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MRCMC General Membership Meeting Minutes

Date: Dec 7, 2016

Members Present: Dennis Albee, Luther Bitler, Ron Brewer, Jim Clark, Brent Coyne, Karl Eckerle, Greg Gavit, Jerry Hahnfeld, Bob Hill, Herman Huebner, Steve Linley, Ken McNurlen, Mike Moore, Mike Nentwig, John Poma, Milt Strom, Bob Thompson, Brad Wolfgang, Don Zahm, Steve Zahm.

Visitors Present: Dave Robinson

Ken McNurlen called the meeting to order at 7:30PM

1. The minutes from last month's meeting were accepted as printed in the newsletter.
2. The visitor to this month's meeting was introduced. Dave Robinson is a friend of Steve Linley and has previous experience with model planes. He plans on joining the club. Welcome Dave.
3. The treasurer's report was given and accepted. The expenses from last month were disclosed.

The following expenses were paid during the past month:

- porta-john rental
- Consumers Power
- Mower repair and maintenance

The following income was received last month:

- Dues for 2017
- Payment from club members for model planes the club purchased last month.

4. Dues for 2017 are due. Members are asked to try and pay their dues before the first of the year. Also, AMA dues for 2017 are due.
5. The field cleanup which took place last month was discussed. Many trees were cut down, and Steve Zahm cleared away brush with the tractor. Milt Strom has offered to refurbish the wind vanes on the pavilion if someone takes them down.
6. One trustee position is up for election this year. There were two nominations for the position. A vote was taken and Mike Nentwig was the winner. Congratulations Mike and thanks to Art for also running for the position.
7. The MRCMC club has been a "gold leader" club for 10 years now. The club has received a nice plaque as well as patches for each member. The patches were handed out at the meeting and the plaque will be displayed in the shed at the air field.
8. Jerry Hahnfeld discussed the "club build" project. Everyone who committed to purchasing a kit, has done so, therefore the club is not "stuck" with unpurchased kits. There have been two build nights so far. The next build night is Wednesday December 14th at 6:30 at the EAA building. Jerry encouraged people to come out to the club build sessions. He also suggested that people NOT fly their four star 20 kits before the group maiden flight day, which will be chosen in the spring. Jerry suggested having awards for various categories related to the club build project, like:
 - best covering job
 - best kit bash
 - best overall build job

- etc.
9. The indoor fly event held in Auburn on Sunday Dec. 4th was discussed. The Bay City club needs 40 people at each event to break even. There were 42 people at the event on Sunday. The remaining events are listed below.
 - Jan 15, 2017, 7:00PM-10:00PM
 - Feb 12, 2017, 7:00PM-10:00PM
 - March 12, 2017, 7:00PM-10:00PM
 10. There will be a snow fly at the MRCMC field on January 7th beginning at 11:00AM. Members can bring out chili and other hot food items to share with others. Karl will bring coffee. Art Beogle will plow the driveway if needed.
 11. There was some discussion regarding setting up a first person view obstacle course at the flying field. The thought is that this may attract new members who are interested in quad copters. This type of event is gaining popularity and is regularly shown on ESPN.
 12. The annual banquet, which will take place on February 8th, was discussed. Members have enjoyed the banquet the last two years held at the Delta College Planetarium and catered by Grandpa Tony's. Therefore it was decided to hold the banquet there again this year. Karl will follow up.
 13. Karl discussed a documentary which has recently been on local PBS stations and is called "Taking Flight – The history of aviation in the Great Lakes region". This documentary chronicles the history of three local airports and the people behind them: The Harry Brown airport, the James Clements airport, and the Jack Barstow airport. This show may air again, or it can probably be streamed to a computer or other internet connected device.
 14. Show and tell consisted of Jerry Hahnfeld showing the fuselage of the four star 20 he is building as part of the club build project. He is modifying the fuselage to make the plane look like a racer from the 1930's.
 15. Also for show and tell, Dennis Albee showed a LiPo battery discharger he has built. This discharger should save his expensive battery chargers from doing the work of discharging batteries.
 16. Ken closed the meeting at 8:20.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Greg Gavit on Dec 9th, 2016.

Member communication:

Dennis Albee submitted this link to a YouTube video showing the flight test of a 3D printed P-38 Lightning model.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EDppqGm-x0I&authuser=0>

Gary Brookhouse, brookhouse@sbcglobal.net, is looking for a real flight with transmitter that is compatible with windows 10.

For your information:

AMA Today Newsletters
http://www.modelaircraft.org/publications/AMA_Today.aspx

Sig Four Star 20 EP (project plane) website
http://www.sigplanes.com/SIG-FOUR-STAR-20-EP_p_38.html

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<http://www.modelaircraft.org/>

Picture:

The following pages have pictures from one of our model building sessions. Thank you Herman for taking these.





