

July 2010 Meeting Minutes

President Chet Blake called the monthly Barnyard Buzzard Model Airplane Club (BBMAC) meeting to order on Tuesday, July 13, 2010, 6:30 P.M. at our flying field in Monroe. 18 members were present. The next meeting will be on August 10, 2010, 6:30 P.M. at the club's flying field in Monroe.

President Chet Blake welcomed everyone. There were no guests or visitors present. Thank you to all who came out to the meeting.

Chet summarized a few highlights of his trip back to Pennsylvania. One key stop was at the AMA headquarters in Muncie, Indiana where he was able to take in the sights, as well as fly his electric

P-51. Congratulations, Chet on your flying experience at the AMA headquarters.

Chet reminded everyone of the upcoming Open House and Charity Auction scheduled for Saturday, July 17th. The event time is from 10:00 A.M. to around 3:00 P.M. Ron Swift stated that several Cub and Boy Scouts are expected to attend. Of course by the time you read this, the event will be in the past. However, you can learn more about upcoming events by going to the Barnyard Buzzard's website: Event Calendar

Chet mentioned that the Barnyard Buzzards have their first ever official rental agreement with our landlord, Dale Reiner. More to come on that later.

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

President - Chet Blake

Vice President - Jim Reynolds

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 provided more details pertaining to the Open House and Charity Auction scheduled for Saturday, July 17th, 2010. Jim will not be able to attend but urged all to be there. Ron added that many people are expected to show up for the event. Tim Baird stated he had invited a number of people from work to the Open House.

Treasurer - Rick Hanners reported that the Buzzards have \$6,412.60 in the bank. Rick stated that the club paid Dale the \$2,000.00 rent. He also read excerpts from the rental agreement. The agreement stipulates the rent period is from July 1 to June 31. If you want more

details, copies of the agreement most likely will be posted on the club's web site.

Secretary - Vaughan reported that the Buzzard membership is now at 64.

Safety Officer - Vince was absent. However, keep up the good work maintaining safe airplane operations.

Field Manager - Jay commented on the new field tables. He mentioned that the tables were made with treated wood which should be dry enough to paint in about a month. Jay would still like to plan a field clean up day and be able to paint the tables at that time.

Newsletter - Ron Swift requested someone provide a generator for the Saturday, July 17th Open House to power Ron's sound system. He also congratulated Tim Baird for soloing.

Old Business

Field situation. As mentioned earlier, Chet and Rick reported the club has a signed agreement with Dale. The new operating hours will be posted.

New Business

Chet proposed, and a motion was made, to reward Jay's field management efforts with a dinner gift certificate. The motion was seconded, voted on, and passed. Congratulations and thank you Jay, for a job well done!

In other new business, the topic of prizes for the builder's contest, Fun Fly events, and other events was mentioned. It seems several members prefer the plaques with the pilot's photo and placing. Others prefer gift certificates as rewards. Ron Swift stated that some hobby stores in the area have donated prizes. There was nothing definitive decided tonight. Be thinking of what you prefer and we can address this in an upcoming meeting.

Ron also talked about the poor condition of the club's current propane grill. He proposed the club buy a new grill costing less than \$200.00. A motion was made, voted on, and passed to purchase a new grill.

Announcements

Remember the upcoming events. See the Barnyard Buzzards' website for event, date, time, and location. <http://barnyard-buzzards.com/Calendars/index.htm> All current AMA members are welcome to participate \$5.00 entry fee. Anyone can watch for free. Food and beverages are available for purchase(not included in the \$5.00 entry fee for pilots).

Evening Program:

Pilot training and instruction —The club has 5 instructors. Rick Hanners and Ron Swift were present to talk about some of the procedures they use to instruct someone new to R/C flying, or someone who wants to refine his or her flying skills. Rick shared what instructors look for when training someone.

He also highlighted the benefits of having an instructor both on an individual basis and for the club.

Thank you Rick for sharing.

On behalf of the Club, I want to thank the instructors for their commitment of time and patience. We all benefit in terms of producing better skilled pilots and safer operations.

The meeting officially adjourned at 7:55 PM.

The next meeting is Tuesday, August 10, 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).

Respectfully submitted by Vaughan Houser BBMAC Secretary.