

UCRCS Club Minutes - December 10, 2009

UCRCS's regular club meeting was held December 10th at the Career Center, during our annual club Christmas banquet. Thanks to Buddy Q. for the comfortable meeting place and arranging for some great food. President Steve M. welcomed members. 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.

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 are encouraged to sign up for the 2010 mowing schedule. We will be mowing again in a couple of months. 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. Due to the shorter days, weekends will be more popular.

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 are 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.

The election of Officers was announced with Ron Bernhardt being the new President, Dave Boles elected as the new Vice-President, and Maryann Smith will again be serving as Sec/Trea. Bob Mackie will provide the drinks left over from the Airport Show, which the club will purchase, and Tony Celli has kindly volunteered to be "water-boy" to give Dave a break. Dave has kept us well supplied for 2009!

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 Del H. for being our unofficial Chef

2010 EVENTS SCHEDULE:

The Heli event is scheduled for June 4, 5, and 6, 2010, subject to approval. Other event dates are to be determined at January meeting.

Weather permitting; we will have a New Year's fun fly at the field, with food.

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 2010.
- 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. is doing an oil change and stabilizer for the mower for winter.
- The roller has been emptied and stored.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was a suggestion made concerning a possible upgrade to the field, consisting on leveling and sowing the field. No decision was made, and there was concern about possible flying next year, if we do so. Grading services would be donated to the club. Grass seed would need to be provided. The wet conditions would not allow it to be done now. This will be discussed again later.

There was a continued discussion about having a fabric runway at the flying field, as some planes have difficulty taking off in the grass, and everyone has enjoyed Bob's runway so much. Bob M. will check on costs and provide details in the future.

A suggestion was made, and agreed upon, to have a collection basket for our meals, since we spend so much on food during the year. We will have a "kitty basket" out for donations for contributions to pay for our meals at future meetings, starting in January.

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.

President Steve Mullis announced that he had received notice from AMA that some of the Safety Rules would be changing in 2010, with the Club having more authority in making the rules. Information is to follow.

For our Christmas banquet: Buddy Qualls and his wife Donna, provided us with a wonderful location and meal, Holly Forkner with a great slide show, President Steve Mullis gave out Flying awards for 2009, and Doug Graves provided us with entertainment in the form of "Dirty Santa." Dave Boles won the grand prize of the plane donated by Chris Kirovac of Cookeville Raceway and Hobbies, and then donated the prize to be raffled to club members to raise money for Christmas Gifts for some children in the local schools, which was provided to them the following day. Thanks Santa!

Reminder: Both AMA and Club dues need to be paid, to be included on the membership for 2010. Maryann will send in the Charter and Membership Roster by mid – March. Dues will be collected at the January Meeting or sent to Maryann at P. O. Box 188, Cookeville, TN 38503.

The next club meeting will be January 14th at the IWC, thanks to the kindness of Bob Mackie, for which directions have been provided by Holly in an email or on the web site. Thanks to everyone for making 2009 a great year for the club!

ADJOURNMENT:

Submitted by:

Maryann Smith