

Meeting Minutes
September 6, 2001

President Brad Wall called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. There were 42 members and 7 guests present.

Steve Tinsley provided a couple of good opening jokes. Guests were introduced and welcomed.

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Minutes of the August meeting were read from the Prop Wash and approved as published.

Don Ramsey gave the Treasurers report. Club finances are in very good condition. The pattern contest contributed a significant sum to the treasury. Dues refunds are due to 10 members who have paid but are volunteers for the dues-free dedicated mowing group.

Committee Reports

Field Committee- Vice President Greg Gathright reported that sand has been delivered for spreading. A sand-spreading box has been added to the tractor to aid in moving the sand about. This was tried out successfully in a field test, which subsequently got rained out.

The sprinkler system has been adjusted to provide the best distribution. It has been turned off until the rain stops and the field dries out.

Ray Withrow will soon shoot more ALEE on the undesirable Bahai grass. There are presently no mower maintenance issues.

Members were reminded that each Saturday following the club meeting is a fieldwork day.

Larry Garritt said the posted mowing list is gone from the field bulletin board and he was no longer sure when he was supposed to mow. (Larry is on the dedicated mowing crew.) Don Ramsey said he believed all original crewmembers were given such a list; he will post another one. Larry also wanted to know what field areas he should be mowing. Brad referred him to the posted diagram at the field.

Big Bird- Bob Upton reported for CD Terry Foote, who was away on business. We have obtained an AMA sanction for this event, to be held on 10/27 and 10/28. Terry will obtain some plaques to be awarded to the entrants for various categories, i.e. pilot's choice, etc. Terry is writing individual letters inviting each previous entrant. Fliers will be distributed to hobby shops. Volunteers are needed to place directional signs on key roads to the field.

Fun Fly- CD Bob Upton has scheduled this event for Saturday, November 20, 2001. He will develop a series of events for participants. He encouraged members to participate. Bob also said he was looking for volunteers to become contest directors and would help willing candidates with the qualification process.

Safety- Brad read a report about an accident at the Chicagoland Radio Control Modelers Club which occurred at their Cook County, Illinois, Forrest Preserve flying site. An experienced club member was trying to start an OS BOX on an unrestrained plane. The motor suddenly started at full throttle and removed portions of three fingers. The Forrest Preserve police used dogs to locate two of the missing digits, which had landed so far away they could not be immediately located. The fingers were successfully reattached later at a nearby hospital, which specializes in such things. (The RC club provides only a small portion of their business.)

Brad pointed out that the closest emergency facility for us is the Huntsville Hospital. A map showing how to get to this will be posted at the field.

Old Business

Brad reported that the forms for the annual renewal of the Introductory Pilot certification have been obtained and are available at the front table.

AMA Gold Club Member Pins are still available from Jack Evans. Any remaining after this meeting will be sold to a salvage yard as scrap.

New Business

President Wall reported that member Charles Hirsch has again made a big donation in support of our Big Bird event. This year he has provided:

Top Flight Stinson Reliant SR-9 giant plane kit
SR-9 cockpit interior kit
OS MAX 108 FSR Ring engine with muffler

This equipment will be raffled, with the funds going to the Barnstormer treasury.

Brad asked for a volunteer to lead the election committee for the next year. As in the past, this three-person group will identify willing candidates for the November elections. Steve Tinsley said he would chair this activity. He also will find two more people to help him.

Gail Phillips asked if there was any member interest in an IMAC event. Several of our members participate in these events at other club sites, Kirk Jensen having placed as high as third in a recent contest at Sherman. IMAC is similar to pattern, but uses scale planes, generally of larger sizes with bigger motors. However, in the entry-level event (Basic) any plane can be used. Brad asked Kirk Jensen to explore the possibilities of such an event for next year and report back at a future meeting.

Paul Langner asked who decided on a 50-foot runway for our flying field. Paul said he can

land in a cross wind all right (and he sure can) but some other members have a problem and need to land at an angle. Brad said a drawing was prepared and posted about a year ago showing the proper mowing dimensions.

Harold Hebert said we need an air compressor at the field to aid in equipment maintenance. Brad said he had one and will donate it.

President Wall reported that Sandy Frank, AMA District 8 Vice President, has contacted all the clubs with the announcement of a new program, which will provide free subscriptions to Model Aviation Magazine for school libraries. This public relations effort is made possible through funds generated by the Southeastern Aeromodeling Conference 2001, which can support about 200 subscriptions for this year. Forms were provided at the front table for members to take to school librarians, who may need to be convinced to provide shelf space. Bart Massey took several for his contacts. Others were encouraged to do so as well.

Guest Mickey Traylor introduced himself and his organization, Friends of Aviation. Mickey is a retired pilot from Southwest Airlines and is President of FOA, which is dedicated to introducing "at risk" children to all forms of aviation. The Friends of Aviation will conduct an event at the Montgomery County Airport on November 3, 2001 and would like us to provide model planes. Most likely we would be asked to participate in both a static display and flying exhibition. Although the detailed program is still under development, Mickey expects there will be military aircraft, law enforcement aircraft, and civil aircraft demonstrations, including free plane rides for children aged 8 to 17. This will be discussed further at our next meeting.

Model of the Month

Bob Upton- Fantastic quarter scale Super Stearman, scratch built from a Jack Strickland design. 98" span, powered by a modified 6.4 cubic inch ANA gas twin, using CH ignition. Weighs about 35 pounds. Flies on a 26x10 fiber prop but was displayed with an adjustable-pitch wood beauty. The plane was covered in Coverite and painted by Steve Tinsley using Brodak dope for the final coat. (At a future meeting Bob will show us how he did the simulated rib stitching.) The plane has been flown three times.

Ray Kohn- Majestic 1400 Kyosho ARF. Plane was designed by Christoph Paysant-Le Roux, famous French pattern flier, and closely resembles a pattern aircraft but with a smaller 53" span. Powered by a Saito 56, the plane weighs 5 1/2 pounds. Ray installed a Robart Superfueler and a DuBro remote igniter to keep the Saito fully cowled. He used Testors transparent spray paint to mist the inside of the canopy, which provided a nice transparent blue effect.

Paul Langner- Roun-to-it Saucer built by Chuck Rogers, covered by George Grock, and set-up by Paul. Powered by a well-used MWS 45, the plane has been flown 5 times.

Steve Tinsley- Lanier Shrike, designed by Joe Beshar for an O.S. 15. An MWS 28 powers Steve's Shrike. The plane flies at about 110m.p.h. This is Steve's second Shrike and so he knew to add tail bracing to make sure things held together. The plane weighs 2 pounds, 3 ounces. Airtonics radio with mini and micro servos. Steve also demonstrated a folding flight box he recently completed from a kit he won at a Barnstormer raffle.

Ken Bauske- Northeast Sailplanes Chuperosa hand launched glider. Converted to electric using geared 400 motor, 7 cell battery. 60" span, weighs 23 ounces. 52 uninspiring flights as a hand launch and high start glider, no attempts so far as an electric.

Winner: Ken Bauske (Bob Upton opted out.)

Raffle

Mickey Traylor- Great Planes Spectra Electric Sailplane kit with Goldfire 550 motor Tom

Walter- Great Planes Cordless Slot Machine Bart Massey- Hanger 9 Pro-Seal Covering Iron

John Schuren- Watt Age Piper Cub 400 Electric Park Flyer ARF

Meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Ken Bauske- Secretary