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**NEXT MEMBER MEETING:
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14TH @ 1:30 PM
TCWS CLUB FIELD**

DIRECTIONS TO MOOSE LODGE:
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2nd Floor, 12 South 3rd Street, Hamburg, PA

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President's Message...

Dear TCWS Members,

Please note that the October meeting has been moved up to October 14th, so as not to conflict with the Jet Rally event that we are having in conjunction with Farview. Also note that we will be voting to approve the 2008 ballot for officers and board members at this meeting. Since all candidates are running unopposed, we will simply have a show of hands for approval of the ballot.

The October meeting will be the last meeting held at the field until April of next year. We will have the meetings at the Hamburg Moose Lodge starting in November, as we have in the past..

Please come out and help with the Jet Rally on October 19th-21st. Remember, the TCWS field will be closed during this event, however, TCWS members may fly at Farview after 4pm on those days.

Paul Hartley

Editor's Two Cents

Wow...what a month October is turning out to be! The weather has certainly been cooperative, and feels more like Summer than Autumn as I write this. Meanwhile, I was disheartened to learn a few days ago (Sunday, the 7th) that one of our own suffered some fairly grievous injuries at our sister club over at Farview. Ed Koch had the unfortunate experience of being struck multiple times by the propeller of his big DA-100-powered Ultimate while he was starting it the other day. The fact that he's still around to talk about it can only be ascribed to a series of miracles, because this could have turned out so much worse than it did! Ed, I'm glad there were a few angels working overtime that day, and I'm pulling for you as you begin the challenging process of physical therapy. And a HUGE "Well Done" must also go out to the guys who were there to help Ed as he lay there holding his leg together. Rick Boyer happened to be nearby in the hangar when the accident happened, and was able to rally the guys on the flightline (around 100 yards away, and unaware of what had happened) to call for an ambulance. Among them were Jim Ellis, Dave Renninger, and Cory Johnson, who had only started in the hobby (and joined Farview) this year (I know Cory as a customer at the Hobbytown where I work part time). The significance of this is that Cory is a former volunteer fireman and has "first responder" training, and was able to apply a tourniquet to Ed's leg to slow the blood flow long enough for medical help to arrive. From what I hear, he was able to remain calm and in control of the situation (I doubt I could have handled things as well as he and the others did...I pass out when I cut my finger!!). Anyway, long story short, Ed was taken to Reading Hospital and endured emergency surgery. Afterwards I was able to talk to him on the phone, and he really sounded great, even with all the painkillers

coursing through his system! I tried to visit him last night (Monday), but he was already asleep (and dreaming, hopefully, of friendlier airplanes!). Spoke to him today (Tuesday) and he remains in good spirits, and is well aware of how much worse this could have been. I'm sure the details will be discussed at the upcoming meeting (it's early this month, remember!), but for now, please say a little prayer of thanks for Ed's quick recovery (and one of thanks for his survival!). I know Ed will appreciate it.

Let's also keep in mind that Ed is likely going to need our help in the days and months ahead, in a variety of ways. Dan McCoach and others have already said that they will be looking into what Ed's AMA benefits will cover, and Dan has also suggested that we, as Ed's fellow club members and friends, might want to be prepared to offer whatever financial or other assistance we can, and I agree with that sentiment.

A final note on the subject, accidents like this shouldn't be necessary to remind us that flying our planes alone (big or small) is a dangerous game. Don't become a statistic....fly with friends and fly safe!

Finally, remember that this Sunday we'll be having the election for new club officers and board members. Be there or be square (except for you, Ed....you get a pass on this one!).

Happy(and SAFE) Flying!

David Kilmer

Club Secretary

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Unofficial Meeting Minutes...16 September

President Paul Hartley called the meeting to order at 1:30pm at the TCWS Club field. (24) members and (1) associate member were present.

The 50-50 drawing was won by Dave Glockner.

