

EAGLE TALES

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MEETING MINUTES

11/03/09

By Rafael Molina

The regularly scheduled meeting for the month of November was held November the 3rd at the Converse Town Hall. Club President Bob Parker called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.. Other officers present were: Russ Walden, (Officer at large), Mike King (Treasurer) and Rafael Molina (Secretary). Total members in attendance nine. A motion to accept last month minutes was made by Mack Johnson, and seconded by Howard Martz

TREASURERS REPORT

By Mike King

Mike presented a detailed accounting of expenditures and revenues for the month of September. Officers present were given a copy for their records. If you are in need of more information you may direct your concern to Mike King.

Mike indicated the Swap Meet was a total success. Income from this year Swap Meet exceeded most expectation, and we received the most revenues since 2005.

The success of this event would have not taken place without the arduous work and effort of our president Bob Parker and the support of all the ladies in the club. The ladies worked very hard since very early in the day preparing food and beverages and were the last ones to leave after all the

cleanup. They contributed enormously to the total revenues. *Our most sincere appreciation to all the ladies for so much help to our club!* Also thank you to all those members that contributed with gifts of food and beverages.

A motion to accept the treasure's report was made by Kaleb Worl, and seconded by Ivan Minglin.

DRAWING

Bill Timberman was the lucky recipient of this month Kidsville \$15 dollars gift certificate. Congratulations!

OLD BUSSISNES

Howard Martz informed the membership that the Mall Show organization is preceding on schedule.

Howard have come up with a tentative date for next year planned Fun Fly. He feels either June the 19th (rain date the 20th) or July the 10th (rain date the 11th) may be some good dates.

The XFC will take place June 11th trough the 13th and the AMA Scale Aerobatics will start on July the 3rd. So those dates represent a window of opportunity between these events. That will provide with the opportunity for some of the vendors and guests that will be attending those events to also attend our Fun Fly.

NEW BUSINESS

We need volunteers to step up and nominate themselves for some of the club officer's positions. Bob and Mike will be leaving their positions this next year and they need to be replaced.

Bob and Mike expressed they will help and support their replacements throughout the year. Bob will continue to organize the Swap Meet and Mike will relinquish his position next April. That will help whomever replace them to tale care of their duties.

I will continue to take care of the duties of secretary.

SAFETY REPORT

From an article on the AMA INSIDER
ON THE SAFE SIDE

The Lighter Side of Safety
by Don Nix, Insider Safety Column Editor

My last column about self-appointed, rude, and dangerous hotdogs in RC drew more mail than any previous one. With one exception, all the letters were not only in agreement, but most gave examples of similar incidents at their own fields and how they had dealt with it.

The lone dissenter was not only indignant ("Nobody is going to tell me what I can and can't do"), but at the end of his e-mail stated he could tell I was probably pro gun control and a few other unspeakable sins, none of which were true or had anything to do with flying model airplanes. Oh, well.

As I was debating subject matter for this issue, it occurred to me that finally

things related to safety do happen from time to time. They are only funny when no person is injured or no property is damaged. The following incidents took place years ago at a very popular RC flying field in Southern California.

Late one Saturday afternoon, one of our most regular and experienced pilots was flying an Ugly Stik and began yelling, "I don't have it! I don't have it! No control!" then watched open-mouthed as "his" model gracefully climbed into the pattern, turned downwind, turned again and passed in front of everyone, continuing on around again, seemingly on its own. This field was a very busy one with 12 pilot stations, and most had models in the air at the moment.

Gradually he realized what had happened. This particular fellow liked to fly low and in the weeds (literally), but was always careful to do so well past the far side of the runway, at least a hundred feet from the flightline. As he made one of his low and slow passes into the afternoon sun, an almost identical Stik was taking off at the far end of the pit area and starting to climb into the pattern. At that time of day, at that particular point and general altitude, models tended to become silhouettes briefly.

Ah, you can see it coming. Just as our friend was approximately abreast of the model taking off, his eyes picked up the other Stik as his own. In the meantime (as we discovered an hour or so later), his model had continued unhampered and uncontrolled straight ahead, crashing into a golf course

several hundred yards to the west. I might mention the golfers were not amused.

On another occasion, one of my friends who did a lot of training of newbies was helping a beginner with his brand new trainer, checking everything, starting the engine, tuning it, and explaining what he was doing at every step. After getting the engine tuned and idling properly, he told the proud owner that he wanted to check the engine at full power with the nose up to be sure it wasn't too lean. The owner, eager to please, held the airplane vertical while the engine test was made, and was still holding it in that position when the instructor reduced the power to idle.

Yes, the fellow was a beginner, but he had been at the park for a couple of hours, and certainly must have seen what others were doing all around him. No doubt nerves pickled his brain at that moment, because when the instructor nodded at him, assuming the fellow would put it down at the edge of the runway, the poor guy simply tossed it straight up into the air, nose pointed skyward, engine at idle.

Incredibly, the stunned instructor, having more skill and presence of mind than most of us, punched the throttle full forward, managed to get the thing wallowing into the air and flew it out into the pattern. Another fine example of what happens when we assume something.

After getting into this subject, I realized I have some more funny ones that ended up safely, but they'll have

to wait until next issue. In the meantime, if you care to add to the list, or suggest another safety subject, I'm always available: flyerdon@aol.com.→

Safety, think about it

Bill Timberman made a motion to adjourn, second by Ivan Minglin

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Remember, Absolutely No Flying While the Grass Is Being Mowed.

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