

## October 2013 Meeting Minutes

The October meeting was called to order by President Bryan Reightley at 6:39 PM. 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
- Newsletter Editor - Ron Swift
- Webmaster - Ron Rueter - out of town

Visitors and New Members - no visitors or new members attended this month

### Officer's Reports

**Secretary-** Tim solicited edits and corrections for the September minutes. It was pointed out that the bi-laws do not preclude Bryan from holding an office other than President or Vice President. A motion was offered to accept the September minutes with this correction. 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 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.

He also presented the new budget. Based on this new budget we will be leaving the club dues at \$100.00.

This, of course, did have some lively debate. 'Twas asked if leaving dues at \$100 was justifiable. Isn't it likely that we might lose members if we leave at the current rate when we no longer have a field? Shouldn't we consider lowering it?

The board feels that although we do have some problems, they are not as severe as some others that have higher rates than us. And, we do have a tentative agreement to continue at our current field as a month to month basis if we have nowhere else to go.

**Safety Officer** - Vince Bell Says we have been doing well. No new incidents to report.

**Field Manager** - Jay Bell Says that Hanners' highway has been finished with the 5/8 minus and that we have received a text from our landlord thanking us.

A Volunteer will be needed to cut the grass on the 17th or 18th. Bryan took on the duty.

**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**

Bryan will be sending a note to the AMA thanking them for the Site Grant Award

## **Old Business**

Search for a new Field:

There has been no progress in the search for a new field.

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.

## **New Business**

Bryan also proposed a paper airplane contest for the November meeting.

Some of the rules being considered are as follows:

1. What should be the goal of the competition - distance, time or accuracy?
2. Shall we allow only paper airplanes or any kind of indoor aircraft? Perhaps an indoor helicopter class?
3. How about different classes including powered, non-powered or anything goes? How many attempts should be allowed?
4. How many aircraft per person?

After some discussion it was decided to have a Paper class and an Other class but the focus of the competition and the rest of the rules to be determined on the day of the event.

## **Nominations for officers**

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

## **Program**

Rebuilder's contest.

We had 4 entrants this year.

Ron Swift picked up a Flitecraft Bonanza A36 through Craigslist. It came with no horizontal stabilizer and the vertical stabilizer was rather flimsy. Ron built a new stabilizer and elevator from balsa and added a carbon fiber rod to the tail to add some lightweight rigidity. Ron has flown the craft and says it has very neutral flight characteristics with nearly same trim whether right side up or inverted.

John Rennert brought in a Twist whose elevator linkage came disconnected in flight due to a nylon clevis being used with the wrong sized rod. The crash caused the fuse to break behind the main wing. John's work was impressive with little sign that anything had ever happened to the Twist.

Chet bought his Radian. He had chosen the incorrect model when he started to fly. His thumb had rolled the model selection as he was entering his choice and selected the next model. This resulted in the elevator being reversed. The nose and the fuse above the main wing had broken. Chet used bamboo skewers to add some rigidity and strength to the repairs.

Tim Shegrud brought in his revamped Eaglet 50. After falling on the fuse of his previous Eaglet and having repaired the break many times, he decided that this last break would be the last. Rather than to fail once again at gluing and strengthening the break, he chose to replace the fuse altogether. He noted that this is a stretch to call this a rebuild but, he is reusing the main wing, motor mount, and landing gear from the previous Eaglet 50.

The remaining members at the meeting voted John's Twist the winner. There really was little evidence of either damage or repair.

The meeting officially adjourned at 7:58 PM. The next meeting is Tuesday, Nov 12, 2013, at our Alfys at 6:30 P.M.  
Respectfully submitted by Tim Shegrud, Secretary.