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MRCMC General Membership Meeting Minutes

Date: April 5, 2017

Members Present: Dennis Albee, Luther Bitler, Ron Brewer, Gary Brookhouse, Jim Clark, Brent Coyne, Karl Eckerle, Jason Galloner, Greg Gavit, Chris Hawkins, Bob Hill, Herman Huebner, Barry Kissoondial, Ken McNurlen, Mike Nentwig, John Poma, Milt Strom, Bob Thompson, Gene Thompson, Brad Wolfgang, Don Zahm, Steve Zahm.

Visitors Present: Mike Heppner, Gene Moyer

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 visitors to this month's meeting were introduced. They both have a little experience flying an Apprentice at a farm field.
3. The treasurer's report was given and accepted. Payments for last month include Consumers Power and Insurance for the structures and equipment at the field like the garage, pavilion, and mowers.
4. For the people who have not already paid their club dues for 2017, they are past due and should be paid as soon as possible. AMA dues for 2017 are also due. Several club members have not yet paid their AMA, or club dues for 2017.
5. Karl discussed the club build project. There will be two more club build nights on April 12th and April 26th at 6:30 at the EAA building. The last build night (April 26th) will be devoted to doing a pre-flight check on the planes. Things like making sure the electronics are installed correctly, making sure the control surfaces are properly attached and move in the correct direction, check the center of gravity, etc. People wanting to participate in this should bring their plane, radio and have the batteries fully charged.
6. There was some discussion regarding setting up a "first person view" obstacle course for quad copters at the club field. Ken is checking into this. Karl will also talk to the AMA folks at the Toledo trade show regarding this.
7. Steve Zahm purchased and installed a new seat on the Scag mower. The new seat is adjustable.
8. It was reported that the driveway leading to the field is in poor condition. Even though the driveway is very soft, it is requested to drive on the gravel driveway rather than the grass. Driving on the grass will leave ruts which must then be repaired. Some board members will contact Dow to see if improvements can be made to the gravel driveway.
9. The flag pole needs to be repaired. Karl will purchase some 4"X4" treated wood to replace the broken pieces. The flag pole can then be repaired at the spring field clean up session.
10. Two airplane stands also need repair. Dennis Albee offered to follow up with the repairs. If anyone would like to help out, they can contact Dennis.
11. Milt will repair the weather vanes, but someone will first need to remove them from the pavilion.
12. The spring field cleanup will take place Saturday, April 29th from 9:00-12:00. Then from 12:00-1:00 will be a lunch. The club will provide hotdogs and members are encouraged to bring a dish to pass. The maiden flight of the four star 20's will then take place beginning at 1:00.
13. The Toledo Expo will take place from April 7th to 9th. At least two club members are riding down there on the bus trip set up by Rogers Hobby.
14. The Mid Michigan Fun fly will take place July 15th at the helicopter club in Mt. Pleasant.

15. The next EAA pancake breakfast will take place on May 6th. Five or six club members are needed to help the EAA park airplanes. The club helps the EAA park airplanes and in turn, the EAA lets the club use it's clubhouse for meetings.
16. Karl suggested that at the next board meeting, the board set the summer dates for things like the electric fly, airshow, fun fly's, etc.
17. The calendar of events is listed below:
 - April 7-9 Toledo Expo
 - April 12 Club build night at EAA building beginning at 6:30
 - April 26 Club build night at EAA building beginning at 6:30
 - April 29 Field Cleanup day from 9:00-12:00. Hot dog lunch after cleanup
 - April 29 Maiden flight of four star 20's beginning at 1:00
 - May 6 EAA pancake breakfast beginning at 7:00AM
 - July 15 Mid Michigan fun fly at the Mt. Pleasant helicopter field.
18. Brad discussed a web site called Outerzone. This web site contains thousands of plans for kit airplanes.
19. For show and tell, Don Zahm brought a large gyro copter. This aircraft was scratch built and uses a commercially available helicopter rotor head. It has 58" rotor blades and a G46 Turnigy electric motor for propulsion. He is also working on a larger gyro copter that will have a 78" rotor blade and will use a 0.91ci. 2-stroke engine.
20. Steve Zahm showed off a kit of a Waco YMF-3 made by Pica back in the 70's. The kit originally belonged to Brent Coyne. Steve hopes to have it flying in the spring of next year.
21. Brent Coyne showed a device called the "Drone Keeper Mini". It is a self-contained device with its own battery and will start sounding an alarm when it no longer detects motion. This device should work just fine on airplanes in addition to drones. The cost is \$20 and can be purchased on e-bay.
22. Ken closed the meeting at 8:30.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Greg Gavit on April 6th, 2017.