

October 2009 Meeting Minutes

President Chet Blake called the monthly Barnyard Buzzard Model Airplane Club (BBMAC) meeting to order on November 3, 2009, 6:30 P.M. at Alfy's Pizza in Monroe. There were 19 members present.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday December 8, 2009, 6:30 P.M. at the Alfy's Pizza in Monroe. President Chet Blake made the usual opening salutations, welcoming everyone. He then asked if any guests and visitors were present. Doug Hoff one of the Buzzards founders was again visiting. Hap Shutz, who is a member, but hasn't been around much, did attend tonight's meeting. (Good to see you!)

The program for tonight was a presentation by Rick Hanners on his Graupner UHU. If you were to do a Google search for Graupner UHU, one of the web pages listed is the Barnyard Buzzards with Rick's plane and information. UHU Details

Chet asked for a motion to accept the September minutes as presented in the October newsletter and October minutes in the November newsletter. A motion to accept was made, seconded, and voted on. The minutes were accepted.

Chet introduced the club officers. Almost all were present.

President - Chet Blake

Vice President - Ron Rueter

Treasurer - Rick Hanners

Secretary - Vaughan Houger

Field Safety Officer - Vince Bell - absent

Newsletter Editor and Webmaster - Ron Swift

Field Manager - Jay Bell

Officers Reports

President - Chet Blake reported on the turnout for the Buzzard Bash which was held at the field Saturday October 24th. There were 25, or so, members who showed up. 25 hamburgers and 25 hot dogs were grilled. (Where did all of that food go?) The weather was good for flying and for a good social get together.

Remember this is the time of the year to renew your AMA membership for 2010. The 2009 AMA card is good until December 31st. Also, you can renew your club membership for 2010. Your club dues need to be paid by the March, 2010 meeting.

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

Tonight, 11/3/2009, we open the nominations for officers. The club will conduct its election at the December 8th meeting.

Chet Blake asked for the officers to report on events and news for the past month.

VP - Ron Rueter did put an advertisement in the Everett Herald to seek a possible new field location to rent.

Secretary - Vaughan Houger reported that the club has 69 members.

Treasurer - Rick Hanners reported that the Buzzards have \$6,473.41 in the bank. There are 5 individuals who have entered into the builder's contest.

Safety Officer - Vince was absent. Chet did comment that Dale is holding to his position of us leaving. We have continued to communicate with Dale that we are actively seeking a new home.

Field Manager - Jay Bell mentioned the grass continues to grow. Even though the mowing schedule doesn't extend much into the Fall and Winter, if the field looks like it needs to be mowed and you are there, it is okay to mow the field - up until the mowers are put away for the season.

Prior to moving into old business, Jim Reynolds shared his experience flying his new Stearman PT-17. It seems that whenever Jim brings the plane to an abrupt stop, the clunk in the plane's fuel tank continues to travel toward the front of the fuel tank. The net result is a stuck clunk

which is usually kinked such that fuel flow is severely restricted. A starved-for-fuel engine just doesn't run too well. Jim's message: check the clunk. Ron Rueter offered the solution of "the plastic straw fix." If you're not sure what that is, give Ron a call.

Old Business

On a different note, Vaughan commented that the "making a motion" process can be quick, sometimes confusing, and in some cases not all the information is presented, or is presented in such a way as to influence a quick decision. The intent is that when a motion is made requiring the club's monetary or volunteer resources, perhaps more time should be provided to allow members to adequately think through the motion prior to making a decision and vote.

New Business

December 8, 2009 meeting is family night and officer election.

Nominations for officers:

President - Chet Blake

Vice President - Jim Reynolds, Ron Swift

Secretary - Vaughan Houser

Treasurer - Rick Hanners

Safety Officer - Vince Bell

Dave Weber Special Service Award - Scott Curtis, Chet Blake, Jim Reynolds, Ron Swift

Announcements

Builder's Contest: You can be a part of this contest. All you need is the desire to build an airplane, find one to build, submit \$10 to Rick Hanners, and start the building process.

2010 Freeze-In: Saturday, January 2nd , 2010, 11:00 AM.

The next meeting is Tuesday December 8, 2009 at Alfy's Pizza in Monroe at 6:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Vaughan Houger BBMAC Secretary.