

Cloud Kings

Minutes from meeting held on 4/14/09

Pete Jones called the meeting to order at 7:36 pm.

Minutes were accepted as sent out to the club.

Treasurer's Report

Balance in the checkbook is \$10,339.33 including the Legal Fund. Legal fund is worth \$4365.00

Expenditures

Porta-potty \$85
Rolling of West Field \$125
Shirts & Hats \$425
Striping Machine \$137
Web Site \$49

Income

John set up a committee to audit the books between meetings. Brian Swarts has been appointed chairman of the committee. This committee will work with an end of the year committee to audit books. The 2008 audit committee still needs to report to the membership its findings. This is to be completed by the next meeting.

Secretary

At beginning of meeting there are 58 counted members 7 non-counted members for a total of 65. Only the counted members are applied to the membership cap.

Shirts and hats are available. Contact Tom Lauletta if interested

There is a new program from the AMA concerning new members. Contact Tom Lauletta or go the AMA website for further details.

The insurance charters for West Field and Harris Field are in our possession.

Old Business

One-Half year dues

At the last meeting it was brought up about one-half year dues for those who live in the area a half year. This has been tabled until the person who brought it up can be in attendance for discussion

Power for the pavilion at West Field

Henry Belfiore is still waiting on PECO to provide the cost for a new electrical service to the pavilion to provide power for recharging batteries. Solar power is also being considered. Once PECO give us the cost a determination will be made based on needs and future considerations

New Business

Budget Proposal

The budget for 2009-2010 was discussed. There is \$6,637 working capital. \$1,620 of this will go to necessary expenditures, which leaves approximately \$5,000 for other expenditures. \$500 is set aside for unexpected expenditures. Another \$500 is set aside for expenditures for club events. That leaves approximately \$4,000 to spend. Ideas for this money is

- \$400 for pilot stations and fence renovation
- \$675 for stone under pavilion and driveway repair
- New windsock is needed

The above project and proposed expenditures were approved by the membership.

Meeting Place

The Cloud Kings will not be able to use the West Grove Fire House meeting facility any more. If you know of a place where we can hold our winter indoor meetings please contact Pete Jones.

New Members

The following nominees were voted to probationary memberships

Bob Fling sponsors Walt Faulkner. Walt visited West Field last week and liked the people he met. He is just starting out and will need help. He is a retired postal worker.

Field Marshall Report

There is nothing to report. Bob will re-stencil the prop warnings on the starting benches at West Field as soon as possible.

Safety Officer Report

There are reports of interference on channels 17 and 23. Use the scanner at West Field to look for radio interference.

Chief Flight Instructor Report

Mike has two good books to use for references. He is compiling the best of each to establish Cloud Kings requirements for flight instruction. He already has a checklist to use to "check out" a new pilot for becoming a pilot of the Cloud Kings. He is ready to assign instructors when necessary.

Events

Pete Jones handed out a list of all events scheduled for the 2009-2010 fiscal year. The most notable change was that the Fun Fly will not be held this year and has been replaced by a Club only (and family) fun fly and covered dish outing. The club will provide no food or beverages. The new event will be held at West Field.

The Tailgate sale will be held May 16 at West Field. Contact Dick Plyler for more information. Pete will send out via email a flyer for the event. Please make copies and post wherever possible for advertisement. No flying will be allowed during the sale.

50/50

Sam Daemer won the 50/50 pot of \$22.00.

Airplane Talk

Bob Fling brought in two Berkley Buccaneers. An old member of the club built one of them. He also brought a Super Buccaneers. It is being built from plans. The wing is built and has a wingspan of 88". He hopes to fly it at the Vintage Fun Fly.

Ray Castelletti brought in his Telemaster that was built sometime between 1983 through 1985. He has modified the plane by putting the rudder and elevator servos in the tail. This Telemaster has a wingspan of 98". He had bought a Hobby Lobby Telemaster kit that had different building techniques from the one he built in the 80's. He put wing struts on the new plane. Building the new plane inspired Ray to revitalize the old Telemaster.

Pete Jones bought an altimeter and speed indicator for model planes from Tower Hobbies. These devices record the maximum altitude and speed achieved on a flight and then is displayed to the pilot at the end of the flight.

Brian Poster brought in a helicopter from work. It is fully instrumented so that while in flight he can see all gauges and all data are recorded to a computer for research. This helps in the development of UAVs. There is even a GPS on the tail boom of the helicopter. The flight data equipment is manufactured by Eagle Tree Data and costs about \$500. There is also a strain gauge, which looks for cracks mounted on the helicopter.

Alvin Johnson talked about the proper way to Silkspan a model. You sand and prepare the model. You then put one coat of clear dope around the perimeter of the area being covered. You then cut the Silkspan to the size you need always cutting with the grain. To determine the grain direction, you can look into a light or tear in both directions a small corner of the fabric. The direction that tears the easiest is the direction of the grain. You cover a wing from tip to tip with the grain running the length of the wing and on the fuselage the grain runs vertical to the fuselage sides. You start on the bottom and then the top so you can overlap covering on the bottom of the wing. Next you mix some clear dope with retarder. You then wet the Silkspan with water and lay it on the surface being covered. You work out as many wrinkles as possible. You then work the dope/retarder mixture through the Silkspan at the areas you had clear doped earlier. This softens the first coat and acts as an adhesive to hold the covering in place. Let the covering dry from the water. As the water dries the covering will become taught. Then paint the Silkspan with clear dope. After that has dried a light sanding will get rid of the fuzzy surface that occurs, but don't sand into or through the covers. A couple of more coats of clear or color are then painted next. Don't use too much and it will weigh down the model. If repairing Silkspan, tear the patch so the edges are fuzzy and put into place the same as before. The fuzzy edge of the patch material results in no seam at the patch. You can use butyrate dope over nitrate dope for final finish but not nitrate over butyrate dope. To brush dope camel hair paintbrushes are recommended. Foam brushes also may be used.

Next Meeting
June 16, 7:30 p. m. at West Field

Respectfully Submitted by

Tom Lauletta
Secretary