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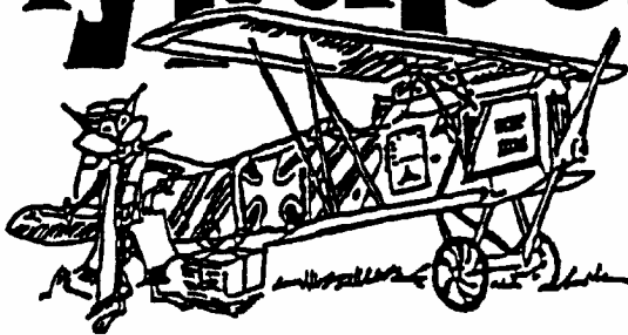
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Message from the President

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Only meeting minutes for the May and June, 2003 meetings are available in this newsletter.

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May '03 Club Meeting Minutes

by Kevin Hersey

Fox Valley Aero Club General Business Meeting Minutes May 8, 2003

President Mel Ziska called the meeting to order at 7:37 P.M. at the St. Charles Township facility.

Secretary's Report

A motion was made and seconded to accept the April meeting minutes. The minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Bill Simmons reported on the Club's assets. He also indicated that a number of Festival participants had preregistered. The treasurer's report was approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FIELD REPORT – Field Chairman Lee Patterson reports that the field is in good shape. The mulch delivered under the canopy remains to be spread. Weed control has been applied and the field recently mowed. Lee reminds that mowing is always a little slow until the college students become available in the summer. Dan Compton reports that a weld on the flag pole has failed. This allows the pole to sway. Movement of the pole is limited by the steel roof sheeting. In any event, the new flag will be soon installed. Bill Simmons reports that a new (used) gas grill has been purchased at a garage sale. Cost of grill, \$10. Bill will service the grill and deliver to the field in the near future.

INSTRUCTION – Dan Compton reports that novice pilots are starting to get the itch to do some aviating. A new buddy box has been purchased from Al's Hobby Shop and a second box received from Al's as a donation. Dan reports all buddy boxes are now functional!

FIELD SAFETY – President Ziska reports that the season is off to a safe start.

MEMBERSHIP – **Membership** Chairman Al Zabel was a busy fellow! Six new members were initiated:

Dan Rocha – Dan's been flying R/C since 1979 and is interested in all types of aircraft. His current interest is IMAC competition.

Jeff Anderson – Currently is flying turbines but interested in all aspects of the hobby. He's been flying R/C since high school.

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Jim Dodis – Dan Compton has been helping Jim. Jim is looking for a new 60 size trainer aircraft.

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Douglas Lewis – Doug has been in R/C since 1981. He is a sport flier.

Tom Herst – Novice pilot with a Sig Senior. Looking forward to getting into the air!

John Turner – John has been in the hobby for approximately 30 years and he classifies himself as a Sport Flier.

Please welcome these new members.

Speaking of members, Jack Treadman was welcomed back from his winter encampment in Florida.

FLYPAPER – Jack Henderson has advised that his business demands more time and he can no longer support the website. A volunteer is being sought to fill this position.

PYLON RACING - Jim Hagner reported that the first pylon race of the season is June 8, 2003. Paul Douds has agreed to manage the lap counting group and Homer Lannoye will manage the rowdy Pylon 1 judges.

Volunteers are always needed to support this event. If you've never been to a pylon race but are interested, please contact Jim Hagner. Otherwise if you are interested, uninterested or melancholy, call Jim and volunteer to help.

FUN FLY – The first FUN FLY of the season will be held at 10:00 on the Saturday following the May General Business meeting. Jeff Anderson has access to a radar gun and will time flybys. Three passes will be allowed and the closest to 50 mph will win. Of course you won't be told your speed until you land!

Fun Fly events consist of four competition categories: Novice, Intermediate, Expert and FunFly. Novice pilots may have the assistance of a trainer on a buddy box. Points are awarded for participation as well as placing in the events. At the end of the season an auction is held and accumulated points are used to bid on great R/C equipment.

EVENTS AND GENERAL BUSINESS

Memorial Day Weekend – Memorial Day weekend is the time of the really big soccer event. It is understood that this year buses will be used to transport people to the fields. This is a good weekend to plan to visit a neighboring field. Although the field will not be closed, slow aircraft flown close-in are a must.

Lake In The Hills Air show – This event is being held on June 14, 2003. Members are being sought to participate in a static display, “demonstration”, starting at 10:00 and lasting about two hours. President Ziska will coordinate this activity. For more information, attend the June meeting.

Festival – **Set-up** will be held on the Tuesday before the event. Volunteers are needed for all activities, especially the food tent.

Greg Bohler advises that new OSHA regulations may require that railings be added to the bleachers. Greg will advise further on required actions.

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A glider and ultra light aircraft will be provided for static display at the Festival. A replica engine for the Wright Flier may be available for display.

A significant topic of discussion was providing food for the Festival workers. The procedure this year will be for workers to get a meal ticket when they pick-up their badge. One meal will be provided for each day worked.

This year the Festival falls at the time we normally have the July business meeting. Mel advises that members may gather at the Field for a short meeting.

