

November 2013 Meeting Minutes

The November meeting was called to order by President Bryan Reightley. Bryan announced the club officers:

- President - Bryan Reightley
- Vice President - Brian Richardson
- Secretary - Tim Shegrud
- Treasurer - Ron Swift
- Safety Officer - Vince Bell
- Field Manager - Jay Bell - Absent
- Newsletter Editor - Ron Swift
- Webmaster - Ron Rueter - out of town

Visitors and New Members - Doug Hoff dropped by for a visit.

Officer's Reports

Secretary - Tim Shegrud solicited edits and corrections for the October minutes. A motion was offered to accept the October minutes as found on the Website. This was seconded and accepted unanimously.

We now have 33 members.

Vice President - Brian Richardson announced that the next event will be the Christmas party on December 10th followed by the 2014 Freeze-In on Saturday January 4th.

Treasurer - Ron Swift gave a brief accounting of the status of the clubs account. We are doing well and have enough to finish out the year and get started with a new field.

Safety Officer - Vince Bell Says we have been doing well. No new incidents to report. Remember, it is getting colder out there so dress appropriately. Include hats and gloves.

Field Manager - Jay Bell had nothing new to report. Jay has been keeping the field in exceptionally good condition.

Newsletter Editor - Ron Swift has hardcopies of the newsletter if anybody needs or wants one. Please submit your photos to be published in the newsletter.

Webmaster - Ron Rueter out of town for the next several months but will be keeping the website fresh and interesting.

Announcements

Christmas dinner with optional gift exchange will be at our next meeting on Dec 10 2013. As always, dinner will be on the club and visitors are not just welcomed but encouraged. Please encourage all family and friends to join us. Anybody who wishes to may bring a gift for the gift exchange.

We received a note from our landlord stating that the overfly area will be in use Feb 7-9

Old Business

Don't forget, officer elections are soon upon us. Please be thinking of who you would like to nominate for office or perhaps even consider running yourself.

Nominations for officers

- President: Scott Curtis (pending acceptance)
- Vice President: Brian Richardson
- Secretary: Tim Shegrud
- Treasurer: Ron Swift
- Safety officer: Vince Bell

Flying Field Search: See new business

New Business

Ron Swift proposed we spend \$40 for a booth at the North West Model Hobby Expo. This was seconded and unanimously approved.

Bryan was at work at his construction site when he had an epiphany. Very nearby his worksite was a fairly wide expanse of land that seemed to be very under-utilized. So he approached the owners of the land he was working on and asked how it was being used. It turns out that his client was The Boy Scouts of America and the property in question is part of the Camp Brinkley complex and is not in use at all. A horse was moved on to the land so it would appear in use and would discourage squatters to come and trespass on it. Camp Brinkley comprises 800 acres in Snohomish County about half way between Monroe and Granite falls. Only about two thirds of this is actually in use. There is a road that bisects the field but it does not see much traffic at all and should not cause much of a problem for us.

The campground is only in use by the scouts during the summer. But sees some use most weekends but this is a very safe distance behind the proposed flight line.

He followed up with the Chief Seattle Council and spoke to 2nd in command. As Bryan told it, Bryan was hardly able to broach the subject before the gentleman he was talking to said they want us there. To help build our enthusiasm Bryan prepared the following:

TOP 10 REASONS TO LIKE "BRINKLEY FIELD"

- #10 - Wide open space and serene surroundings
- #9 - No trains
- #8 - No Hwy 2
- #7 - No power lines
- #6 - No access road to maintain
- #5 - A single access point
- #4 - A landlord who wants us to occupy their property
- #3 - One gate
- #2 - Minimal field development costs
- #1- No Rent - (Teach aviation merit badges occasionally.)

Plug the following address into Google maps 25600 Monroe Camp Road, Snohomish, WA 98296 to check it out.

As if all of this is not exciting enough, because the property is owned by the Boy Scouts, and Bryan is currently managing a project adjacent to the site, the

company doing his site work has equipment on site and has expressed interest in helping us develop the field for a minimal cost.

It was suggested that we should go out of our way to meet and greet the neighbors before starting to set up the field.

Program

Indoor Fly-in

Bryan brought an indoor helicopter, a helium RC Fish, a short stack of plain paper and a couple of balloons for our first annual indoor Fly-in. The Fish was unable to fly. The helicopter struck one of the balloons and got caught in its ribbon. And several people got hit by errant paper airplanes. One of the goals was to strike a balloon from the opposite end of the room with a paper airplane. There were no successful strikes but the Main Goal was absolutely achieved, fun was had by all in attendance.

Respectfully submitted by Tim Shegrud, Secretary.