



Flying Tigers Radio Control Club Inc.
May 2005 Meeting Minutes

04 May 2005

Call to Order: 20h30 (8:30 PM)

Executive Present:

Nick Saraco – President
Rod Hopkins – Treasurer
Jim Daly – Secretary
Brian Facey – Officer at Large

The President called the meeting to order at 20h30 and apologized for the late start.

While welcoming everyone to the Annual May Show & Tell meeting he noted that the turnout of models seemed to be down from previous years.

Looking forward to the flying season Nick informed all that he had been out to “Inspect” the field and reported that it looked in pretty good condition. Ron Mattiuz spoke up to let everyone know he had already been flying of the field and conditions were excellent. The field wasn’t too soggy and Brian Facey and his crew had already been out to cut the grass once or twice.

Unfortunately minutes for the April meeting were unavailable for the meeting but had been published on the club web site. The Secretary apologized for this oversight and stated that the minutes would be available at the next meeting.

Two new members were introduced:

Ralf Siedez, who is a “Newbie” to the hobby, has equipped himself with an Alpha 60 trainer; and Jack, (sorry missed your last name), another “Newbie”, who after previously meeting and talking to Club Treasurer Rod Hopkins, decided on the Hobbico NexStar. Jack has been honing up his skills with the included flight sim all winter so watch out CFI Gary Maker this guy will be chomping at the bit to get out and get some real stick time. The club enthusiastically welcomed its two newest members.

Next the “Prez” gave an accounting of his meeting with our field owner, Carl in which they discussed the renewal of our yearly contract. He was glad to report that Carl is very happy with our club for the most part and wishes our continued use of his property on a year to year basis. He will give the club one (1) years notice if he decides not to renew. He did mention some concern about garbage around the field especially in the lane way. Nick assured him that he would pass this message along to the general membership, and he did. Please remember everyone it is a privilege to use this exceptional piece of property, not a right. Please treat the area with a little more respect. The clubs provides numerous garbage cans in and around the pits and spectator area, please use them!

MIDDLE ZONE FUN-FLY

The "Prez" then reported on another organizational meeting that our club attended concerning the Middle Zone Fun-Fly to be held August 20 – 21, 2005. The meeting was held at the site, the Stoney Creek Airport, so that a preliminary Sanction Proposal could be drawn up for submittal to MAAC. Lots of planning going on and the meetings are still monthly then will switch to bi-weekly then finally weekly as the big weekend approaches. The organizers are soliciting ads from sponsors to be published in a program that will be printed free and then handed out to everyone as they enter the parking area.

The Stoney Creek Air Cadets will be handling the parking duties and Saint John's Ambulance will be on site should anyone require medical assistance. A mobile catering service will be on site both days. Nick asked resident "Jet Jock", Marc Thompson, if he would fly one of his turbine powered aircraft in the noon time air shows on both days. Marc said he would have to check his schedule before committing. A general announcement for volunteers will be issued at the June Flying Tigers meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The floor was then opened to the Committee Chairmen to give updates on their respective responsibilities.

FIELD: Brian Facey reported that the field was in good condition for the time of year and may even require it's first "trim" in the not to distant future. Mention was made of having to make improvements to the field to bring it up to the new MAAC Safety Code Field standards. A discussion ensued regarding changing the existing fencing both between the Pits and the Flight line and in front of the Pilot's Station including the possibility of portable fences for the Pilot's Stations. No final decisions were made. Ron Mattiuz put to the floor that perhaps the Pilot's Sun Shade should be relocated. He felt it should be moved either out of the Pits or to the back of the Pits to free up more area fro aircraft and as a safety issue. This will be discussed further by the Committee.

TRAINING: Gary Maker announced that the club's Wings Program was ready to go as soon as the field was. The Club Trainer and Buddy Boxes are back in Gary's possession after having been generously stored over the winter by Chief Field Dog Brian Facey. An Instructor's Meeting is to be held, at the field, 9:00 AM Saturday May 14th, 2005. Gary reported there are four (4) remaining students from last season plus an additional four (4) new students, so far, this year.

FUN-FLY:

Nick announced that the Annual Club Fun-Fly would be a "club only" event this year due to its close proximity, in dates, to the Zone Fun-Fly. This will be a Pot-Luck Lunch on Sunday August 28th, 2005. As the title implies everyone is asked to bring something, for lunch. To be discussed further at the next meeting.

HELI FUN-FLY:

Duane Bouyea reported everything was a go for Saturday July 2nd 2005 with the 3rd as a rain date. A higher turnout then last year is expected. All members are reminded that the field is closed to all fixed wing aircraft on this date.

COMBAT:

Nick Saraco confirmed that the clubs Annual ***RUMBLE OVER THE RUNWAY*** - Open Combat event on Sunday June 12th, 2005, 9:00 AM. Apparently there should be quite a few of our Neighbors from the South attending. Contact Nick for more details.

NEW BUSINESS

The floor was opened to New Business and Chris Lounsbury announced that he was officially handing over the duties of Club Web Master to Jim Daly the club's Secretary and thanked him for stepping up to the plate. The members thanked Chris for all his hard work in the past. Jim Daly accepted and vowed to try and follow in Chris's footsteps.

Richard Bell mentioned that it would be a good idea for the club to contact Jim Douglas of the Conservation Authority regarding the use of the Binbrook Conservation Area for Float Flying again this summer. Richard and Nick Saraco are to arrange a meeting with Mr. Douglas.

ANNUAL SHOW AND TELL:

The floor was surrendered to Tony Ferrara to explain how the voting would work for the Show & Tell Contest. There were two Classes of models, Sport, (Red Numbered Entry Slips), and Scale, (Blue Numbered Entry Slip). There was also a Best Of Show category. Each member was to write down one number for each category.

After the ballots were in each member got up and gave a little blurb on their model.

The winners were as follows:

Sport: Ron Mattiuz for his Hotliner Glider.

Scale: Chris Martin for his 33% Sukhoi Su-31

BoS: Chris Martin, again!

PRANGED PIG:

The floor was opened for nominations for the pig. Joe Bajcor nominated Ron Cruz to receive the Pig. Ron had recently changed the engine out on his Tree Hopper and the throttle servo was reversed which was discovered while attempting to taxi. He caught that mistake and fixed it but when the aircraft finally became airborne it was apparent it was way out of balance. He crashed while attempting to bring it around for a landing. Seems he forgot to check the CG after the engine change.

Joe Bajcor also nominated fellow chopper pilot, a.k.a. as a Mechano enthusiast, Duane Bouyea this month. While flying inverted, way to close to the ground, Duane's chopper lost its tail rotor resulting in an untimely meeting with the ground. Unfortunately Duane could not throttle back as the servo had become disconnected from the receiver as a result of the impact and the "Mix-Master" proceeded to beat itself to death flailing around on the ground until the fuel line came off or was cut and the engine finally quit.

In a surprising upset vote by the members Ron Cruz won over Duane with a surprising 17 to 8 victory? So the Pig this month goes to Ron Cruz. After the vote Duane gave his own account of the incident. Something about blades flying, batteries flying then mumble...mumble...mumble. Something I sure he would rather forget.

FIFTY/FIFTY DRAW

The 50/50 Draw took place but I regret in all the excitement of taking pictures of all the wonderful aircraft on display I neglected to record the pertinent info. I will attempt to have the results in the June minutes.

Next meeting is Wednesday June 1st, 2005, 20h00, (8:00 PM).

Meeting adjourned at 220h10.