

UCRCS Club Minutes - February 12, 2009

UCRCS's regular club meeting was held February 12th at IWC, thanks to the continued kindness of Bob M. President Steve M. welcomed the 28 members and 4 guests present. Del prepared a good meal, as usual, and desert was provided by the McCurdy family. The continued services and support provided by Cookeville Raceway & Hobbies and G & L Hobbies was noted. Some announcements were made concerning upcoming events by other clubs, and changes to our event dates, due to scheduling conflicts, which are listed below.

MINUTES / TREASURY REPORT:

Sec/Treas Maryann Smith announced that 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 S. reviewed the Club's finances, summarizing the current expenses and resulting bank balances.

Club members were reminded that the charter will be renewed next month, so dues need to be paid to be included on the roster, which will be turned in at that time. AMA dues must also be paid.

CLUB OPERATIONS:

The club agreed that the lawn mower needs to be serviced. James S. will arrange for service. Mention was made of Doug R. who is home from the hospital, but could use some fix up projects, since he will not be able to be active for a while. Members were encouraged to sign up for the 2009 mowing schedule, as Doug has gone over and above in service in recent years, and more member participation will be needed this year.

Club dues need to be paid by next month if possible. Holly will send out a notice to all past members this month. Dues can be sent to Maryann S. at the address on the web, if members cannot be present.

Steve M. noted that helicopters will need to fly from the North end of the field, leaving the South end available for airplanes; to avoid flying over farmer Mackie's home and field. This is necessary as the airplanes need more take off and turning space. Tony C. will tell the Helicopter club at their next meeting as many are members of both clubs.

Steve M also noted, for member's benefit, that AMA insurance does not cover mid-air crashes, but only property damage to others. He stated that homeowners' insurance may cover expenses, based on the individual policy. Members are responsible for working out details of mid-air crashes.

Holly F. noted that he is adding more to the "Items for Sale" page on the Web. He again requested that pictures, taken at the field, be sent to him to be added to the web.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION:

There are a few folks that deserve to be recognized for their over-and-above efforts to promote & support the Club:

- Holly F. for the Club's SUPER web-site
- Del H. as the "unofficial" Club Chef

- Gene H. as our Safety Officer
- Bob M. for becoming a new CD for the Giant Scale event.

2009 EVENTS SCHEDULE: (Note: some dates have changed.)

4-18-09: Farm Fly – Bob. M. will have club members and family out to the Frosty Acres Farm, for a club farm fly. Free flying. Bob hopes to extend his runway this year. Details later.

5-23-09: (date corrected) A Fun Fly for UCRCs members is scheduled for the flying field. This will not be sanctioned, all AMA members invited. There will be a \$10.00 pilot fee.

6-19-09 – 6-21-09: (dates changed) Helicopter Fly-In, with Saturday, 6-20-09, being the only official date. The Friday and Sunday dates will be open flying for anyone who attends with AMA. Holly will work with Chris K. to complete a flyer, which will be sent out to various clubs. The pilot fee will be \$20.00 again, including a meal. Prizes for the event will be discussed later, as Chris is working on sponsors. Gene H. will be our Safety Officer and CD. Chris K. and Steve M. have PA system arrangements. Chris still has his system and they believe that it will be in good working order. Tony C. will provide storage space if necessary. Meal arrangements will be worked out later, as the meal may not be donated this year.

7-25-09: (date changed) Electric Fly-In – It was suggested that Terry M. and Carl B. do demos. There will be a \$10.00 pilot fee.

8-1-09: Float Fly – This was at Cane Creek Park last year, but other locations are being considered. A boat will be needed.

8-22-09: Giant Scale Fly-In – Bob M. will be in charge of this event and will be CD. He is requesting that Greg G. do a demo for half-time, with a possible helicopter demo. He showed a video of a “flying lawnmower” which is a possibility for this event. Plans are being discussed to build one, or two, just in case.

9-19-09: Upper Cumberland Regional Air Show – Bob M. will be meeting with the airport group soon, and will report at our next meeting. We hope to have a club booth and a drink booth again. Greg G. will do a club demo.

9-26-09: Farm Fly -- Bob. M. will have club members and family out to his farm again for the day. Free flying.

12-10-09: Club Banquet

Be sure to note the date changes on your calendar.

FIELD UPDATE:

- The field was reported to be in general good condition, but we will need to be mowing weekly, within a few months. Holly F. again requested that names be sent to him by email to put on the web-site mowing list for 2009. Call Holly to get a substitute if you cannot mow on your scheduled date.
- James S. will set up service for the lawn mower.
- There has been no news about the current developments around the flying field. Members are still encouraged to suggest alternate flying sites for consideration.

- It was again stressed that no one fly over the Mackie Farm, and try to limit flying to the road. Our flight boundary sign is there, but the weeds have grown up in front of it. It was again mentioned that we will fly airplanes more from the South, or lower end, of the field and helicopters from the North end. It was also stressed that all landings be called, as well as flyers on the field. Pilots should move, as soon as possible, when their planes or helicopters are retrieved from the field.
- Special thanks to John R. who cut the trees around the water meter.

NEW BUSINESS:

Club members are still welcome to get together and do some building at Jim Casey's house. Contact Jim to schedule. Bob M. has also kindly offered his home for future projects and builds. This is a great way for club members to get together, other than our meetings, and learn new ideas and techniques.

The club was reminded that we have the "Club Trainer" available, which Chris Kirovac of Cookeville Raceway and Hobbies donated, and Jim Casey refurbished. The trainer is stored at Tony C's, and is available to all club members.

We still have a few Club caps. See or call Maryann S. to get yours. The price is \$15.00.

SHOW AND TELL:

Vice Pres. Ron B. introduced our show and tell items for the night:

Bob Mackie is a celebrity now. His "Missing Wheel" video is on the World Wide Web. History does have a way of repeating itself. Way to go Bob! He also brought some floats he is working on for the Float Fly for his Cub. No wheels!

Steve Mayfield and Nick Shone brought their Balsa USA Kits of warbirds, Fokker Eindecker III.

Bob Metzger brought his 1938 Lonzo Bomber competition plane.

Steve Mullis brought his plane for the Crossville indoor event, which was a big hit.

ADJOURNMENT:

Submitted by:

[Maryann Smith](#)