

July 2012 Meeting Minutes

The July meeting was called the order by President Bryan Reightley at 6:28.

Bryan announced the officers present:

President - Bryan Reightley

Vice President - Jim Reynolds

Secretary - Tim Baird

Safety Officer - Vince Bell

Newsletter Editor - Ron Swift

Field Manager - Jay Bell

Web Master - Ron Rueter

Treasure - Rick Hanners arrived as meeting started.

A motion was made to accept the minutes from the previous meeting as written in the newsletter. This was seconded. There was no discussion. The members voted to approve the minutes. The minutes as presented were accepted.

Visitor Dan Vacchio joined us for our meeting. We are all hoping he liked what he saw and will be joining us in the future.

Jim Reynolds reminded us of the Fun Fly on Sat. July 28th, 2012 being held at the Arlington Eagles field. Arlington Eagles Flying Field on

249th NE Arlington WA.. Approximately 1 mile east on Highway 530 from Arlington. Don't forget to bring your items for our swap meet being held on the same day. Jim also reminded us that even if you do not intend to compete we could still use your help in support. Judges, cooks, assistants and spotters will all be needed. Please go to their website for addition info on their field and directions Arlington Eagle Flyers.

Rick Hanners reported on our financial health with a brief accounting of moneys we have on hand, how much is already committed to the field, rent and the access road. We are, at this point, doing well.

Vince reminded us that while we are not supposed to be using the field we should be using the area between the safety barriers and the newly planted field. We should also take extra caution to avoid tip overs which are not only potentially damaging to our planes but could also spray debris at those nearby.

Jay announced that we have a gas powered water pump to use to help keep the field moist during this critical early period of growth for the new field. That he will keep us all informed as he is looking into a solution to extend the short output hose to be utilized to water the entire field. He asked if any of the member might had lengths of 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " to 2" PVC tubing for this use.

Ron Swift was happy to report that the newsletter is growing thanks to more people flying and giving more opportunities for pictures and news.

Ron Rueter announced that he had just, that day, completed the addition of a weather report page specifically for our field. The weather station he is pulling the data from is less than 3 miles away and should be fairly accurate for the field. The data reported includes the local temp, wind speed and direction, and the amount of precipitation at the field. All of the data history to be reviewed is adjustable so that you can check what has been happening the last hour, day, week or even longer. It also reports in nearly real time and should update roughly every 8 minutes or so.

Announcements:

Ron announced he had one of the new shirts with him. Size large.

Tim asked for assistance in loading the debris from the trees that have been cleared after the meeting.

The Yakima Valley Aero Modelers will be having their IMAA Mini-Fest July 20th - 22nd in Zillah, WA. Please see their website for further information Yakima Valley Aero Modelers

Old Business:

Rick announced that Chet had sent out an email that included a new challenge to provide a bag of grass seed for over seeding once the grass started growing in toe add to the thickness of the ground cover for our new field. This can be accomplished by either bringing a bag in

or simply giving Rick \$12 to combine with all others then he would provide the funds collected to pick up the additional seed

New Business:

Ron Swift made an announcement that he had put in the newsletter that the September meeting would be held at Alfies. There was some discussion about whether this was correct info and Bryan and Ron agreed to check past newsletters to see which month we normally return to Alfies.

Bryan announced that the trial period for our new field is due to come to an end at the end of July. He then posed the question to the club whether we wanted to commit to the full five year lease. During this discussion, Bryan said that Arlene is happy with our presence and her friends and neighbors seem to have a positive attitude about our presence as well. We may, also, be able to set up temporary electrical fencing from the control station to the gate at highway 2 so that we may leave that gate open for ingress and egress in the future on Saturdays, work parties and any other events where there may be heavy traffic for the field. This would be in the form of a wire with clips at both ends that can be attached to the electric fence by the control box then clipped to the gatepost for the gate at highway 2. We were also reminded that the cattle should be 'harvested' in October and will not be an issue again until spring.

A motion was placed before the membership to approve the signing of the five year lease for the field. This was seconded and unanimously approved.

Program:

Bryan and Ron Swift presented a demonstration of launching a sailplane using a Hi-Start. Bryan demonstrated two launches and flights while Ron gave an explanation of how the Hi-Start works. Then he described how a sailplane can be launched with a winch and using a tug.

A winch could be staked down at one end of a field with a cable stretched out to the opposite end to a pulley and back to the winch again. That the modeler would have a treadle peddle that he would use to activate the winch but would use a pulsing technique to launch the sailplane. This cable may also have a retrieval cable attached to bring the business end back to its starting point so that he modeler does not have to chase the end of the cable after the launch as one has to do with a Hi-Start.

One other method is to use a strong slow powered plane to attach a cable between the two planes and tow the sailplane into the air just as is done with full scale sailplanes. He also described some of the advantages and the disadvantages of each method.

He even touched on the 'recent' emergence of self-powered sailplanes for getting the planes aloft for their flights.

The meeting officially adjourned at 7:37. The next meeting is Tuesday, August 14, 2012, at our flying field in Sultan at 6:30 P.M.

The club newsletter is available on-line. If you still want to receive a "hard" copy, please, contact Ron Swift (425-788-6045).

Respectfully Submitted by: Tim Baird - Secretary