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There were some changes made at the meeting on March 6th. One of them was Tony DiNicola taking over the web site. I have just come from it, and the web site has some new items on it. Be sure to check it out!! Thank you Tony!

This year, we had enough people sign up on the Field Maintenance committee, that we will not have to go outside of the club to have the field mowed. Nor will we be paying them to do it. This alone will save the club approximately \$1200.00 this year. A HUGE Thank You to Robert Silvka, John Arnnoczky, John and Jeff Shutic, Bill Ritchie and John Halfhill, who is handling mower maintenance.

The Audit committee is now staffed by Daryl Baker and Nick Yuhasz. Thank You both!

John Fischer is the only one on the Events Committee. This is not enough. This will be handled at the next meeting.

Public Relations only had 2 people volunteer: Mark Sisley and John Shutic. We need more personnel on this staff also.

Thanks to everyone who signed up!!

Chris Bonner will price having galvanized steel barricades made at the Home Depot. This will include have the pipes cut to custom lengths and being threaded. He will e-mail his results to Bill Ritchie, who will then forward them to the club at the next meeting.

New barricades at the field are the Highest Priority with Field Safety, because right now, we don't have very good ones. We are also waiting on the cost for building new barricades out of a fiberglass and resin combo. Hopefully this will be taken care of at the April meeting, which is on the 10th of April, at the Nordson Depot.

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A letter from the Vice President

Hello to all - hope the building season has been productive for everyone. Spring is rapidly approaching and the flying season is upon us.

I wanted to take a few lines in this issue of the newsletter to express my gratitude for all of those who have volunteered for individual committees this year. Your club officers are making every effort to move the club in a positive direction, but we cannot do it alone. With a little effort from all, we can make our club something we are all proud to be apart of. The Field Maintenance committee will be a large, visible part of those efforts.

The flying field is the primary - good weather - place that members gather to fly, meet, and just have fun. It is also the first thing members of neighboring clubs, AMA visitors, potential new members, and the surrounding community see when wanting to know more about US or model aviation in general. This is the site of OUR first impression. All of us know that first impressions are lasting impressions. It is said that you will subjectively know more about a person or place in the first 30 seconds than you will for the rest of your life. The flying field is an outward or external representation of the club as a whole. However, it must be said that the field does not make the club - people make a club. It is the bonding of a group of people who share a like interest that is the nucleus of a 'club'. We share an interest - many interests. We are a group of people interested in aviation, in modeling, in the wonders of being a child - in simply having fun.

I am a firm believer in the fact that those who work hard should play hard. This belief permeates every fiber of my being. Some may like to skip right to Step 2 (play hard) but I find that Step 2 becomes much more enjoyable when preceded by Step 1. - It's a numbers thing I guess and I always liked math. Actually, it's a structure thing and I am very much about structure. Now, Step 1 comes in many facets. For our purposes, Step 1 is getting our flying field in shape so we can all enjoy Step 2. To this end, general flying field clean-up is scheduled for the morning of the May meeting - first Sunday of the month May 1st, 2005 - or 01May05 as I like to put it. We have not yet settled on a time, this will be finalized at the April meeting. However, I am hoping that we see more in attendance than those that volunteered for a committee.

In closing, let's plan and succeed in having fun this year. Let's be safe, let's be courteous, let's be adventurous, but most of all - LET'S HAVE FUN!

Mark Sisley

Minutes

March's meeting was called to order at 1:31pm, by President John Fischer.

The minutes from February meeting were read and accepted.

The treasury report was given and approved.

Membership is at 100 people.

Safety had no new information. We still need new barricades.

There was no Raffle at the meeting.

Old Business

The raffle. We have an OS .46 size engine, a LT 40 kit, and an Areostar ARF, for prizes. We usually spend \$140.00 on prizes at the beginning of the year, and then it averages out at \$70.00 a month. It has been decided that if we do not have enough people go in on the raffle each month, it will be treated as a 50/50, and the prizes will carry over to the following month. Some of the prizes might be raffled off at Model Mania (probably the ARF), for the spectators.

New Business

Budget:

We will no longer spend all the money every year until there is none to start the following year. This is a bad practice, and it is not fair to the start of the new year committees. There is no way to plan anything at the beginning of the year when we are in the red. We are making changes to avoid that for 2006.

