

March 2016 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Chet Blake at approximately 6:30 with 16 members and 2 guests, Freddy Haugans and Michael Gore in attendance. Club Officers were introduced by the club President, Chet Blake:

- President - Chet Blake
- Vice President - Tim Shegrud
- Secretary - Mark Weeks
- Treasurer - Ron Swift
- Safety Officer - Vince Bell
- Field Manager - Jay Bell
- Newsletter Editor - Ron Swift
- Webmaster - Ron Rueter (Currently in AZ)

Chet called for additions or corrections to the minutes as published on the web.

The minutes were then approved.

Reports

VP - March 12th work party to address flight stations and low spots on field 10am . April 30th - Night Fly 5:30pm. May 14th - Boats & Floats 10:00am

Treasurer - Finances are in good shape, there is still 190.00 left over in the field improvement fund as well as money in reserves.

Secretary - The membership level at the present time is 28 plus 1 student members. 28 Members paid for 2016. New members Andy Page, Michael Gore, and David Baily have joined our ranks.

Safety Officer - Please be care full when walking off the runway and in the Pit area. It is wet and slippery. While the pallet walkway is not complete yet, it can be used but please walk in the center to avoid breaking slats.

Newsletter Editor - Hard copies of the news letter are available, a number of copies have been sent to local hobby shops. Pictures and stories are needed.

Field Manager - Jay has not stepped down as the field manager, he has agreed to stay on. He is the manager and will be directing work not doing it. Thanks Jay!!

Web Master - Items, stories, pictures are needed. As always looking for input, send to Ron.

OLD BUSINESS

2016 dues are due by the end of the March meeting to receive the new gate combo.

If you haven't registered with the FAA for your small UAS, you have been warned. Don't let them make an example out of you. Place you FAA number on your planes, Quads Etc. With spring approaching it easy to forget to label each UAS. Make it part of you pre-flight plan.

Reports from the Arlington Eagles is that they have secured their field for a few more months at least. We wish them well. We know all too well the frustration and delays in moving and making a new home.

2016 Event schedule has been set.

- April 30th - Night Fly Event 5:30pm.
- May 14th - Boats & Floats Event 10:00am
- June 4th - Field Work Party 10:00am

- June 14th - Builders Contest (at regularly held business meeting 6:30 pm)
- June 18th - Open House/Auction 10:00am
- July 23rd - Fun Fly 10:00am
- August 13th - Model Aviation Day 10:00am
- August 27th - Quads and Gliders 10:00am
- September 18th - 2nd Boats & Floats Event 10:00am
- October 1st - Field Work Party 10:00am
- October 11th - Rebuilders contest (at regularly held business meeting 6:30 pm)
- December 3rd - Christmas Party 3:00pm (held and Camp Edwards Lodge)
- January 7th - Freeze-in

NEW BUSINESS

The AMA released a press statement that Thursday, February 11, 2016 the Transportation and the Infrastructure Committee in the House of Representatives passed the Aviation Innovation, Reform, and Reauthorization (AIRR) Act, which preserves and strengthens the Special Rule for Model Aircraft.

Rep. Bill Shuster of Pennsylvania, Chairman of the Transportation and the Infrastructure Committee, and Mark Sanford of South Carolina made great efforts to ensure that this important legislation protects the hobby of flying model aircraft.

Be careful there are scammers everywhere. They are even at Drone Registrations sites. As with any business type be careful with your credit information. If you have not receive a FAA certificate it's the wrong site.

Our first ever night fly event is April 30th. Even if you don't or won't have a lit up night flying plane come and enjoy the evening. It's easy to light up a plane, an inexpensive LED strip form Hobby King is all you need.

Mark is laying out pallets and tying them together with 1x3 firing strips to make a path over the bog and the long term plan will be to have a place to cross the creek safely.

Jay has resumed the Field manager position. We need more help to make sure that he does less heavy work. Thanks for coming back Jay! Going forward we are planning on giving as much notice as possible for work parties.

Field improvement.. We have funds set aside for field improvements, we want to improve but obviously don't want to break the bank, so if you have an idea please share with the board or membership. It's your field help make it what you want.

March Program: Pattern Flying competitions Presented by: Freddy Haugans

Freddy shared his knowledge regarding Pattern Flying and what is involved, the type of planes used and where it can lead if you put in the time. It was a very informative presentation, and we were lucky to have him as a guest

Adjournment 7:58