

UCRCS Club Minutes - July 9, 2009

UCRCS's regular club meeting was held July 9th at the flying field. President Steve M. welcomed the member's guests, and Ericf Weidekamp. The continued services and support provided by Cookeville Raceway & Hobbies and G & L Hobbies was noted, as usual. Some announcements were made concerning upcoming events by other clubs.

Special thanks were given to Chris K., Doug R., and the McCurdy's for their outstanding help with the Heli event, where we had 25 pilots. Thanks also go to Steve M. and Ron S. for the meal, as well as to other members who made the event a success.

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 motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept the minutes.

Maryann S. reviewed the Club's finances; summarizing the current expenses and resulting bank balances, and noted that we had a successful event, so finances have improved.

CLUB OPERATIONS:

We have determined that we are unable to fix our old mower, and a motion was made, seconded, and voted on to donate the mower to Chris K. as he can use the parts. Members were again encouraged to sign up for the 2009-mowing schedule, as we still have slots that need to be filled. Send your name to Holly to put on the list. All who fly need to participate in mowing.

Holly F. is still adding 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. The new board, built by Buddy Q., has slots for placing cards for 2.4 transmitters and all others. Fine job, Buddy! Members are still encouraged to have spotters on the field, especially when multiple planes are in the air.

Steve announced our 4 instructors: Bob Conners (Airplane), Steve Mullis (Airplane), Terry Moore (Helicopters) and Jim Casey (Electric) have their instructor certification. They are available to anyone needing instructions at the field. Call instructors to make arrangements in advance for training days

Members were reminded that we have the "Club Trainer" available. The trainer is available to all club members. Tony C. has it on hand a present. Give him a call if needed.

Reminder: Due to an increase in membership, and many members not being present at meetings, President Steve M. is enacting a clause in our By-laws, where a vote can be taken, with less than a majority, at the President's discretion. At recent meetings, less than half of our membership has shown up. Be sure and attend the meetings, if you want your voice to be heard.

We are out of club caps, so more will be ordered. Suggestions were made to check out other sources before ordering. Maryann S. will check on this.

Members agreed that we needed to get the PA system for the next event, as it was missed at the Heli event. Dave B. and Steve M. will arrange. Music will be played for the Electric Fly-In coming up next.

There was a discussion about the scheduling of the Heli event for next year, as we ended up having to change the date twice this year due to scheduling conflicts. Chris will check on possible dates for 5-21 through 5-23 for next year, due to the heat and lower attendance this year. If these dates are available, Gene H. will request these dates now for 2010. Events need to be published early for good participation.

We have learned that our second banner for the club is no more, so we will need another banner for the Airport show in September. Several members stated that they could cut lettering. Terry M. will check on banner costs. This will be discussed again at our next meeting.

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
- Steve M. and Ron S. for arranging recent meals.
- Gene H. as our Safety Officer
- Bob M. for becoming a CD.

2009 EVENTS SCHEDULE:

7-25-09: Electric Fly-In – There will be a \$10.00 pilot fee, which will include the meal and a raffle ticket. The event will end at 3:00 PM, and members are welcome to fly at that time. Bob M. will arrange for the food for the event. Dave B. will take care of drinks. Members were requested to be there to help with any necessary tasks. Steve M. states that he will make sure the PA equipment is there.

8-1-09: Float Fly – This was at Cane Creek Park last year, and will be again. This is an informal event. Holly, Jim, and perhaps others will be there around 9:00 AM. 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 previously showed a video of a "flying lawnmower" which is in the works. This will be discussed in detail at the August meeting. Bob has everything under control, as usual.

9-19-09: Upper Cumberland Regional Air Show – Bob M. had a meeting with the airport group, and it looks like we will just have the one drink booth, as well as our club booth, and a Demo time. Steve M. has agreed to do the demo, as Greg G. has a conflict. The airport will be charging 10% this year and will do a ticket sale, instead of vendors taking money individually. They are still discussing a profit split. Bob will speak with them again, about this issue, as costs might not be equal. He will report at our next meeting. 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. 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.
- We have a new board at the field, thanks to Buddy Q, who built it at his expense.
- 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:

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.

Steve M. stated that he might be able to obtain new platforms for the field, as ours are somewhat worse for wear.

Gene H. will look for new trash barrels for the field, as some of ours are in rough shape.

VP Ron B. made a motion to expand the shed, as we obviously need additional storage space. A discussion ensued, where it was agreed that the present shed needs to be moved to higher ground before any expansion. John and Gene will check on arrangements for the move. The motion was seconded and approved by vote.

ADJORNMENT:

Submitted by:

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