

Cloud Kings

Minutes from meeting held on 02/26/08

Henry Bohe called the meeting to order at 7:34 pm.

Treasurer's Report

Balance in the checkbook is \$9412.50 including the Legal Fund. Projected Legal Fund will be \$4325 at years end.

Expenditures

\$50.00 for Website Upgrade

\$190.00 for the porta potty rental (January & February)

Deposits

\$2890.00 Dues

There is a club ATM for purchase for club functions if required.

Secretary

Read the minutes of the previous meeting.

Old Business

New Business

Several committees were established to improve the club.

John Anderson will head the Field Committee. This committee will suggest to the club for approval improvements at West Field such as widening the pit area, spectator fence changes. All changes will adhere to the AMA guidelines as much as possible. Volunteers to help John are Bruce Ginn, Leif Thomson and Dick Martin.

Tom Lauletta will head the Bylaws Committee. This committee will suggest to the club for approval changes in the bylaws to update to today's standards and to try and relieve problems the club has encountered during the past couple of years. Volunteers to help Tom are Dick Plyler, Sam Daemer and Bill Brueckman.

John Anderson brought up an idea for having a Flight Instruction Boot Camp. A weekend will be devoted to training new pilots to solo in the one weekend. Some ideas are to restrict the event to 4 students. It was also suggested to use Harris field, as club members less use this field. John will be looking for input, donations of equipment and suggestions of logistics.

Henry Bohe explained to the club the situation that Rachel and Matthew Kinney encountered and how it related to them being not voted to full membership within the provincial member limits. Henry asked that the members vote on allowing them to become full members. This is not a vote on changing the bylaws as they now read but a unique situation that has occurred. Mark Mc Quaide seconded the motion and the motion was passed.

Henry Bohe explained to the club the situation that Martin Deberardinis encountered on trying to become a provincial member. Henry asked that the members vote on allowing him to become a provincial member. This is not a vote on changing the bylaws as they now read but a unique situation that has occurred. Martin was voted in as a provincial member.

Henry explained that the two above situations was one of the reasons for establishing the bylaws committee

The executive committee presented to Alvin Johnson a certificate merit for all he's done for the club. This certificate entitles Alvin a lifetime membership to the Cloud Kings. Thanks for everything Alvin.

Provisional Members

Ralph McCafferty wants to become a member. Bill Hyde will sponsor him. Ralph built planes dating back to the '70's and was a member of the Delaware R/C Club. He didn't learn to fly until 4 years ago. Mostly self-taught using a simulator he flies electric airplanes. He also was a champion model yachter, traveling the USA and the world in competitions. He served as president of the model yacht racing organization.

Pat DiJoseph wants to become a member. Alvin Johnson will sponsor him. He has been building planes since he was 8 years old. He has about 30 planes in his hangar. He's been flying on his own at his house or local farms. Wants to join to learn more.

Martin Deberardinis

New Members

The following prospective members were voted to full membership status

Dick Burnett
Dave Middleman
Rachel Kinney
Matthew Kinney

Field Marshall

Driveway is sloppy and muddy. 23 tons of 2a modified for the cost of \$200 will be dumped on site to extend driveway. Alvin and Bob Fling will spread the stone in place.

Safety Officer

Brian Porter is retiring due to workloads. A committee is being formed to handle safety. The chairman will be Henry Belifore. He will be the AMA contact for safety. The other members of the committee will be Sam Daemer and John Hoopes.

50/50

Pete Jones won the 50/50. The pot was worth \$45. Pete donated the winnings back to the club.

Events

On May 3rd the club will host its first tailgate sale. Dick Plyler is making all the arrangements. This is in lieu of the indoor sale/auction we've held the last few years due to the dramatic increase in hall rental fees. It will be held at West Field. A charge of \$10 per parking spot will be charged. Each person will sell from the parking spot using "tailgate" of his or her car. Set up will be 8 a. m. and be open for business at 9 a. m. Donations for admission will be asked. An auction in the hangar will be held starting around 11 a. m. The club will supply concessions. Someone in the club will have to get a food handlers license to do concessions. Dick asks that there be no flying until the sale is over (approximately 1-2 p. m.).

Gremlin Combat will be held at West Field on May 17th. Henry Bohe is organizing the contest. It is a one design combat competition. All planes will be the Gremlin, which can be bought at www.racores.com. The kits cost \$35 each plus \$5 shipping. Power is limited to a .25 to .32-glow engine. No electrics will be allowed. The directions that come with the kit are not very good, so members can call Henry Bohe or Dick Martin with questions, since they have figured out all the problems of building.

Our annual Fun Fly will be held on June 28 (rain date June 29) at Harris Field. All sound restrictions will be lifted. Mark Mc Quaide is organizing the event. The club will handle concessions as long as we have someone who has a food-handling license. Some ideas are contests, jet demonstration, 3-D demonstration and possibly some full-scale planes. Lots of help will be needed.

The club picnic is scheduled for September 6 at West Field. Noise restrictions will be lifted. Pete Jones is organizing this event. Hamburgers, hot dogs, drinks and condiments are by the club. Members are to bring a covered dish. This is an all day affair. Pete is thinking of some events to have.

October Fest Vintage R/C is in the planning. Tom Lauletta will coordinate with Mike Denest as to club responsibilities.

Christmas Dinner will be on December 6th or 13th. Dick Plyler and Marion Jones are making the arrangements.

Flight Instruction

Bill Vandenberg is in the hospital. He had a kidney transplant about 14 years ago and it is starting to fail. He is on dialysis. Call him at 215-614-1767

Airplane Talk

Dick Plyler brought a Gee Bee Sportster, which he purchased from Hobby Lobby. It cost about \$129 and weighs 38 ounces. It is electric powered, which Dick has decided to power all of his planes from now on with. It has a 30-amp motor, and a 30 amp ESC. He hasn't flown it yet. He is also converting a Great Planes 27% Cap 232 to electric. A 160-glow engine in it before powered it. The battery will have 9 cells. He is also building a Top Flite P-51, which will be powered electrically with a 12-cell battery. Dick also showed a wire crimper that he used to make up Anderson Power Poles. These are connectors for the wires at the battery, motor and ESC.

Bob brought in a Seawind. The manufacturer claims you can land on grass. He uses a catapult to take off since his arm is I no shape to hand launch. It is constructed of foam and has a Rimfire motor. He is looking for someplace to fly it off of water. It was suggested to him to contact Derek Roberts since he lives on a river (lake) and flies off water all the time.

Leif Thomson found a device to give him more power for his helicopter. It is called a Carb Smart, by CSM Grand RC Imports. It costs about \$60. It adjusts the needle valve based on the temperature of the engine head. There is a sensor that is glued to the head of the motor. A micro servo adjusts the needle valve lean or rich as the head temperature rises and lowers. There is about ¼ turn on the needle valve for adjustment. It extends flight time by about 5 minutes.

Pete Jones brought in his Pizza Box Plane. He is powering electrically

Bruce Ginn showed the club his home made alignment jigs. These are used for aligning the wing to the fuselage and the horizontal stabilizer to the fuselage. The better the alignment the better the flyer.

The Lebanon Fair is March 8th.

Next Meeting

April 8, 2008 7:30 p. m. at West Grove Fire House

Respectfully Submitted by
Tom Lauletta
Secretary