

Cloud Kings

Minutes from meeting held on 10/09/07

Bill Losey called the meeting to order at 7:33 pm.

Treasurer's Report

Balance in the checkbook is \$6608.98 including the Legal Fund.

Expenditures

\$220.00 to Alvin for grass cutting

\$25.67 to Pete for materials for the stands

\$35.58 for food for the picnic

\$397.5 for the porta potty rental until Dec 31, 2007

Anticipated expenditures is the deposit for the Christmas Party

Deposits

\$185.00 from dues

Still needs to deposit money from sale of Cloud Kings apparel.

Secretary

Read the minutes of the previous meeting. Reported 66 members

Old Business

John Anderson brought in the Club Trainer and wanted to thank the following people:

Brian Porter for donating the transmitter, receiver and some servos.

Bill Vandenberg for donating the engine.

Pete Jones for donating the charger and switch.

Bill Losey for donating the battery

The club thanks John for donating the plane

Due to family obligations John cannot put the plane together anytime soon. Dick Plyler volunteered to help assemble the plane.

Bill Losey reported that all Cloud King apparel is gone except for a grey sweatshirt, yellow tee shirt and a grey tee shirt. All are size medium.

New Business

Henry Bohe proposed that the club consider having an R/C combat contest in the spring. It will be a one-design (Gremlin) one power-plant (.25 glow stock engine) event. Henry is working out all the details. The Gremlin kit can be purchased for about \$40.00 delivered. The kit should take a couple of days to finish. It will need a computer radio, because it uses elevons for control. John Anderson noted that B P Hobbies sells a mixer for about \$7. The contest will be for club members only. Electric power (equivalent to the .25) can be used, but no Li-Poly batteries allowed. 10-12 members are already interested in the contest.

Bill Losey set up the nominating committee. The chairman is Leif Thomson assisted by Dale Adams, John Hoopes and Jeff Conner. Tom Lauletta questioned as to when the cutoff date would be for nominees in light of what happened last year. Some discussion followed and Henry Bohe made a By Laws change proposal. This proposal will be emailed and/or mailed by the secretary to all members for review. Voting will take place at the December meeting. Anyone interested in an executive position should call the nomination committee with his or her intentions. It was agreed upon to have a special meeting in January to vote on the new officers. This will be the only business transacted that night. Date, time and place for the January meeting will be published when available.

Prospective Members

Dan Crawford is being sponsored by John Hoopes. Dan is interested in flying by watching John and Joe Hoopes fly their planes. He likes the people he has met.

Dick Barnett is being sponsored by Bob Fling. Dick has been involved with aviation since the 1940's and has been involved with RC for the past 8 years. He doesn't fly much but loves to build, especially scratch building.

Steve Andrew is being sponsored by John Andrew. Steve was a member about 8-10 years ago. He got away from the hobby due to his family obligations, and now wants to get back into the hobby. He has some electric and gas planes.

New Members

The following prospective members were voted to full membership status

Bill Brueckman

Field Marshall/Safety

There were complaints from the neighbors that people are flying past the access road at the west end of West Field. This is a no fly zone. Check the map at the field for no fly zone boundaries.

Safety Officer

No report

50/50

Dave Hall won the 50/50 and donated his portion of the pot back to the club. Thanks Dave.

Events

Pete Jones reported on the Oxford Fair. It was a nice fair but some drawbacks for our involvement. There wasn't enough room to fly but the display was ok. Some interest was generated, but no new members have come from this interest at this point. Unless there is significant changes to the flying site Pete would recommend the club not attend next year.

Bill Losey reported on the club family picnic. About 35 members attended and enjoyed great weather, flying, food and friendship.

Bob Fling reported on the VR/CS fly in. About 13-14 flyers from several states attended. There was a good assortment of planes representing the early years of R/C. A dinner was held Saturday night at the Ball & Thistle, where everyone traded stories and had good food and good times. A few club members have exhibited some interest in these types of planes.

Dick Plyler has put together a Christmas Dinner at the Nottingham Inn on December 2, 2007. Meet & greet hour begins at 1 p. m. and dinner will be served at 2 p. m. The choice of dinners will be stuffed chicken or roast beef. There will be a cash bar (wine & beer) during the meet & greet. Cost is \$32 per person. Checks are to be made out to Cloud Kings R/C. **If you want to be added to the guest list contact Dick Plyler no later than November 26th.** Any questions call Dick.

Henry Bohe and Dick Plyler informed to the club, that due to an increase in the hall rental and magazine advertisement fees the Cloud Kings R/C sale and auction has been cancelled. Dick is working on organizing an outdoor tailgate/flea market, sometime in April, at West Field. There will be cost for a parking space/table setup. No flying will go on during the sale. More information will be transmitted as the details are worked out.

Flight Instruction

Bill Brueckman has soloed.

Airplane Talk

Morris Hess reported that his test for cancer came back with very positive results, just short of claiming remission. The doctors want to do some radiation treatments as a precautionary measure. Way to go Morris! Morris also thanked all that were involved in his gift of a new Spread Spectrum radio.

Tom Lauletta has a CD explaining Spread Spectrum technology as well as highlight of extreme helicopter flying. Anyone interested in viewing the CD should contact Tom.

Bill Losey showed off his new Tornado, which he got from Hobby People. You get the airframe, motor and electric ducted fan unit for about \$119. You need to supply the motor controller, servos and batteries. He is disappointed with the airframe. It is made from soft foam, so it dents easily. He painted the model with water soluble Krylon. He is using a Hitec 05S receiver and Li-Poly batteries. The plane has carbon fiber spars. It has not flown yet.

Dick Plyler brought his Great Planes Extra EP. It has a 35/30/950 Rimfire motor; he has used 1500mAh and 2100mAh Li-Poly batteries. It flies very nicely. It is very light. The original wheels were too small to take off on grass, so he put on 2-1/2"-2-3/4" lightweight wheels and they work very well. He can take the plane off the runway.

Pete showed off several members flying wings. Dick Martin's wing has a 40"-42" wingspan with a Rimfire 35/30/950, 1250 kV motor and will fly around 85 mph. To cut down on weight Dick stick built the fins. The fins are usually placed with the fuselage, but Dick moved his to the wingtips, with no decrease in performance, maybe a small increase. The wing weighs approximately 25 ounces. The nose has been rounded and streamlined to help decrease weight and drag. Dick also built a field box/stand for his wing. Pete then discussed his Zagi. It is constructed of foam, strengthened with carbon fiber spars. The plane is a flying wing platform. It has a Li-Poly battery and a 3900 kV motor, which turns a 4-pitch prop in the vicinity of 35,000 rpm. Speeds are in the 60-70 mph. Bill Vandenberg has one also. Reinforcement tape is used for the hinges on both planes. You can buy colored tape from Zagi to make your plane pretty. Bill's plane is a newer model. It is made from EPP foam and is very flexible, but won't break. Bill also took off 6" from the wingspan so it would fly faster. Both wings thermal well, but Bill's is a little better. The props are not pusher props, since the direction of a brushless motor can be reversed. This allows for a large number of props to be tried for best performance.

Dick Plyler is converting his Delta Vortex to electric power. It originally had a .60 engine on it and then he put a .90 engine on it. The electric motor is an AXI 40/20/540 (equivalent to the .90) and will be powered by 6-cell battery. Flight characteristics will be announced when flown.

Next Meeting
December 11, 7:30 p. m. at West Grove Fire House

Respectfully Submitted by

Tom Lauletta
Secretary