

Flying Tigers R.C. Club Minutes

Date: March 5 2008

Called to order (time) 8:10 pm

Executive present:

President	Jim Daly
Treasurer	Nick Saraco
Secretary	Rob Weiss
Officer at large	Richard Koning
Past President	Terry Tupper

#Members Present 22

Presidents Report:

Jim welcomed everyone to the second meeting of 2008. He reminded us that this should have been our third meeting but the February meeting had been cancelled due to bad weather.

He asked if there were any visitors or new members that were in attendance for the first time, none were present. He did mention that Alan Magwood and Ted Barrette were two new members that have registered but were unable to attend tonight's meeting.

Jim also wanted to wish Richard Bell a speedy recovery from his heart surgery in January and he wanted to mention that a card was sent to Richard from the Flying Tigers Club.

New Business

New Rec. Centre

Nick Saraco stated that a new recreation centre was being built on Rymal road next to the police station. He is going to look into seeing if it is feasible to rent the gym or large room to hold our annual Great Rubber Air Race competition. Nick was also going to look into the cost effectiveness of holding monthly meetings there as well.

Peter Menning also offered to look into using the recreation building at his new condo for the same purpose.

Toledo

Jim reminded everyone about the Toledo Show on April 4, 5 & 6. Although it will be after our next meeting people should start thinking about arranging rides with others to get there.

Associate Membership

Nick Saraco thought that having an associate membership with the Stoney Creek club might be a good Idea. It would be a reduced rate membership allowing the associate member to fly at our site but they would not be a voting member. The associate MUST have a membership at another club. More discussion is to be had on this topic for possible implementation next year.

Committee Reports:

Field/Maintenance

A new lock is going to be purchased for the main gate because the combination key for the old one cannot be located. The new combination written on your membership will be active after the new lock is installed in April.

It has been three years since the last time gravel was put on the driveway. Nick is going to talk to land owner and see if it is ok to use 3" stone to help alleviate the rutting problem on the driveway. On that same note Chris Pare is going to try to grade some of the ruts out of the drive way in the spring.

The membership was also reminded that they MUST use their club membership card when flying at our field not their MAAC card. This is to help keep non members from flying at our field for free. If you know a non-member is flying than please ask them to stop. A list of members will be posted in the clubhouse so you can check names if required. If a non-member is flying as a guest then the sponsoring member must be present at the field. All flyers MUST have MAAC.

Great Rubber Race

Due to our new location not being able to house the great rubber race we have had to cancel it for this year. An e-mail has been sent to the Burlington club to let them know of the cancellation.

May Show & Tell

Chris Lounsbury is graciously running the show & tell again this year. There was a discussion about what category awards were used last year but Chris recalled them as the following:

Best of Show

Scale

ARF

Scratch/Kit built

SOMA

Nick Saraco is the representative on the SOMA committee for our club. Our club did the lion's share of work on this event last year. Last year our club was involved with the organization, setup, food, radio impound and parking (again Nick doing a lot of the work himself). He is looking for other clubs to become more involved with the event to help out with organization and manpower. It was discussed as to the purpose of the SOMA event, is it PR or just a fun fly?

Show & Tell

Jack Marcotte and Terry Tupper both brought an electric EXTRA 260 show and compare. Jacks Plane was made by E-Flite and had an E-flite 480 outrunner motor and a 2200mah lipo. Terry's was manufactured by Fliton and has a Hacker 3028 motor, 2100mah lipo and a Castle Creation 40 amp speed controller. Terry also put on larger wheels to fly off grass. When they were held up side by side there was a definite difference in the shape of the fuse. Terry's was much thinner and the wingspan was about 1" less than Jacks. Neither one has been flown yet.

Terry also mentioned about some lipo batteries that he got direct from China. They were Zippy Batteries \$22.95 for 2200mah. Total cost was less than \$30 delivered from China and it took about 12 days to arrive.

Jim Daly showed off his new AR9100 DSM2 9 channel RX (2.4 GHz). This new Rx has 3 antennas to set up in the planes fuselage for redundancy. The Rx also has new circuitry to allow higher loads and dual battery set up. With this RX there is no need for a power expander and would save you about \$100 a standard set up. There is also a glitch/data logger available as an accessory.

Pranged Pig

Jim Daly was self nominated for crashing 5 foamy planes and a Trex. The planes he claimed he was learning how to fly indoor for the first time this year. He said that it is quite different than flying out doors. The Trex went in when he was going to land. He forgot that he was in idle up mode so when the throttle stick came below half throttle instead of coming in for a gentle landing he drove the heli into the floor.

There were no other nominees so Jim went home with the Pig.

Door Prize

Since there was no meeting last month there was 2 prizes given out this month. The winners of the \$40 gift certificate at Skycraft are Brian Ciarrocchi and Nick Saraco