

UCRCS Club Minutes - January 8, 2009

UCRCS's regular monthly Club meeting was held January 8th at IWC, thanks to Bob Mackie kindly sharing his facilities. We all enjoyed Del's usual good cooking. There were all regular members in attendance, with a special welcome to new member, Devin Horton.

The meeting was lead by new President Steve Mullis, starting with a welcome to all attending, and to new Vice President, Ron Bernhardt. Maryann Smith continues as Sec./Treas. for a second year. Steve M. gave out awards to members, who contributed over and above the cause, with a little "Special Recognition" fun included.

The Crossville Club has advised us that they will again be having their indoor event on 2-21-09, at the same location as last year. Their information is on the web. Local swap meets were also mentioned.

MINUTES / TREASURY REPORT:

Sec/Treas Maryann Smith announced the regular Club meeting minutes were posted on the Web-Site for Club Members to view. With no revisions suggested, a motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept the minutes as posted.

Maryann Smith summarized the current expenses and resulting bank balances for the past month and the year of 2008.

Most members paid 2009 dues, with a reminded to all who have not yet paid that they are due now. Members were also reminded that they need to get in their AMA dues paid as well, which is necessary to be able to fly at the field.

CLUB OPERATIONS:

Steve M. reported that the lawnmower might need special care for the Winter, but is in good condition. Special thanks again to Doug Ruffner for his multiple mowing last year. It was noted that the mower is fine, as is, but might need a fuel stabilizer.

Holly requested that anyone who takes pictures at the field, or of other events, send them to him to be put on the web. Keep up the good work Doug G.!

Club Dues for 2009 – We continued the discussion of Club dues, and members were reminded to get their club and AMA dues in ASAP.

There was a discussion about setting requirements of what members will fly at the field. However, everyone was in agreement that this is a personal decision and that the choice of flying helicopters or airplanes is up to each individual, with no requirements, as we have always been a "free choice" club.

Maryann S. again reminded the club that we still need to cut the trees around the water meter, as requested by Cookeville City. John Ross says that he will bring his chain saw. We may need to do some additional clearing, but the trees cannot easily be cut by hand, which must be done first.

Thanks were offered, as always, to 'G & L Hobbies', and 'Cookeville Raceway and Hobbies', for their continued support of our club. Thanks Chris and Greg! You are greatly appreciated!

Bob M. states that he will be inviting members to fly on his fabric field at the family farm, whenever possible this year, with at least 2 farm flies. He again thanked all members for their help with the installation of his runway, which he plans on extending this year.

EVENTS PLANNING:

We established our 2009 Events Calendar noting that these events will be posted on our web-site to keep you informed. The Middle Tenn RC Clubs Association's web-site (www.mtrcca.org) also keeps you informed of regional events, well within driving distance.

Upcoming events planned for 2009 are:

- Farm Fly – 4-18-09. Bob M. will have us out to the Frosty Acres Farm, for a club farm fly.
- Fun Fly-In – 5-24-09. This will be an open event with food and fun for everyone.
- Heli Fly-In – 6-13-09. This is again planned for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, with Saturday being the event day. The field will be available for open flying on Friday and Sunday. Chris K. did a great job on this event last year, which was a big success for our club. We hope to have even more participation this year, by changing the date to this month.
- Electric Fly-In -- 7-18-09. It was suggested that Terry M. and Carl B. do demos. Carl did a great job with his demo last year.
- Float Fly -- 8-1-09. This was a success at Cane Creek Park last year, for a few, so we will try to plan for more participation this year. Other locations may be considered. Anyone have a boat?
- Giant Fly-In – 8-22-09. Bob M. will again be in charge of this event, since he did such a great job last year. The event was a great success!
- Upper Cumberland Regional Air Show – 9-19-09 (Tentative) Bob M. will meet with the airport group. We hope to do a drink booth and Club booth again for this event. Greg. G. will do our demo, if schedule permits.
- Farm Fly – 9-26-09. Bob M. will again have club members out to his farm for free flying.

It is going to be a busy year, so be sure to mark your calendars!

FIELD UPDATE:

There are several projects still underway or planned for improvements at the field.

- 1) The Club voted to wait to move the carport in the Spring, probably March, with a discussion about it being moved to around the middle of our lower field fence, and possibly extending into the current grass area. Chris K. stated that we may be able to get a free concrete pad, through a local construction company. Gravel would have to be brought in for a better surface for the lower field, as the surface there is rough. These issues will be discussed again at a later meeting, and a possible work day set.
- 2) It was suggested that we add a safety flying fence on the field, to separate moving aircraft from parked aircraft. This will be discussed further, as it met with approval from most, and would prevent some accidents.
- 3) There have been no further reports from the truckstop, indicating plans for expansion. However, members may still be on the lookout for other possibilities for a field location, since this is a constant unknown about the development around the truckstop.
- 4) Mowers are needed for the schedule for this year. Send your information to Holly and he

will get you on the schedule.

5) The field boundary was again discussed, as we want to keep Farmer Mackie happy and not fly over his mother's house.

6) The mobile home is not present right now, so we will again be locking the gate until he returns. Members were reminded to lock up if they are the last flyers.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned followed by show & tell. Ron Bernhardt brought his refurbished plane. Greg G. brought fiberglass parts for his coming 52% Edge 540. He also thanked club members for their continued support of his business.

Submitted by:

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