KIDS FLY DAY – Lee Patterson reminds that the Kids Fly Day is two weeks after the Festival. Trainer aircraft and pilots need to be available to assist in sharing the R/C experience. Two person teams will be set-up and approximately 100 kids are expected.

Show and Tell – Jeff Anderson and Bob Molinski came prepared with a DVD player, projector and amplifier for a showing of the Crasher III video tape. The video was used for purely constructive purposes. Demonstrating to the membership how to avoid Outstanding Landings. The video was a lot of fun. Thanks to Jeff and Bob for their efforts.

Outstanding Landing – After an outstanding video of outstanding landings, the membership couldn't help but award the outstanding landing honor to Lee Patterson. Lee was evidently doing some outstanding maneuvers with his Giant Stinger! Congratulations to Lee.

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 P.M.

Kevin Hersey

June'03 Club Meeting Minutes

by Kevin Hersey

Fox Valley Aero Club General Business Meeting Minutes June 12, 2003

President Mel Ziska called the meeting to order at 7:38 P.M. at the St. Charles Township facility.

Secretary's Report

The May meeting minutes were summarized for the membership. A motion was made and seconded to accept the meeting minutes. The minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Bill Simmons reported that there are currently 30 pilots preregistered for the Festival. Bill also indicated that one month credit was been received for the portable sanitation facilities (PSF) and that \$518 was paid out to apply calcium chloride to the field access road. A motion was made and seconded to accept the meeting minutes. The Treasurer's report was approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FIELD REPORT – Field Chairman Lee Patterson reports that the field is in good shape. Lee reported that Dan Compton obtained the necessary hardware to repair the flag lanyard. Eric Karl and Bob Walker placed the new flag on the pole. An application of calcium chloride was applied to the field access road to control dust.

INSTRUCTION – Dan Compton reports training has been limited.

FIELD SAFETY – President Ziska reports that the year is off to a safe start.

MEMBERSHIP – Membership Chairman Al Zabel was busy once again this month. Last month six new members were initiated and this month was no exception. Six new members were initiated:

Chuck Cork is an experienced pilot.

Dan Escaro flew model aircraft as a youngster and is interested returning to the hobby.

Frank Fagel is a novice pilot.

Ed Gombash has approximately 10 years of experience in R/C and has already volunteered to help with the Festival.

Charles Fulco is a novice pilot.

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Ron Smith is a former member and is returning after about a six year absence.

Please welcome these new members.

FLYPAPER – A volunteer is being sought to manage the Club's website. Due to business demands, Jack Henderson is no longer able to pursue this activity.

PYLON RACING - The first pylon race of the season was to be held on June 8, 2003. Thanks to all the members that assisted in setting up the pylon course and then putting all of the equipment away. Due to start at 10:00, the race start coincided with the start of rainfall. After about 45 minutes of rain the event was cancelled. The next pylon race will be held on July 20, 2003.

FUN FLY – During the warmer months (it varies) a fun fly event is held at 10:00 A.M. on the Saturday following the general business meeting. This Saturday's event may involve the use of a radar gun. The concept would be to determine the pilot best able to meet a predetermined ground speed.

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EVENTS AND GENERAL BUSINESS

NEW FIELD – Paul Douds summarized a meeting that was held with local officials concerning the new field location. FVAC was invited to attend the meeting and this is considered very positive. The field location is in the general area that has been previously discussed. However, it appears that access would be from Route 38. Pilot stations would face south. This is a compromise driven primarily by wetlands preventing access for northerly facing pilot stations. The meeting was considered very positive.

HELICOPTER EVENT – Al's Hobby shop provided an update on the helicopter event to be held on June 21 and 22. Additional PSF will be required due to an increased amount of traffic. PSF for the Festival will be delivered in time for the helicopter event. Plans are for the event to be held all day Saturday with a half day on Sunday. 4 or 5 volunteers are requested for the food services.

FESTIVAL – An excellent color flier announcing the Festival was printed by the students at Batavia High School and the price was very reasonable. Thanks to Greg Bohler for his efforts.

Volunteers are needed to help on all aspects of the Festival. Ed Gombash a new member, initiated this evening volunteered to help at the Festival. New members shouldn't be bashful. Helping with the Festival introduces you to the active Club members!

Set-up will be held on the Tuesday before the event. Greg Bohler advises that new OSHA regulations have been established concerning bleachers. Greg indicated that older bleachers are grandfathered into the program.

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JULY MEETING -This year the Festival falls at the time we normally have the July business meeting. Mel advises that members may gather at the Field for a short meeting.

BIPLANE EVENT – A biplane event is being planned for later this summer. The event will be open to any size biplane. Sig and DuBro have agreed to participate.

SHOW AND TELL – No show and tell again this month. Bring in your latest project and share with the group. At least Lee Patterson should have some new project (see the following).

Outstanding Landing – Last months meeting minutes contained the following: “After an outstanding video of outstanding landings, the membership couldn’t help but award the outstanding landing honor to Lee Patterson. Lee was evidently doing some outstanding maneuvers with his Giant Stinger!”

What did Abraham Lincoln say at Gettysburg? “The world will little note nor long remember.....”. It was unanimous that Lee Patterson was deserving of the Outstanding Landing award once again! The writer does not understand the details of the landing and the details are probably irrelevant (This seems to be a blood/lust thing). Congratulations to Lee.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 P.M.

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