

## **UCRCS Club Minutes - March 12, 2009**

UCRCS's regular club meeting was held March 12<sup>th</sup> at IWC, thanks to the continued kindness of Bob M. President Steve M. welcomed the members and guest, Curtis Hull. Del prepared a good meal, as usual. 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 members reminded of changes to our event dates, which are now posted on the website. We were all glad to have Doug Ruffner back with us. He finally got his "most mowing" award.

Members are reminded that the next meeting, on April 9, will be at the flying field or at Doug G's, across I-40, if the weather does not cooperate.

### **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. A correction was made to the wording, concerning other clubs being invited to our Field Fly, and Holly will correct the wording on the website. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept the minutes with the corrected wording.

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 at the end of this 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 lawn mower still needs to be serviced. James S. will arrange for service. Members were again encouraged to sign up for the 2009 mowing schedule, as Doug needs to take a break, and more of our members need to participate this year.

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

Members are still encouraged to gather at the field on Thursday afternoons, weather permitting, to enjoy some extra club time. Members were also reminded to put their AMA cards in the slots, while flying. We are still discussing possibilities for placing cards for 2.4 transmitters. For right now, they just need to be placed in the box while flying.

Maryann will also be sending in the instructor fees for our 4 instructors: Bob Conners (Airplane), Steve Mullis (Airplane), Terry Moore (Helicopters) and Jim Casey (Electric). They will be available to anyone needing instructions at the field. Arrangements will need to be made in advance for training days.

Members were reminded that we have the "Club Trainer" available. The trainer is stored at Tony C's restaurant, and is available to all club members. Just call Tony to get the plane. We again discussed ways to get it to the field more often. Jim C. says it is a little fast for a beginner, and possibilities were discussed about finding a slower trainer on sale. Steve M. will check on this possibility.

We again discussed moving the shelter, but plans are postponed until next month. The issue of also digging a trench for electric service there was brought up, which we had not discussed before. There was also discussion of moving the bleachers and Port-O-Potty. We will look at this again at our next

meeting. We still have no confirmation on the possibility of getting a concrete pad, which would make a difference on when we could move the shelter. Gravel will also need to be brought in for the lower area, as walking is difficult at present. It was agreed that the flag pole and wind sock will stay put. The need for a safety fence will be discussed again next month.

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

### **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 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 will be provided at the next meeting. Time will probably be around noon. Holly will send out details when known.

5-23-09: (date corrected) A Fun Fly for UCRCS members is scheduled for the flying field. This will not be sanctioned. 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. 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. had a meeting with the airport group, and it looks like we will have the only drink booth, will also have our club booth, and will have a Demo time. Greg G. is still planning to do the club demo. Bob did report that the airport will be charging 10% this year and may do a ticket sale, instead of vendors taking money individually.

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 very wet, and we will need to be mowing when possible. It has recently been too wet. 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 new news about the current developments around the flying field. Members are still encouraged to suggest alternate flying sites for consideration.
- We again discussed the possibility of getting a "sweeper" for the field, but learned that the one we hoped to get is gone.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Jim C. made a motion that the club give a charity gift to an individual each year, which we have done in the past, but had to vote each time. A motion was made and seconded to do this each year. This year, Jim C. and Dave B. suggested a cancer victim. Maryann will check to see if AMA may credit the club for this. We discussed the possibility of using a "buddy box," and allowing young flyers some air time, at our regularly scheduled events, working around the regular flyers or after events. A fee of \$5.00 for 5 minutes was suggested, with the club matching the amount earned, to go to our charity. Possibilities for raising the funds will be discussed in more detail later.

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

### **SHOW AND TELL:**

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

Bob Metzger brought more of his event planes to show the club. Bob has been a busy man this past year!

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

Submitted by:

Maryann Smith