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NEXT MEMBER MEETING:

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH @ 1:30 PM
MOOSE LODGE

DIRECTIONS TO MOOSE LODGE:

Hamburg Exit from Route 22
2nd Floor, 12 South 3rd Street, Hamburg, PA

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President's Message...

Dear TCWS Members,

At November's meeting, I will be calling for a membership vote on a proposal by Farview Flyers for events for 2008. Proposed events will include:

Giant Scale Fun Fly (3-day event) – This event will be a “joint” event, TCWS would close down it's field to allow all frequencies to be used at the event. Profits from this event would be split 50-50 between TCWS and Farview. TCWS members would be expected to help out at this event!

IMAC Event and Jet Rally (two separate 3-day events) – These events would NOT be joint events. Farview is requesting that TCWS close down it's field so Farview can use all frequencies at these events. Profits would NOT be shared with TCWS for these events, and TCWS members would NOT be expected to help out with these events.

For details about these proposed events, and to have your vote counted on this proposal, please attend the November meeting!

Paul Hartley

Editor's Two Cents

Greetings fellow fliers!

I believe the last meeting was the shortest one on record! But wasn't it great to see Ed Koch up and about? I continue to be amazed at Ed's recovery and his determination not to let a little ol' leg injury (if that's what you call having a chunk of your leg rather violently separated from its owner) keep him down. Just before I started writing this, I spoke with him again on the phone, and he's in great spirits, and remarkably, he's even doing home renovations and he's back to flying his planes again! Don't get me wrong...Ed still has a long road to recovery ahead of him, but he has a great attitude about it and I'm confident he'll make it happen. I know he appreciates all the support the TCWS and Farview club members have shown him since the accident. Special thanks go out to Terry Miller for providing chauffeur services to the hospital a few weeks ago, and for spotting for Ed when he returned to flying. It's great to know that when times get tough for one of our own, we can come together like this. On behalf of Ed, thanks to everyone who offered rides and other forms of assistance over the last month. As has been said by so many since the incident, this could have ended so much worse than it did.

Other than that, I don't have much new to report. We've had a shift to colder, windier weather recently, but there's talk of still more (relatively) warm days ahead (I don't know about you, but I say, bring on the global warming!). Whatever you're doing with these shorter days and colder nights, whether it's building your dream plane or practicing on the simulator or just dreaming about warm breezes and steaks on the grill (with the lovely sound of a big four stroke-powered

biplane providing the musical accompaniment, of course), I look forward to seeing you at the Moose on Sunday, the 18th!

Happy (real or imagined) Flying!

David Kilmer

Club Secretary

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Unofficial Meeting Minutes...October 14th

President Paul Hartley called the meeting to order at 1:35pm at the TCWS Club field. (18) members and (1) associate member were present.

The 50-50 drawing was won by Marion Case, who donated her winnings (\$15) back to the club.

David Kilmer read the minutes from the September meeting, and no additions or corrections were made. Motion was made to approve by Jim Ellis, seconded by Mike Renzi, and approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Donald Umbenhauer read the treasurer's report.. Jim Pauley moved to accept, Lee Buskirk seconded, and the club voted unanimously to accept the report.

OLD BUSINESS

Field Care: George Case reported that one more treatment will be applied to the field before winter sets in.

TCWS/Farview Jet Jamboree (October 19th-21st) - Paul reminded us that the clubs will need members to help out throughout the weekend. The event will run between 9am and 4pm each day, and open flying will be permitted from 4pm to dusk. Both clubs will split the earnings (admission fee, food, etc.) from the event 50/50. The TCWS field will be shut down for the duration of the event, but TCWS members will be able to fly during the open fly periods each day (and any time if they have a jet!).

NEW BUSINESS

Approval vote for 2008 Ballot – Since all nominees for officer positions are running unopposed, Paul asked for a show of hands to approve the ballot as it stands. Nominees are as follows:

President: Rich Kratzer

Vice President: Jack Hilbert

Secretary: Mike Renzi

Treasurer: Donald Umbenhauer

Board Seat #1: George Case

Board Seat #2: Terry Miller

Board Seat #3: Paul Hartley

By show of hands, 19 members (everyone present) voted to approve the ballot. There were none opposed.

Rick Boyer suggested we begin planning now for a joint TCWS/Farview Giant Scale event for 2008 to avoid a repeat of the scheduling conflicts we experienced this year, and to allow more time to advertise the event in the IMAA and AMA magazines. Paul asked for a show of hands to indicate approval for such a collaboration. All present voted in favor. Rick will also attempt to get the event listed as an IMAA Mini-Fest. Rick and Lee will present a proposal for potential dates for this event at a future meeting.

Lee also suggested we get rolling on plans for next year's swap meet. Paul and Lee will get together to discuss.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS: Next meeting will be held at the Moose Lodge on Sunday, November 18th at 1:30pm.

Motion was made by Bud Wunder to adjourn the meeting. Lee Buskirk seconded, and all present voted to close the meeting.

UPCOMING R/C EVENTS

Nothing on my radar this month...

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I crashed the last one...so another is in the workshop to replace it!