dick Broderson introduced himself. He came from Marymoor and wanted a more pleasant place to fly. Ray at R/C Hobbies sent him to us. Thanks Ray!

Dick joined the Club tonight..... Welcome Dick!

Officer's Reports

Fred presented the signup sheet for working the tables at the show. This is an important event for the Club. Thanks to all who signed up!

The food for the Open Houses and Fun Flys will be hamburgers, chips and sodas.

The Combat Events will have Fred's secret brisquette, chips and sodas for \$6.00.

Another BBMAC breakfast will be in August this year.

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 was in Portland, OR. on business.

Field Manager - Ron Rueter was in Salt Lake City

A motion was requested by Fred, made, seconded and approved to accept the minutes as published in the monthly newsletter. Motion passed unanimously.

Vice President - Brian Illston presented a calendar with dates of 2 Fun Flys, 2 Combat events and 2 Open Houses. Brian is having Contest Director vests made. There will be a Safety table for all events.

Secretary - Chet Blake reported we have 70 members including 2 family and 2 Jr. members with the addition of Dick Broderson.

The Builder's Contest is in process, the conclusion is May 6th at the field. It's never too late to make an entry.

Club dues are due! Membership dues **MUST** be paid by the end of the business meeting Mar. 4, 2008 in order to NOT pay the \$100 initiation dues. The current membership renewal dues are once again being held at \$60 for 2008.

Chet will have new membership cards made up for the March meeting. Those members not in attendance will have them mailed to them, so please be sure that Chet has your current address.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, March 4th at Alfy's Pizza.

To repeat... You now **MUST** have 2008 AMA card or verification to fly at the field. Chet reported that he sent a write up and picture to the editorial staff of the AMA and our district V.P.. about the recent 2007 Charity Auction and a brief run down of the wherefores and whys we do it.

Mr. Jim Cherry of the AMA wrote a return email that he was forwarding it to the editorial staff [with some requests for additional details]. Rick Hanners obtained the name of the young gal in the picture at the presentation of the check. Rick also forwarded the name to Mr. Cherry.

The 2006 auction write up had been sent twice and never acknowledged. Lets hope the 2007 write up will be published by AMA.

We'll see if we get any publicity this time.

Treasurer - Rick Hanners reported that the bank balance is \$6552.25 and dues are coming in. We should be in a position to take on a new field, if the opportunity comes along.

Rick passed around the proposed budget for 2008. The budget was adopted.

Safety Officer - With the winter toll, it's a good time to get out the planes, cycle the batteries, check props for cracks, secure clevises, etc. and make sure that the plane is in good shape. The weather is going to get better soon!

Special Committee Reports

Alternate Field Location Committee - Nothing new, Fred will pursue more after he loses the neck brace and becomes more mobile.

Pilot training - Rick reported that 6 members are in training.

Sound Management - No new readings or report. The Club is considering buying a sound meter and Fred is willing to manage it. It's a good idea to be able to tell a prospective land lord where we are at as far as dB readings.

Field Improvements - Ron was not present, but Fred reported that Ron would like to have field clean ups on April 19th (rain date April 26th) and August 17th (August 24th rain date). Some discussion followed and most would like to see the fall date a bit later, possibly after some heavy leaf fall or wind storm like last year. It will be discussed with Ron Rueter and presented at the next meeting.

Old Business

The idea about a container was continued from last meeting. The general consensus is that for a few hundred dollars we can beef up what we have and not buy a container. Save that money for a new field, when the opportunity happens.

New Business

Park Flyer issue. The Club felt that the Park Flyer issue is not for our Club. We want to keep the regular membership and regular Club dues for everyone.

A motion was made, seconded and passed that the Club buy a dB meter and perform regular sound readings.

Announcements

The Northwest Hobby Expo at the Evergreen State Fairgrounds...
Come one come all! C'mon out, help, chit chat and enjoy the Expo!

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

Chet's phone # is 425.879.2792 or email - chetblake@comcast.net . If
you are not receiving Chet's announcements via email and would like to
have the latest notices and reminders, please email him so he can have
an accurate email address.

Program - Show and Tell

Charlie Higgins brought pictures of his 'Tumble Wing' that he built last
year, which was subsequently flown by Scott Curtis. The plane won the
second place prize at the NW Model Expo last year. He plans to fly it
again this year after he accumulates some 'stick time'. It's quite a
spectacle in the sky !! Nice Job Charlie!

Brian Illston brought a Sea Master ARF given to him by a friend. It
draws about 43 amps, 600 watt coming in at 80 to 90 watts per sq. ft.
wing area. He's itchin' to try out the pond !!

Dick Ovrud brought a Flying W that he and Jedd designed, but this time around, he put a .15 glow on it. It flies well, but the throttle response is a bit slower than the electric and harder to hover. Dick says "it's still a kick in the pants, though"! The electric model weighs about 23 oz, the glow around 28 oz. Sumo glue from Loctite is used and works fantastic. The receiver was dipped in Corrosion X to keep it water tight. All great stuff!

You can see the Flying W video at www.youtube.com . Then type in the search area, Flying W.

Gary Owen brought a Taylor Craft on floats that he's had for around 22 years. Dick has the matching twin, which they still fly regularly and have great fun with on landing one float, dragging the tail, etc. It's covered with Sig Coverall and dope. It's never changed or aged.

Jay Wellan brought his Hydro Hawk and talked about having to set up an expo on the radio around 55 to 60% for easier control. He is anxious to get it in the sky!

Nice job guys and Thanks!

Meeting Adjourned at 8:44 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Chet Blake, BBMAC Secretary.