

May 2017 Meeting Minutes

Welcome to the May 9th BBMAC Meeting

Intro of officers--- Ron Swift -Treasurer , Chet Blake - Secretary, Don Bailey - Safety officer, Bryan Reightley- VP, Mark Weeks- Pres

14 members and 1 Guest, Tim Shegrud

Additions or Corrections to the minutes- Motion to accept as corrected or posted

Officers Reports

VP - May 20th Is our first ever Glider event @ 10:00am CD'd by Don Bailey. With Don's knowledge in this area it's sure to be a learning opportunity. June 3 is our annual spring Floats n Boats at Lake Hughes, 10:00am. June 13 meeting will be the Builder's Contest. Get that plane done and entered. Entries can still be paid the night of the meeting and entry.

Treasurer - Funds are in good shape and still have \$272 forwarded for Field Improvement from 2016 budget.

Secretary - Currently we have 33 paid members (miss quoted at the meeting by Chet as 32 members).

Safety - If you need travel off the runway use the buddy system, be careful and watch your footing, they runway can even be slick.

Field Manager - Fertilizer and Awning to be installed sometime in the near future. Jay is preparing the cement post blocks for the awning install. The mowing list will be opened up soon. Jay and Mark are tending to a couple bare spots before opening up the mowing list to the membership.

News Letter Editor - Hard copies available and your input is needed.
Please send Club interest and event pics to Ron
Swift and Ron Rueter

Web Master - as always, looking for input

OLD BUSINESS

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FPV and Safety- Some of us have entered the world of FPV and really fast quads. With this there are bound to be some challenges and safety concerns. Some of what we should start thinking about is a change, or addition to the safety rules. Some discussion followed such as use of Spotters, new drone flying area and video interference issues.

The gate combo has been changed and has been sent out to the membership.

Membership Roster to be added to log book, discussion followed and a suggestion of adding AMA and FAA numbers to it. Reason for doing this if you were to happen to lose a plane having that number on the roster and in/on your plane will help get the correct person notified.

Some of the spring project that need to be done are the field needs spring fertilizer applied, we have a tow behind spreader and as soon as the field is dryer can be used. Also the Awning cover needs to be re-installed once the windy weather calms down

A reminder that the Builders Competition is at the June 13 meeting, it's not too late to finish that model you have been working on complete. Show off your skills. You can still enter your model the night of the meeting. Entry fee is \$10.

NEW BUSINESS

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FPV and Safety- Some of us have entered the world of FPV and fast quads with lots of spectators. With this there are bound to be some challenges and safety concerns. Some of what we should start thinking about is a change, or addition to the safety rules. Some discussion followed, on Spotters, Flying area, where to develop area on the other side of the barn or horse corral? Is there Video interference? All questions to be examined and answered.

Next event is the Gliders May 20th

There was an announcement from the AMA regarding state of Washington is in special session today to reintroduce HB 1049. You helped us stop the bill back in February, but Washington State Representatives reintroduced the bill again today. Just a FYI we need to stay on top of these. Chet got a nice reply from John Kostner's Sr. Assistant Brenda Glenn. She said that the bill wasn't being reintroduced that day, but since it wasn't defeated, retracted or acted upon it was listed again on the schedule. This session is the budget only and very unlikely that it would be a rider or consideration on the budget bill or actions. The reason the AMA received the notice was that they use a Bill Watcher program that notifies anytime a Bill they have listed is mentioned. Chet notified the AMA and got a very quick return and thanks. Just as an FYI, there are over 200 House Bills in different states trying to get control of R/C hobbies.

AMA has a program in place that will allow us to train pilots without them having to Join AMA or our club before they fly. What does the club

think of adding to the newsletter (Brochure) something about learning to fly ... (Mark had a sample for St Louis RC Club)

The Night Fly on April 22 was once again a great event with 8 members present, one grandchild (Annabelle), two wives (Ronna and Jayne) and a newfie-lab (Belle). Dart has a weather app on his phone and it said clearing by 6:00pm. It cleared and Dart turned off the phone so it couldn't change ☹. (Can't mess with a Buzzard)! The rains broke, the wind calmed and some awesome evening flying was to be had. Pilots attending were Mark Weeks, Eric Bell, Vince Bell, Bryan Reightley, Dart Sharp, Vaughan Houger, Paul Smith and Chet Blake. Mark 'thoroughly' cooked some hot dogs then later broke out the Jiffy Pop. Great nostalgia!!

Mark asked what areas does the club need to focus its attention. (Field improvements, Quad area, others ? Everyone has a voice and No ONE person has the veto of ideas. Speak up if you want something that the club does not provide.

Jay is working on the support blocks for the second awning. It will be placed at the North end of the field close to the bank so it won't block vision.

A question came up about the Freeze-In patches that were voted on. Ron stated the Sandy is trying to get them done.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to go to paperless banking and save \$5 per month. That's \$60 a year to things we really want.

Vince had a great FPV flight late evening of the Night Fly. Chet watched on with his Fat Shark goggles and was amazed at how light the vision was compared to the true darkness.

Vince is also taking the FCC Technician Class test on May 13 and will report at the next meeting what it was like and how it went.

A motion was made, seconded and passed for the Club to buy a Radian Glider and accessories as a Club trainer, not to exceed \$350.00. Mark will check into it and get something going.

Announcements - None

PROGRAM. Aerial view of our field

Mark had done a video from his Phantom showing the field north to south and east to west. It was interesting to see and hear some of the remarks of the members not knowing the water areas, creeks and ravines BUT also showing the beauty of the area. Chet suggested it or one like it go on the web site and Facebook, or YouTube.

ADJOURNMENT - 7:45 PM

Respectfully Submitted By Chet Blake, 2017 BBMAC Secretary