

UCRCS Club Minutes - August 13, 2009

UCRCS's regular club meeting was held August 13th at the flying field. President Steve M. welcomed the old members; new members, Karl Smith and Ron Rath; and guests who will be joining Marc Johnson and Jason Stamps. 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.

Thanks also go to Steve M. and Ron S. for the meal, and again to Ron B. who has completed most of our new storage shed. Also thanks to those members who helped to move our older shed to higher ground.

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.

CLUB OPERATIONS:

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.

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. 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) who have their 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. Give Tony C. 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.

It has been determined that the Heli event for next year will be planned for June 4, 5, and 6 2010 due to schedule conflicts this past year. Gene H. will request these dates now for 2010. Events need to be published early for good participation.

We need another banner for the Airport show in September. Several members stated that they could cut lettering. Terry M. has been checking on banner costs, but was not present at this meeting.

Maryann S. will have the Port-O-Potty will be cleaned before the Giant Scale event and pick up a new flag, since the one at the field disappeared. Tony P. will get new safety fence signs made.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION:

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

- Ø Holly F. for the Club's SUPER web-site
- Ø Steve M. and Ron S. for arranging recent meals.
- Ø Gene H. as our Safety Officer
- Ø Bob M. for becoming a CD.
- Ø Ron B. for his building skills

2009 EVENTS SCHEDULE:

8-22-09: Giant Scale Fly-In – Bob M. will be in charge of this event and will be CD. He reported that Greg G. may not be able to do a half-time demo, but we may still have a helicopter demo by Carl. He previously showed a video of a “flying lawnmower” which is in the works, but they are having trouble with it taking off in the grass. They are still working on this project. We voted \$150 prize money to each hobby shop, with Bob helping to pick the prizes. We will not have a separate pilot prize. Bob has everything under control, as usual. Bob M. will notify farmer Mackie. It was agreed that only pilots will be allowed beyond the green fence, but families may set up tents in the gravel behind the fence. Parking will be kept to the parking lot. Volunteers were coordinated and will report to the field at 7:30 AM. Bob M. has arranged for the food and Dave B. will bring drinks. Open flying will be after 3:00 PM. Steve M. will set up the audio.

9-19-09: Upper Cumberland Regional Air Show – Bob M. had a meeting with the airport group about our drink booth, which has been confirmed by Maryann S. We will also have 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. Bob will report again at our next meeting. Current plans are for a FA-18 to be there and possibly some other military planes. We will not know about the Stealth until shortly before the event. Bob M. will arrange for a trailer to be there to store the drinks, and will check on the previous invoice to determine the amount we purchased last time.

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 still staying wet in some spots. It was recommended that the field be rolled before the giant scale event, due to it being uneven

in spots. 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.
- Service for the mower was discussed, as it may need a possible oil change.

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.

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

Ron B. has completed all of the building project he can complete alone, and has declined any compensation. However, he needs assistance with the roofing and siding. Several members volunteered their help.

Dave B. suggested possible electric wiring to the shed, so that the trainer can be kept there. Bob M. states that he does not feel that Mr. Hall would mind, as it is not a permanent fixture. Dave will check on wiring costs and report to the club next month.

It was brought up that we have not done our needy family donation. The 5 minutes - \$5.00 was to be done at the Club Fly In, which we had to cancel due to the field being wet. We will need to discuss other options for the future.

Members were also reminded that elections are coming up, so they need to get their recommendations in at the next few meetings.

Show and Tell:

Steve M. demonstrated a battery checker, which could avoid flight failures while in the air.

ADJORNMENT:

Submitted by:

Maryann Smith