

## September 2024 Buzzards Meeting

Called Meeting to Order @ 6:30

Introduction of Officers and Guests:

10 Members and no guests were in attendance

President – Steve Higgins (Not Present Work Trip)

Vice President – Jay Wellan (Absent)

Secretary – Mark Weeks

Treasurer – Dart Sharp

Safety Officer – Michael Conniff (Absent)

Minutes from August Approval: Motion made to approve, and Motion passed.

### **OFFICER REPORTS:**

President: Mark Reported for Steve

Sign in Sheet... I first want to say I need to get better at this, but we need to use the sign in sheet. So please don't forget to use the sign in sheet.

Looks like the fire extinguisher out of the clubhouse is missing, either it walked or was used. The consensus is that it was stolen along with the yard light.

Vice President: Mark Reported for Jay.

The Campout week was a big success. Dart and Michael stayed the whole week and Mark stayed about half, his work getting in the way. The Night fly capped off the week with pretty good attendance, with about 10 people attending. A great light show!

Up coming events in September are Car racing 9/14 qualifying starting at 11:00 and racing at 12:00.

Boats and Floats will be 9/21 at Lake Hughs.

Glider event 2 will be October 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am

Secretary: 47 members – Mike Crew and Don Bailey joined since last meeting

Treasurer: All bills are paid, and funds are in good shape.

Safety Officer: Mark Reported for Michael

North End of the field on the other side of the road is very wet... Mark Shared the story of Michael heading out north of the road to help retrieve a fellow pilot's plane. He did know that things were still pretty wet, but he missed the fact that there was the creek that had been covered by long grass. While Dart was following overhead with his drone, Michael seemed to drop out of sight when he did in fact find the creek and went for a swim. It really showed why we have safety procedures in place.

1. Buddy System. 2. Take a pole with you. 3. Use Walkie Talkies.

Remember to use your call outs and acknowledgements especially make sure you are heard when landing or on the field.

Use flight stations and no sitting in a chair on the grass while flying. It is very hard to see you when you are sitting out of sight.

Field Manager:

The light is installed!

We need some people to sign up to help with the mowing. Please sign up. The grass is starting to grow fast again with the cooler and damper weather.

We are still looking for a couple of volunteers to help unclog the culvert leading to the North field area.

We plan to get the power ditch dug and the conduit installed in September-early October.

New member Mike Crews has offered and is in the process of working on removing more brush starting on the south end of the field and working his way North and East. What a transformation the brush hogging has made. He is extending what Brian and Mark did a couple of weeks ago. You have to check it out.

Working with Len to do a couple of cleanup projects (car track, Tank Area, Crawlers)  
Stay-tuned

Newsletter Editor:

If you have any pictures that you may have taken in the field, please send them to Ron Swift or Mark Weeks, and we will get them on the website and/or in the newsletter.

Web:

We need pictures from the events or just about anything else on both the Web site and the Newsletter. Please send it to Mark or Ron, and they will share it;

**OLD BUSINESS:** No Open items

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Hard to believe but next month nominations start for club officers. If you are interested contact one of the current board members or you can sing out at the Octobers meeting.

There will be a survey coming out soon regarding next year's event schedule. Start thinking about what events you liked and disliked. Should be lots of discussion in the next months

Porta Potties are scheduled to be cleaned this coming Thursday the 12<sup>th</sup>.

Motion to place pavers at flight station locations so during wet weather you will have a dry place to stand. The cost should be around 100.00. Ron made motion to start with 4 pads to start and see how things go. Edges will be beveled so mowing will not be an issue. Motion passed.

Ron brought up the idea of having a club historian, to keep the club's history alive. This will be an appointed position. If interested contact a board member.

**PROGRAM:** Rich Cook purchased Avios (PNF) Super Tucano w/Retracts, Flaps & LED Lights EPO 1600mm from Hobby King. Really nice-looking plane. He stated that it does not come with directions, and you need to download them. When he was in the process, he noticed a STL file, and it was for a wedge to help with front wheel gear placement. Thanks for sharing

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion made and passed 7:20

