

## September 2008 Meeting Minutes

President Chet Blake called the monthly Barnyard Buzzard Model Airplane Club meeting to order on September 2, 2008 at 7:00 P.M. There were 25 members present. The meeting was conducted at the field for the last time for the season. The remaining meetings for the year will be held at Alf's Pizza in Monroe. The next meeting will be on Tuesday October 7, 2008 at 7:00 P.M.

Chet asked for visitors or guests to identify themselves. One guest, Kevin Craft introduced himself. Kevin was one of the Sea Fare pirates. Welcome, Kevin!

Chet introduced the club officers. All were present.

President - Chet Blake

Vice President - Brian Illston

Secretary - Vaughan Houser

Treasurer - Rick Hanners

Field Safety Officer - Vince Bell

Newsletter Editor and Webmaster - Ron Swift

Field Manager - Ron Rueter

A couple of events to remember are the 2nd Combat event scheduled for Sunday, September 7, 2008 and the 2nd Open House scheduled for Sunday, September 14, 2008.

Chet asked for any revisions to the August minutes. No one offered any revisions or corrections, so he asked that the August minutes be approved as published. It was so moved, seconded, and passed. Then, it was on to the officers reports.

Vice President - Brian reminded everyone that the 2nd Combat event would be Sunday, September 7th, 10:00 to 3:00. Scott Curtis will be the event CD. Please be early and have your planes ready for the start of the event. Scott interjected that these events are fun for participants. Because of a low turnout at the last combat, it was decided to have more than two people in the air at the same time.

Also, Sunday September 14, 2008 will be the 2nd Open House. Chet named this event the "Old Timers Day" Open House. This is to commemorate any 50's era airframe. It is also a chance for the veterans to be here. Brian will host the Open House event.

Secretary - Vaughan Houger reported with Chet's assistance we have 68 members. This includes 1 family and 1 Jr. member.

Treasurer - Rick Hanners reported that the balance is \$5,730.12, which does not include the \$3,000.00 designated for charity donations. Financially the club is in good shape.

Safety Officer - Vince reminded us of the importance to keep clear of the crop field when flying. We, as a collective group, are doing a good job staying safe.

Brian Illston added the importance of correctly setting up the exponential on your radio. For JR radios you add expo in the positive direction. For Futaba one goes the opposite, or negative direction. Of course, if you want increased stick sensitivity, then you take out the exponential.

### Special Committee Reports

Alternate Field Location Committee - Nothing new, but we need to get it going again.

Pilot training - There are 6 individuals in training, 2 inactive and 2 MIA (no one has heard from them for a while)

Sound Management - A sound reading was taken on the lawn mower. The results were 94 db without the blades engaged 107 db with blades engaged. Now all we need to do is add some wings... The AMA recommendation is 90 dBA for Pattern Events. Most of our airplane engines average around 92 or 93 DBa, which is good for protecting our hearing.

Field Improvements - Ron Rueter...

White line: to be, or not to be? Thanks to those who follow through on their commitment to mow the field on time.

The Fall clean up date may be postponed until Spring.

## Old Business

There was some conversation around the lawn mower burning oil. All recent indications seem to point to the mower not burning as much as first thought. Ron Rueter will conduct a detailed analysis and repair of the motor this winter.

Charities - There was quite a bit of conversation around who will deliver the money and to whom. Jim Reynolds has done an outstanding job working with the VA, in particular, Julie Adams the recreational activities director. It might be possible for her to attend our Open House and receive our donation.

The VA most likely will bring out some folks for our September 14th Open House. There will be about 4 from Tacoma and 4 from Seattle plus two staff members. Jim asked that we provide the following:

(2) buddy box setups

(2) computer simulators

The visitors can use these to get a feel for flying R/C.

Other needs were identified to accommodate our guests: a covered area, tables, chairs. Ron Swift offered to bring some folding tables. Thanks, Ron.

### Food at the Open House

It was proposed that the club absorb the cost for our guests. The motion was so moved, seconded. Then more discussion took place on whether food should be free for all attendees. The motion was amended, moved, seconded, and passed. Then, another addition was proposed to add breakfast as well - but more of a continental style. This also was accepted.

### Other Charities

Hopelink in Carnation - Sandy volunteered to get the contact information. It might be possible to present the donation to Hopelink at our September 14th Open House. Thank you, Sandy.

Children's Hospital - Same as before where we schedule a time to drop by the hospital and present the donation.

The AMA is interested in club donation activity.

## New Business

Ron Swift noted that during our events many of the club members are showing up. While we do a great job of working together sharing tables, it may be time to add a couple more. A motion was made to add two new (larger) tables. The motion was seconded by Butch Sidbeck. However, the addition of two new tables exposed a broader systemic issue: where to put them expanding the two fences on both ends and do we have the budget for the tables? The club members decided to wait until the Spring cleanup to determine whether to add the tables. So the motion is still open.

Sandy has some really cool hats. They have the club logo and sell for \$18-\$20. Sweatshirts are around \$25. Jackets are \$80. Of course one has to add tax...

A proposal was made to possibly cut the grass shorter in a designated spot for electric flyers. No one had a problem with that.

Flood contingency - looks like we're better prepared for responding to any threatening flood activity. Ron Swift does have a trailer that can accommodate both mowers.

## Monthly Program for September

Vince Bell took time to describe how to make sure an airplane is flight ready. This is always important. However, when one purchases a plane at an auction, on Ebay, or from somewhere else and it is supposedly already to fly, what do you do to ensure it really is ready to fly? Vince systematically walked through the plane set up from servo installation and hinge installation to balancing the plane. This was an outstanding presentation. There were a lot of questions and answers. Thank you, Vince, for your wisdom and insights!

The meeting was not "officially" adjourned due to people left prior to its conclusion. (It was getting dark!)

The next meeting is Tuesday October 7, 2008 at Alf's in Monroe at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Vaughan Houger, BBMAC Secretary