



Flying Tigers Radio Control Club Inc.

September 2006 Meeting Minutes

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Call to Order: 20h20 (8:20 PM)

Executive Present:

Nick Saraco – President, Rod Hopkins – Treasurer, Jim Daly – Secretary,
Terry Tupper – Past President, Brian Facey – Officer at Large

Members present: 22

The President called the meeting to order at 20h20 and welcomed everyone back from a nice summer.

As no Minutes were kept during the flying field meetings there were none to accept.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Nick Saraco asked for a show of hands for those that attended the Great Lakes Model Aviation Exposition at the Stoney Creek Airport this past August. He indicated that it was a big success with parking attendance up 50% for the weekend even though Saturday was basically rained out. He asked if the club would be interested in participating again in 2007, the response was "Yes".

He thanked Rod Hopkins for all his hard work, on the event, as he was almost single handedly responsible for organizing our clubs participation. He also mentioned that we would be looking for someone else to head our club's involvement for 2007 and both he and Rod will be unable to do so. This mostly involves attending the organizing meetings with the other clubs, once a month. Those interested please contact Nick.

He also mentioned the Guelph Gremlins were pulling out of the event but both the Brantford and Welland clubs might be coming on board.

Nick informed the members that the club had received a signed contract from our land lord, Carl Fox. There is speculation that Mr. Fox is actively attempting to sell his land, including our field. The contract helps protect the club from being just turfed off the property without any notice. It was also brought to the members attention that years ago, then acting club president, Brian Graham had the 5 acres of land our field is on re-zoned from agricultural to R/C Activities. This stays in effect until such time as we vacate the property.

SWAP MEET:

Nick reminded everyone that the club's Annual Swap Meet would be on Saturday October 28th this year. Doors open for vendors at 8:00 AM with the event running from 9:00 AM till around noon or 1:00 PM. Tables can be reserved through Darlene Walton, (flybtch@sympatico.ca). There will be 20 – 25 tables available at a rate of \$15.00 per table. We need a few people, between 6 – 7 PM, to help setup the tables. There will be an concession stand selling Burgers, Hot Dogs and refreshments during the meet.

NEW FIELD:

Nick initiated a discussion about the possibility of moving the flying field closer towards Hamilton. His reasoning was that he thought that some people find the commute to and from the field to long. There was much discussion amongst those in attendance with the topic being left open but with direction for the executive to take up discussions with the City Of Hamilton about the possible use of some city land.

MISSING ITEMS FROM THE FIELD:

The President asked if anyone had removed the new Club Trainer from the Transmitter impound. No one present said they had. It was also noted that the Frequency Scanner donated by Peter Menning was also missing, again no response. It was suggested that perhaps we should lock the Transmitter Impound. This is unfortunate as this is the first time in the clubs recent history that anything has gone missing. We are currently looking at installing a Push Button Type Entry Handle lock on the impound door. Nick reminded everyone to ensure that they secure the gate if they are the last one leaving the field regardless of the time of day. If you are the first to arrive on any given day ensure that you do not leave the combination dialed into the lock once you have unlocked the gate.

FIELD COMMITTEE:

Brian Facey reported that the clutch on the Club Cadet tractor was burnt out and in need of replacement. Ralph Martin has volunteered to do the work as he owned the same tractor and was very familiar with it. Brian also reported that there was no need to dump any gravel this year on the road despite the beating it took during the Frozen Finger Fun-Fly. It was noted that we may have to apply some next year. He also noted that the fence between the Pilot's Stations and the Pits will need replacing soon. The Aircraft Flight Starting Stations have been working very well and it was suggested that one or two more be built.

IMAC CONTEST:

Brian Facey reported the clubs 4th Annual Scale Aerobatics Encounter was well attended with 29 pilots competing in the five classes. No numbers yet financially but we didn't loose any money!

HELI FUN-FLY:

Joe Bajkor said the fun-fly was well attended by 30+ pilots, in spite of the windy weather. There was even a turbine powered heli in attendance again this year. All in attendance had fun and went home with a little something-something!

NEW BUSINESS:

Nick asked if there was any new business. Terry Tupper took the floor and announced that the club would be order some more Jackets shortly and to please place your order and pay in full. The black windbreaker type jacket has the club crest stitched on the back and you're Name on the front and MAAC number on the sleeve. Jackets are \$90.00 and are available in sizes S through XXL. Hats are also available for \$20.00 each.

FLIGHT TRAINING:

CFI, Terry Tupper presented Pilot's Wings to newly graduated pilot – Don Weiszhaar. Congratulations Don!

PRANGED PIG:

Masood was nominated by fellow Chopper Jock, Joe Bajkor, for his spectacular Heli crash one evening. Apparently Masood had been having some problems with his tail rotor and he and Joe disassembled the gearbox and found it complete void of any grease. He greased it up and everything seemed fine however Joe did caution him about flying it again before finding out what had happened to the grease that was in there before. Masood was really wringing out his ride when all of the sudden you could hear this high pitched whine and what could only be the sound of gears grinding against each other.... Then nothing as the gear box failed and down she came to mother earth causing total destruction of a bird that had finally setup near perfect. As there were no other nominees the members voted, unanimously to award Masood the Pranged Pig.

SHOW AND TELL:

Jack Marcotte displayed his latest Aerobatic mount, a 50cc Aerotech Yak 54 w/ DA50R and Hitec servos. Don Brison brought in a little Great Planes Cub motivated by a Saito 56FS.

FIFTY/FIFTY DRAW:

The 50/50 Draw was won this month by Terry Tupper who walked away with \$43.00 in pocket change..

Next meeting is Wednesday October 4TH, 2006, 20h00, (8:00 PM).

Meeting adjourned at 21h30.

Recorded by: James Daly, Club Secretary