

## UCRCS Club Minutes - October 8, 2009

UCRCS's regular club meeting was held October 10<sup>th</sup> at the flying field. President Steve M. welcomed members and guests to our last meeting at the flying field. The next meeting will be held at Institutional Wholesale, with the continued support and good graces of Bob Mackie. The continued services and support provided by Cookeville Raceway & Hobbies and G & L Hobbies was noted, as usual. Chris K. has had to be absent from many activities, due to his wife's health. Our thoughts and prayers are with you Chris and Brenda. Some announcements were made concerning upcoming events by other clubs.

### **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. The Upper Cumberland Regional Airport event was a success, but we will need to look at different things to sell for the next event, since other vendors were allowed to sell drinks also, and profits were considerably less than the previous year, including the \$75 from the raffle, which was won by Ron B. Lucky guy!

### **CLUB OPERATIONS:**

Members were again encouraged to sign up for the 2009 mowing schedule, as we still have slots that need to be filled. We will not have to mow as often soon, due to the time of year. 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, on the field board, while flying. Members are encouraged to have spotters on the field, especially when multiple planes are in the air.

Reminder: We have 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. Contact information is listed on the web site.

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.

Note: Due to an increase in membership, and many members not being present at meetings, President Steve M. has enacted 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.

Steve M. reminded members that elections will be coming up soon, and members were encouraged to get their recommendations in to Holly for consideration, as we vote in November. Steve stated that he would not be serving another year as President. Maryann stated that she would serve another term, if there were no takers for Secretary/Treasurer. Nominations were gathered at the meeting and Holly will send out an email for consideration. Any who do not wish to serve, will notify Holly and the ballot will be adjusted accordingly. Voting will be next month.

## **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 Gene H. as our Safety Officer
- Ø Bob M. for becoming a CD and all his hard work on the Giant scale and Airport Show.
- Ø Ron B. for his building and painting skills
- Ø Greg G. for his super demo at the Upper Cumberland Regional Air Show.
- Ø Doug G. and Gene H. for getting club flyers done for the Air Show.

## **2009 EVENTS SCHEDULE:**

11-7-09: Farm Fly -- (Rescheduled Date) Bob. M. will have club members and family out to his farm again for the day. Free flying. Come around 10:00 AM, with an earlier meal being served due to it getting dark early this time of year. Several are going to come early, as Bob wants to increase the "pit" area of the runway, so that there is more space for pilots to ready their planes for flight.

12-10-09: Club Banquet --Buddy, are you up for another year? All agreed that the previous location and service has been great! Maryann advised that the club will probably not be able to pay for everyone, as we have the past couple of years, due to some major expenses this year and lower income from events. Gene H. reminded everyone that each individual used to pay for his own and guests meals, and most agreed that this was a reasonable expectation. Doug G. will arrange entertainment, and Bob M. will print out awards again.

Be sure to note event dates on your calendar.

## **FIELD UPDATE:**

- The field was reported to be in general good condition, but wet again. 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.
- 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.
- Ron B. has completed all of the work on the new shed now, and painted it so that it can be seen for miles. Nice work Ron! You did a great job!
- Ron B. has also agreed to do an oil change and stabilize the mower for winter.
- There was a discussion about filling the new roller with various substances, but no decision was made.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Bob Mackie announced that the Upper Cumberland Regional Air Show for 2011 is tentatively scheduled for two days, instead of one. We discussed the possibility of different types of foods to sell at the next one, instead of just drinks, since other vendors are allowed to sell drinks now also. We have a long time to work on this one, however.

A discussion was held about the raffle, which may again be discussed next month. Any future outside activities by club members will need to be discussed and agreed upon, by the club, prior to the event to avoid future confusion.

Bob M. suggested a possible cold weather trip to the Beechcraft Museum or the Aircraft Museum in Sevierville, TN, as we will not be able to do as much outdoor flying in the Winter. He also mentioned that there had also been some discussion about a joint venture with the Upper Cumberland Regional Airport, sharing a Fly-In with pilots at the airport. All will be discussed further, with details being added.

Club members are still welcome to get together and do some building at Jim Casey's house, as he has a nice heated garage, which is perfect for Winter projects. Bob M. has also kindly offered his home for projects and builds, since he is home more during the cold season. Contact Jim or Bob to schedule. Phone numbers are on the web site. This is a great way for club members to get together, other than our meetings, and learn new ideas and techniques.

The next club meeting will be November 12<sup>th</sup> at Institutional Wholesale, for which directions will be provided by Holly by email or on the web site.

## **SHOW AND TELL:**

Thanks to Steve M., Bob M., and Doug R. for bringing planes, projects, kits, and wheels to view.

## **ADJOURNMENT:**

Submitted by:

[Maryann Smith](#)