

Minutes of Tri-County Wing Snappers Meeting 15 March 2009

The meeting was called to order by Rich Kratzer who announced that Mike Renzi is currently in the Reading Hospital after suffering a mild heart attack.

- Mike will be in the Reading Hospital for a few days and he can be reached at 610-568-3236, Room number 223, Bed #2.
- We all certainly extend our best wishes to Mike and his family.

Jack Hilbert announced that Ken Fahringher, long time Lehigh Valley modeler and RC enthusiast as well as a former Hobby Shop owner in Bath passed away this past week.

There was no 50/50 drawing.

Don Umbenhauer gave a treasury report which is summarized as follows;

- For the period of 15 Feb thru 15 March
 - Income = \$1,415.17
 - Expenses = \$1,165
- Balance = \$4,196.10 in checking and \$12,115.19 in savings for a total of \$16,311.29.

2009 Intro Pilots who have been registered with the AMA are as follows;

- Jim Ellis
- Lee Buskirk
- Jack Hilbert
- Bill O'Neill
- Terry Miller
- Ed Koch
- Rick Boyer
- Paul Hartley
- Rich Kratzer
- Mike Renzi
- Don Umbenhauer

The 2009 Bulk Fuel Purchase is progressing and it looks like (2) 55 Gallon drums will be purchased.

- Fuel will be dispensed on 4 April, starting at 10:00 AM
- Be sure to bring your own jugs
- Anyone still wanting to order fuel should contact Rich Kratzer as soon as possible

Both the 2009 AMA Club Charter and Insurance have been renewed and both Certificates will be hung in the club kitchen.

The calendar of club events for 2009 will be hung on the bulletin board adjacent to the kitchen serving window. Event dates are as follows:

- 4 April is field opening day as well as fuel delivery
- 9 May is the 1st Learn to Fly Day
- 23/24 May is the IMAC event at Farview
- 18/21 June is the IMAA Rally of Giants at Farview
- 18 July is our 2nd Learn to Fly Day
- 21/23 Aug is the Giant Scale event at Farview
- 19 Sept is the 3rd Learn to Fly Day AND TCWS Club Picnic
- 9/11 Oct is the Jet Rally at Farview
- 20 Dec is the Christmas Party at the Moose Lodge

The 2009 SWAP MEET is progressing

- Table sales are slightly below last year's level but there is still (2) weeks to go
- There were several good potential vendors who showed interest in Hamburg when approached during the Lebanon event this past week end.
- Remember to be at the Hamburg Field House on Friday, 27 March at 1:00 PM to help set up
- Helpers will also be needed starting at 6:00 AM on the morning of the 28th
- Immediately after the swap meet is over, we need to take down all the tables so please plan to stay around to help with that as well

The field will have the soil tested this week which will determine what fertilizer / nutrient treatments are recommended.

- Rich Kratzer will provide a report at the next meeting.

At the last meeting, the subject of installing a pole barn to replace the two existing sheds and dilapidated roof over the tractor was tabled for discussion.

- Jack Hilbert contacted several pole barn suppliers of both DIY kits as well as complete installations
 - The cost estimates ranged from a kit of parts at \$7,000 to a fully installed barn at \$17,000.
- Alternative ideas such as pre-built sheds and covered car-port type frames will be investigated
- More discussions will be held at the next meeting

Pilot Station improvements including installing new grass carpeting and paver blocks will be carried out during the field opening day activity on 4 April.

- Rich Kratzer and George Case are spearheading this activity

A SSC Combat Plane kit has been donated to the club by TRENEffRC and will be used as a raffle prize at one of the upcoming events.

One of our club members has obtained two FUTABA FM transmitters with servos, as a donation to the club with the mandate that it be given to someone “starting out” in the hobby and in need of a transmitter.

The 2009 Rally of Giants is rapidly approaching.

- This is one of the events where TCWS gets a flat 15% of the profit in return for helping out and shutting down the TCWS field for the duration of the event.
- Lee Buskirk represented the other Farview members also in attendance and made a request to TCWS for a bridge of not to exceed \$6,000 to help with the upfront expenses required while preparing for the Rally.
- After a discussion, a vote was taken and the request was granted with the following stipulations;
 - The TCWS loan is first to be repaid from any of the event proceedings before any profits are taken by either club.
 - If for any reason, the Rally does not generate sufficient funds to repay the loan, the subsequent events scheduled later in the year will serve as a source of funds to repay any remaining balance.
 - All financial activity relative to the Rally will go through the TCWS treasury and administered by Don Umbenhauer according to the same GAAP he applies to all other TCWS activity.

There was a discussion started by Rick Kratzer concerning building some form of runway from sheets of plywood for Park Flyers.

- A general discussion continued with concerns raised over the location and potential interference with larger planes
- Jim Ellis suggested considering a rolled rubber material which is being used as a runway surface at several fields.
- The subject was not resolved but Rich Kratzer will prepare a more detailed recommendation at the next meeting.

A motion was made and approved by all to donate \$50.00 to the Moose Lodge for the use of the meeting room during our winter meetings.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON 19 APRIL AT THE TCWS FIELD.

Respectfully prepared and submitted

Jack Hilbert