

## March 2008 Meeting Minutes

President Fred Hanquet called the monthly meeting of the Barnyard Buzzards to order at 7:00 P.M., Tuesday, March 4, 2008 at Alf's Pizza with 25 members present.

Fred asked for visitors or guests to identify themselves. No visitors were present.

The Board had met the previous Saturday and came up with a few items that were discussed as the meeting progressed, presented by different Board members.

Fred discussed the idea of the instructor being sure to explain the 'Next Step' to the student so the student doesn't get a plane too far advanced and lose interest due to what seems to be hard handling and resulting crashes. Sometimes, the student just isn't ready to proceed quite that far. The idea of R/C Modeling is to "enjoy" what you do, not try to have the biggest and boldest.

A short discussion followed about advanced training, if the student desires it and the role of the instructor at that point. Nothing concrete was decided or voted on.

The program was a video "Cub Nuts" that was presented by Dick Ovrud and Gary Owens. Dick also brought his latest Cub project for covering explanation and presentation.

Our next meeting will be here at Alf's on April 1st. This will be the last meeting inside until October 7th. The May 6th meeting will be at the Club Field and the program is the judging for the Builder's Contest winners.

At the April 1st meeting we will discuss a 3 person committee to designate where the annual charity auction proceeds and/or donations will go.

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

Field Manager - Ron Rueter

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 reported that he needs help with at least one of the Open Houses. Please see Brian if you can help.

Brian also said that with the Board meeting, we'd like to see the prizes increased to \$40, \$30 & \$20 for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place respectively and raise the entry fee to \$10. Discussion followed about including lunch or keeping a reduced entry fee and not including lunch. Nothing was resolved at this meeting. We'll discuss and finalize these ideas at our April 1st meeting.

A membership cap was discussed, but no motions were made or voted on. This was brought up because of other clubs' field closures, etc. This will be discussed again at the April meeting.

Brian is going to get signs made to attach to the fence about properly and loudly calling out your intentions, such as Taking off, Dead stick, Hand launch, properly displaying frequency in the frequency board, etc. as a reminder to pilots.

Secretary - Chet Blake reported we currently have 61 members. The number is lower, since this is the first report of the new membership year. This total includes 1 family and 1 Jr. member.

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

Chet handed out membership cards and AMA card stickers to those present and will mail these to the rest of the membership by the following Friday, March 7th. The new gate and shed combo will be changed Saturday, March 15th. This will allow plenty of time for the cards that have to be mailed to arrive at the members homes.

We had 20 members that covered over 60 hrs. of duty at the Feb. North West Hobby Expo. A BIG Thank You to all that helped.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, April 1 at Alfy's.

There has been no word or print on the article sent to the AMA about our charity auction as of this date.

A sign in sheet will be sent around at each meeting from now on for member sign in.

Chet reported at the Board Meeting, the idea of membership participation in Club events, meetings, work events showed interest. It seems as though the work always falls back to the 'faithful few' volunteers. An idea was brought up about a point system used by a local gun club that allowed points to be deducted from an elevated membership dues assessment. Points could be earned fairly and easily by participating in the club events. Length of membership would also come into play for limited amount of points. Chet asked Jim Reynolds

to explain a very effective and successful system that the gun club he belongs to uses. It's based on attendance at meetings, work parties, lawn mowing, field work, participation in events or helping, etc. It is very easy to build required points or if one wishes, he/she can pay the elevated dues.

This brought a great deal of opposition before a full explanation could be made. Time and patience got short and it was tabled until next meeting. This will be brought up again at the next meeting.

Treasurer - Rick Hanners reported that the balance is \$7622.25. We should be in position to take on a new field if the opportunity comes along.

Safety Officer - We would like members to fill out an incident report if a crash or loss of control condition happens. This is recommended by the AMA and it's merely designed to assist in collect data, recording failures and possibly help members with a "hot hit list" of common problems. Vince or Fred will make sure forms are in the Club shed. No problems lately, things are going well and everyone seems to be using good safety sense.

### Special Committee Reports

Alternate Field Location Committee - Nothing new.

Pilot training - Nothing new to report

Sound Management - No new readings or report. The Club is buying a Sound Meter. Readings will be kept and recorded. Ron Rueter and Fred will manage this.

Field Improvements - Ron Rueter reported that we need a field clean up April 19th (rain date 4/26). The August clean up date reported at the February meeting will most likely be moved out to late September or October to clean up after the leaves and winds have hit. Advance notice will be given when a date is decided.

Old Business

No old business

New Business

This is Fred's Bomb that he emailed members about....

Fred announced that John F. from the North West Hobby Expo talked to him and said that he'd like to further his Hobby Events to other areas such as a California Show in L.A., and possibly Vancouver, WA or Portland, OR and other areas. He expressed to Fred that he appreciated the Buzzards participation and asked if the Buzzards

would be willing to take over managing the show. This could be HUGE for the Club and further the idea of owning our own field, club house, all the dreams that clubs have.

Fred told him that he'd certainly present it to the Club and expressed his and our gratitude for thinking of the Buzzards. Fred said that he will work with John and sort of 'learn the ropes'.

Discussion about this included a 'special committee and skill sets' needed to host such an event. This also brought around the possible need for a Membership Participation Point System that Chet presented.

Dan Fye asked about a Park Flyer exemption that would allow him to fly his park flyer such as a Slo Stick, Slo V or similar electric airplane at the field without having to be with an instructor. This way, he would not have to continue training with a glow engine trainer that he's not comfortable with.

The discussion that followed aimed this at the Park Flyer designation that the AMA has notified everyone. The Club decided not to embrace this designation at the February meeting, therefore not allowing untrained pilots flying park flyer type aircraft.

Ron Swift reported that the application for another year in the Gold Leader designation has been submitted. Everything should be good and accepted by the AMA.

## Announcements

Fred's phone # is 425.891.3145 and NEW email is .

Chet's phone # is 425.879.2792 or email - . Please email Chet if you are not receiving the monthly notices, announcements, etc. via email.

Program & Show and Tell

Nice looking Cub and Video.

Nice job and Thanks Guys!

Meeting Adjourned at ??

Respectfully Submitted, Chet Blake BBMAC Secretary.