Field Maintance:

Mowing will be done internally this year. We will not be paying anybody. We will notify Cheri Crawford of this change. John Fischer has a tiller he is willing to share with the club, so that the ground underneath the shelter is level. It has been said that you can get free Mulch from the City of Elyria, if you bring your own transportation to carry it away in. If this is so, then after the ground has been leveled, we will lay down the free city Mulch to help with the standing water situation. Barricades will be assembled and place where they need to go. We will have at least 5 pilot stations. Towards the end of the flying season, we will see about rolling the parking lot with Peat Gravel to firm it up a bit. We will also be filling in the sink holes. Mowing will be on a rotating schedule with the Field Maintance Committee.

Don't be afraid to help. This is your club!

Events:

May 1: field clean up, 1st meeting at the field, Fun Fly after meeting.

June 5: Meeting at the field, fun fly to follow

July ? Meeting date to be announced

August 7: Westlake Fly In

August 14: Model Mania

August 21: Rain date for Model Mania

More to Come!!

Financial Report

Beginning Balance	\$1831.22
Less Expenses	
• 1281 Y Calvert Membership	\$30.40
• 1282 Nationwide Mutual Insurance	\$100.00
Total Expenses	\$130.50
Plus Receipts	
• 81481 Y. Calvert, membership	\$4024.00
Total Receipts	\$4024.00
Gross Balance	\$5725.37
Less Reserves	
• Field Rent 2006	\$2084.00
• Insurance, AMA Charter Fees	\$90.00
• Port a Pottie	\$520.00
• Field Maintance: mowing, etc...	\$1800.00
Total Reserves	\$4494.00
Net Operating Funds	\$1231.37

RC Kits, Partial builds, Engines and Misc items for sale

Great Planes Ultra Sport 40 completely built and covered with monokote in US flag theme. Includes installed OS Max .46SF engine and JR XF622 radio with NE3-507 servos. This model was originally built as a tricycle gear plane but was later converted to a tail dragger. \$300

Kits

Great Planes F-14 Tomcat, new in box. \$100

Top Flight P40E Warhawk, .60 Gold Edition, new in box. \$125

Top Flight P-51B Mustang, .60 Gold Edition, This is a special limited edition "B" model kit, kit serial number 160. \$140.

Direct Connection Ultimate Bipe, 54" wingspan, .90 to 1.50 4 stroke or .61 to .91 2 stroke. This is a bare balsa prebuilt kit that requires final assembly and covering. \$300.

FiberScale P-40E .60 stand-off scale. This is an out of production kit that features a prebuilt fiberglass fuselage with rivet detail and panel lines. The wings require assembly and are sheeted foam core. \$175.

Partial Builds

Great Planes Super Sportster 90/120. This kit is approx 60 % built. \$100

Model Tech Dragon Lady 40 BHP. This kit is approx 90% built. \$125

Top Flight F4U Corsair, .60 Gold Edition. The wing and flight controls are built but need final sanding. The wing has been built to accommodate Robart 100 degree rotating retracts. The fuselage construction has not been started.

Included with this kit are the following items:

Robart #615 100 degree rotating main gear retracts

Robart #188 Air control kit

2 Robart # 650 main gear Robostruts

This kit is to be sold as a package. \$225

Great Planes Patriot, approx 90% built. Include Hobbico mechanical retracts. \$150

Sig Somethin' Extra .40 fun fly. Aprox 80% built. \$95

Carden Extra 300S 30% scale. The wings and horizontal stab are sheeted and ready for servo installation, the fuse has been jig built and is approx 50% built. Included with this kit are the following items:

Custom landing gear fairing/cuffs

3W-60K engine, new and never run

8 Futaba S9402 High speed coreless BB precision servos

Custom aluminum 300S spinner

Menz 22X10 wood prop

Prop drill jig fixture for the 3W-60

This kit is to be sold as a package. Total cost is over \$1900, will sell for \$1500.

Engines

OS Max .46SF New in box and never run include muffler. \$75

OS Max .61 SF P (pressurized), New in box and never run, no muffler is included. \$100

YS F91 4 cycle (pn YS0081), New in box never run includes all accessories and muffler. \$275

YS 120 4 cycle (pn YS0070), Supercharged with airbox! New in box never run includes all accessories. \$425.

SuperTiger S90 F, New in box and never run, includes muffler. \$100

SuperTiger G90 ringed, New in box and never run, includes muffler. \$110

K&B .40 with Perry pump and carb (K&B eng # 8360). New in box and never run. \$60

Misc items

Futaba R127DF receiver, new in box. \$40

Macs tuned pipe #1250, new still in bag. \$30

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