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Prez Sez for August 2016

Meeting at the Field

This month we will be meeting at the field August 11th at 7:00 P.M, weather permitting. Alternative location is still the hobby shop.

UAS Registration and FAA Regulations

The AMA has confirmed that *we still need to register with the FAA*. However, the 400 foot altitude limitation has been lifted, as long as the pilot has visual contact with the aircraft.

Safety Rules Apply to All

I have seen some electric pilots taking off from the parking area behind their cars. Also, some have even taken off and flown near the pavilion. The club safety rules apply to everyone all the time – regardless of the type of aircraft- nitro, gassers, electrics, micros, drones or helicopters. **This means you.**

Everyone must take off and fly in front on the pilot blocks on the field – not from the parking area or in front of the pavilion. I realized electrics don't need to pit at the pit blocks, but the same rules apply for flying. Also you *cannot* taxi from the parking area through the pit area to the flying area. Quoting from the safety rules –

“No flying of any sort which includes take off, landing and hand launching shall be performed from, into, or over the pit, spectator and parking area.”

Until you are past the pit blocks you are supposed to have physical contact with your aircraft. I have asked Don to include a copy of the safety rules with this news letter.

Mower Issues

The good news is that the mower repair was something simple, so we do not need to buy a new mower at this time. The bad news is that we had to pay a contractor to mow the field, but he did a good job and even trimmed around the pavilion. We should get the mower back soon.

Need Help with Field Maintenance

The field committee – Cecil White and Todd Waters still need help with trimming and weed eating.

Show and Tell Needed

I brought out stuff for show and tell last time – it's someone else's turn now. Even if you show us your projects that are in work, this can be interesting.

Memberships Still Available

We still have several openings available.

Richard

Meeting Schedule

Meeting Dates: 2016: Aug 11, Sep 8, Oct 13, Nov 10, And Dec 8

(Meetings for May, Jun, Jul, & Aug scheduled at the Saints field-depending on the weather)

Meeting Time: 7 to 9 pm

Meeting Location: Saints Field

Meeting Minutes

July Meeting Minutes (7/14/2016)

The meeting was called to order on 7/14/2016 by our President, Richard Jenkins.

Vice President Doug Sanders made the roll call. At that point, there are 52 members in our club at this time. There were 11 members present again this month's meeting. One of our members has a lifetime membership. There are 20 openings available at this time.

Our Treasurer, Mike Dierker, was present and he gave the treasurers report.

There was a motion to accept the Treasurer's report as given. Approved:

There was a motion to accept the Secretary's report as given. Approved:

Old business: - AMA e-mails, Richard put a link in last month's minutes which will be repeated here in the Old Business section. The AMA removed most of the restrictions; you should still register with the AMA. Ceiling height recommendations will be retained:

UAS Registration and FAA Regulations the FAA has issued its final regulations for UAS – drones, helicopters and fixed wing aircraft. The full press release is available at:

https://www.faa.gov/news/press_releases/news_story.cfm?newsId=20515. The full regulation is 624 pages long. There is also an article in USA Today with further information at: "[FAA completes landmark rules for commercial drones](#)".

The AMA says: "It is important to understand that the final small UAS rule does not change model aircraft operations for AMA members. In fact, the rule affirms Congress' intent in the Special Rule

for Model Aircraft that the FAA not promulgate any additional regulations on our community. We are very pleased that the rule helps to maintain this exemption for model aircraft.” Without other direction from the AMA and FAA, I assume we still need to register with the FAA.

We got a notice from the state about our clubs registration. They still have things screwed up, they think we are still asking for tax exempt status, but we are not, we're an incorporate entity. The state has cashed our check but haven't sent us the certificate. Mike Dierker is still battling with this.

New Business: - Members in attendance were informed of Bob Pointe's wife having a stroke. At the time of the meeting Richard had not been able to contact him. Bob's wife has suffered with dementia over the years, which requires attention and care on not being able to leave her unaccompanied.

Field report: Cecile white had rolled the field. He commented that a little more moisture in the field would have been ideal, as it was a little dry at the time of rolling. The club purchased a new push mower and a new weed eater. We have a new volunteer to join the Field committee. It was decided to he will be responsible for the mid-year membership and AMA dues.

Safety report: - Ron Kilb said to take the trash bag home with you if you are flying and the can is full. Don painted the barbeque pit. Ron built a new table.

Show and tell: Richard brought in a set of the new e-flite 95-degree rotating retract landing gear. He talked about the expense he occurred of the older Robart mechanized systems which were damaged on the first flight. He talked about all the tweaking he had to do on them and never being able to get them quite right. He praised the new e-flite retracts. He demonstrated the system at the meeting. It is a simple system in which a pin follows down the side the aluminum base and then snaps into a grooved slot. It's much simpler than the previous ball link systems. The system he demonstrated at the meeting. The gear goes a little past 90 degrees (95-degrees) when in locks mechanically into place. It doesn't rely on a drive pin that often gets damaged on landing. He is going put them in his 20cc DLE Top flight P40. The Robart retracts in the plane were \$600 but the new e-flight ones are about \$175 per set.

50/50 – Cecil White

Attendance prizes – John Bouchillon, Hawk Eye

Motion to adjourn.

Show and Tell