David Kilmer read the minutes from the August meeting, and no additions or corrections were made. Motion was made to approve by Dave Glockner, seconded by Rick Boyer, and approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Donald Umbenhauer read the treasurer's report.. George Case moved to accept, Bud Wunder seconded, and the club voted unanimously to accept the report.

OLD BUSINESS

Field Care: No updates.

Union Fire Company Lawsuit: No updates.

2007 Bulk Fuel Buy – Paul reported that there might still be a gallon of fuel left for sale for \$12.

TCWS/Farview Giant Scale Fun Fly - Paul reported that the event went well. While turnout was smaller than hoped, both clubs made money, and everyone seemed to have a good time. Paul thanked all those who helped out at the event. Without our active participation in such events, they wouldn't be possible. Rod Maier won the Bling 3D that was raffled off at the field, and he asked the clubs to donate it to a deserving young person just starting out in the hobby. Rick Boyer announced that the lucky young man was Austin Carter.

Hobby Connection Day at Hobbytown in Reading, Saturday, September 8th: Paul thanked all who attended this event. While most of the planes supplied by the store were unflyable for various reasons, Ed Koch, Mike Renzi, and Paul stayed anyway and talked to some people interested in the club.

TCWS/Farview Jet Jamboree, October 19th - 21st - Paul noted that we will again need members to help out with the Jet Jamboree. Jets only will be flown from 9am to 4pm each day, with open flying permitted from 4pm to dusk. As in past shared events, the two clubs will share revenues 50/50 from admissions, food sales, etc. Once again, the TCWS field will be shut down during this event, so our members and guests will be permitted to fly 72mhz throughout the weekend without worries of interference. Rick Boyer is your contact if you have any questions.

Nominations for club officers - Paul asked for nominations to fill the offices of club president and club secretary. Rich Kratzer offered to run for president, and Mike Renzi put himself forward for secretary. Unless someone else wants to run for offices in the club, the nominations stand as follows:

- President:** Rich Kratzer
- Vice President:** Jack Hilbert (will vacate board seat if elected)
- Secretary:** Mike Renzi
- Treasurer:** Donald Umbenhauer (running for re-election)
- Board Seat #1:** George Case (running for re-election)
- Board Seat #2:** Terry Miller (running for John's seat)
- Board Seat #3:** Paul Hartley (running for Jack's seat)

NEW BUSINESS

Farview Flyers Fun Fly, September 21st - 23rd - Farview will be hosting a spread spectrum-only fun fly that weekend. All are welcome.

Christmas in the Air - Paul said that we will probably be invited to set up a club table at the annual "Christmas in the Air" event at Reading Airport. Paul and Jim Pauley represented the club last year. Paul asked if anyone wanted to represent the club this year, and Rick Boyer and Ed Koch volunteered.

George Case asked if the club wants to build an extension onto the existing kitchen., replacing the storage sheds with an enclosed structure for that purpose. Paul asked George and Jack Hilbert to put together a formal proposal. Lee Buskirk reminded us that he had acquired an estimate for materials for such a structure during the discussions last year regarding

potential field changes (the plans for which were later dropped).

Ed Koch asked if there were plans for a Christmas party this year. The club was asked to vote on whether to continue the tradition, and voted unanimously to do so. As in years passed, the party will be held after the December meeting.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS: Next meeting will be held a week earlier than usual, to avoid conflicting with the Jet Jamboree the following weekend. Mark your calendars for Sunday, October 14th, at 1:30pm. REMEMBER!!! Elections will be held at the October meeting!!!

Motion was made by Jim Ellis to adjourn the meeting. Ed Smith seconded, and all present voted to close the meeting.

UPCOMING R/C EVENTS

October 19th - 21st - Jet Rally at Farview RC Flyers' field (Grim's). The TCWS field will be closed for the duration of this event to prevent frequency interference, since 72mhz and HAM bands will be used during the event.

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