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President's Corner

March is almost here and hopefully we'll begin to see some warm weather. Everyone I talk to is beginning to think of flying again and wondering what Spring holds for the club. One of the most common questions I get is about the neighbors to the south. Will we have issues? What can we expect from them? Will we hear from them at all? All I can tell you is not to worry about it. Everyone I have seen has done a wonderful job of staying clear of that end of the field. We've done all that we can do to ensure we don't have more problems. Life is too short -- enjoy your time at the field, stay inbounds and we'll address any problems as they arise.

Speaking of the field, please be aware that the ground is very soft everywhere! The entire drive as well as anything to the north of the shed or west of the drive is completely saturated. It's all frozen right now but as soon as we have a warm day or two that will change. Let's all try to minimize any damage we can until it dries out enough to get some new gravel in place. Hopefully we can get new gravel in sooner rather than later but we'll have to wait and see. Don't forget -- this is YOUR club! Plan to attend the meeting on the 4th. -- Wes "Scott" Parker

Meeting Minutes, Feb 4, 2010

Meeting was called to order by President Wes Parker shortly after 7pm with 13 members present. Treasurer's reports for January and February were presented and approved with a noted discrepancy on number of members between Jan and Feb without additional dues funds received (40 vs 42).

Old Business: Comments made by Wes about the Christmas Party and Chili Fly: both had good turn outs.

New Business: 2010 Events have been posted on the website. Discussion on a March swap - little interest. Discussion of April 24 maintenance day -- Roundup

could be used on western fence instead of weed eating. More discussion on field items needing attention as date gets closer. Float Fly dates (July 17-18) are firm with AMA and parks dept. Discussion concerning Big Model Fly -- whether it should be an IMAA sanctioned event. Bob Schwandt to investigate potential. Discussion concerning Static Display and Open House -- Wes to pursue with Hobby Lobby as to date (display possibly Jun 6 and Open House June 12). Bids are needed for field mowing. There was no expressed interest in pursuing a charity event. Discussion concerning the purchase of a club trainer with the Sparky Estate sale money resulted in varying views concerning training itself. Idea abandoned. Question was raised about club becoming an official AMA intro pilot training club -- no interest. Discussion of putting down new gravel on the field's driveway resulted in plea for bids and immediate solution of posting signs not to drive/park north of the out houses. --Sec Barry Harper

Ski Fly Report, January 31

The day was sunny with temperature just around 32 degrees or so. There was very little wind from the south. Oddly, the driveway was clear south of the shed, but there were deep drifts in the pit area and just beyond the high safety fences. The snow on the runway was not deep, just right. There were 3 seaplanes, and five other planes on skis (two with pink skis), and one with no gear at all. It got so "warm" in the afternoon, some had to shed some of the heavy clothing. It was a perfect ski flying day.

Field Advisory

With the recent snow melt and rain, the field's driveway and parking areas have become very soft and muddy. The north end of the parking area has been coned off. Vehicles venturing into this area

can get stuck. Please keep vehicles off the grassy area west of the parking area. Driving on any grassy area at this time creates deep ruts. This makes it difficult for the mowers later in the season.

Electric Prop Safety

In the March issue of *Model Aviation* is an article about a serious injury from an electric model's propeller (p. 76). If the transmitter is capable, it is **strongly** recommended all electric models have a throttle-throttle mix programmed and assigned to a switch to prevent an unexpected motor start. JR TXs use +100% on both ends of the throttle range, -100% on Futabas. When the mix is on, the throttle stick is inoperative.

Carpet needed

We need some carpet to cover the field starting stand uprights. Anyone with some Contact Wes Parker

Next club meeting:

Thursday, MAR 4, 7 pm
Library Center
S Campbell
Room B

Night FLY

February 27

Conditions permitting

Newsletter Articles

Any club member can submit newsletter articles to be published as long as there is space to do so. The deadline is 8 days before each club meeting date.

Ski Fly January 31



Bryon's Senioretta on floats



Tim's new Neptune



James' Four Star on approach



Lynn's new Aerostar



James' Four Star 60



Seawind touch and go

Events for 2010:

April 24 Field Maintenance Day (Sat)(Wes Prker coordinator)
May 8 Military & Jet Model Day (Sat)(Barry Harper coordinator)
May 23 Family Day/Electric Model Fly (Sun) (Bryon Scott coordinator)
June 6 Static Display (Sun)(Wes Parker coordinator)
June 12 Open House (Sat)(Wes Parker coordinator)
June 26 Fun Scale Event (Sat)(Barry Harper coordinator)
July 17-18 Float Fly (Sat/Sun)(Bob Schwandt Contest Director)
August 21 Big Model Fly (Sat)(Bob Schwandt coordinator)
September 19 Electric Model Fly (Sun)(Barry Harper coordinator)
October 9..... Field Swap Meet (Sat).....(? Coordinator)

Potential Night Fly Dates (Saturdays nearest Full Moon) (Conditions Permitting)

Feb 27
Apr 3
May 1
May 29
Jun 26
Jul 24
Aug 21
Sep 25
Oct 23

Meeting Dates and Rooms (All Library Center)

Mar 4 RM B

Apr 1 RM B

May 6 RM B

Jun 3 RM B

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