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MRCMC General Membership Meeting Minutes

Date: 3/1/17

Members Present: Albee, Bitler, Brewer, Clark, Eckerle, Hahnfeld, Hill, Huebner, Linley, McNurlen, Nentwig, Poma, Sible, Strom, Wolfgang, S. Zahm.

Visitors Present: Dave Robinson (joining tonight), Mike Curreri

Ken McNurlen called the meeting to order at 7:32 P.M.

1. The minutes from the January were accepted as printed in the newsletter.
2. The treasurers report was given by Karl Eckerle and accepted. Epenses included \$200 for AMA club registration and \$24 for Consumer's energy.
3. Visitors to this month's meeting were introduced and welcomed. Dave robinson is present for the second time and is joining the club. Mike Curreri flew during the last century and is interested in getting bak into the hobby.
4. Dues for 2017 are now past due. Members are asked to renew ASAP. Several people also have their AMA dues outstanding.
5. The Banquet was held February 1 at the Planetarium in Bay City. Twenty eight members and guests attended. The entertainment was a film on a replica sailing ship from Micronesia and their use of celestial navigation. Award winners this year included Art Beagle, pilots wings; Karl Eckerle, SAD award; and Dennis Albee, fun fly champion.
6. The club Four Star 20 build is progressing with build nights on the second and fourth Wednesdays at 6:30 P.M. The date for the Maiden fights will be Saturday, April 29 at 1 P.M. Builder pilots are asked not to fly their planes before that day.
7. The annual SnowFly was held January 7. One member described the event as Cold, Windy, and Fun. There were 8-10 pilots and lots of chili in the storage garage. All of the planes successfully took to the air and all landed (most on purpose). despite the cold and windy weather, the event was fun and successful.
8. The last indoor fly at the Auburn Sports Dome will take place Sunday, March 12, 7-10 P.M. Wednesday afternoon flying sessions may continue???
9. The condition of the road at the field will be poor until the frost has left the ground. Please use your discretion when driving to the field. There was some discussion that we should reproach Dow Chemical about improving the road.
10. The board has been working on plans for acquiring flying gates for FPV flying. This hobby is very popular now and there are few options for flying locations. We will look into constructing a course to the south and east of the storage garage. The gates would be portable so that they would not be in place when members are not present, preventing unauthorized usage by non-AMA members. Karl will stop by the AMA booth at the Toledo show to inquire about AMA guidelines

for FPV Racing. The FPV course can be a method to attract new and younger members. Members also thought a FPV demo at the annual Airshow would be popular.

Important dates:

Spring clean-up day - Saturday, April 29, 9 A.M. - Noon followed by hot dog lunch

Four Star Maiden Flight day - Saturday, April 29, 1 P.M.

Toledo Expo - April 7-9. Roger's bus April 7

Flint Swap Meet - March 12, Fenton High School

EAA Breakfast - May 6 - help needed to park planes and cars

Show and Tell

Steve Zahm brought his completed Four Star 20. His plane is a "semi kit bash" based on a Spacewalker with open cockpit moved forward complete with busty redhead, tapered foredeck, and larger control surfaces. The most unique aspect is the convertible wing tips which add about 8 in. of length to each wing, converting the plane to a crop duster (no details whether there is a respirator for the pilot). Power is by RimFire 15 with Xoar prop.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jerry Hahnfeld on March 5, 2017.