

## UCRCS Club Minutes - April 9, 2009

UCRCS's regular club meeting was held April 9<sup>th</sup> at the flying field. President Steve M. welcomed the 25 members and several guest. Del prepared a good meal, as usual and Dave made sure we had plenty to drink. 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. Thanks to Joe Coon for mowing the field for our meeting. Steve is still trying to get all of the awards, from last year, delivered to the appropriate individuals.

### 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 again, concerning other clubs being invited to our Field Fly, and Holly will correct the wording on the website. Maryann requested that the CDs check on the checks to AMA, as they have not yet been cashed. Bob and Gene will check and report. 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 advised that the Charter has been renewed and the roster sent in, but that AMA dues must also be paid. New members will be added to the roster as received.

### CLUB OPERATIONS:

The lawn mower was serviced, but was determined to have some major problems with axel wear. Several members made suggestions on repairs, and Dave and Mike will check on the possibility of making a bushing and will report to the club. A motion was made and seconded to attempt to fix our present mower. There was also discussion on looking at a new heavy duty mower, but repairs will be considered first. This will be discussed again at our next meeting. Members were again encouraged to sign up for the 2009 mowing schedule.

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.

Steve announced our 4 instructors: Bob Connors (Airplane), Steve Mullis (Airplane), Terry Moore (Helicopters) and Jim Casey (Electric) who have received their certification. They will be available to anyone needing instructions at the field. Call to make arrangements 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. will "trim" the plane, as it is fast for a trainer.

We again discussed moving the shelter, and Maryann made an alternate suggestion to have a second structure, similar to a "lean to" located on the field, instead of moving the larger shelter. A smaller shelter to house the frequency board and impound could be built inside the fence for little costs. Other members suggested purchasing another shelter, like the one we have, only smaller.

There was also discussion of moving the bleachers and Port-O-Potty. It was noted that the bleachers are in the only shade we have. This will be considered and discussed again at another meeting. The need for a safety fence is still on hold as well.

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.

### **2009 EVENTS SCHEDULE:**

4-18-09: Farm Fly – Bob. M. will have club members and family out to the Frosty Acres Farm, for a club farm fly. Time will be around noon, with a meal served in the afternoon. Holly will have a map on the web for those who have not yet been to the farm.

5-23-09: Fun Fly for is scheduled for the flying field. There will be a \$10.00 pilot fee. There will be no contest, and flying is open to all types of aircraft. Food and drinks will be available.

6-19-09 – 6-21-09: 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 and Chris K. have completed a flyer, which was 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. 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: 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, but we currently have a "parts" problem.

9-19-09: Upper Cumberland Regional Air Show – Bob M. had a meeting with the airport group, and it looks like we have been requested to have two drink booths, as well as our club booth, and 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 will do a ticket sale, instead of vendors taking money individually. Current plans are for a FA-18 and C-130 to be there. We will not know about the Stealth until shortly before the event.

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 events on your calendar.

### **FIELD UPDATE:**

- The field was reported to be in general good condition, but very wet. Joe C. mowed as much as he was able, but the lower portion is still too wet to mow. 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.
- Dave and Mike will look at the lawn mower for possible repair and report to the club.
- 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.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

A motion was made to purchase a "roller" for the field, due to it being uneven in areas. Several members will check on possibilities and report to the club. Jim C. will actively look for one.

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.

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

Submitted by:

Maryann Smith