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Meeting Schedule

Meeting Dates: 2019: Aug 14, Sep 11, Oct 9, Nov 13, Dec TBD*

Meeting Time: 7pm

Meeting Location: August Meeting will be at the Flying Field

Meeting Minutes

July Meeting Minutes (7/10/2019)

The July meeting was called to order at Mark Twain Hobby Shop on 7/10/2019 by our President, Richard Jenkins.

Roll Call – There were 12 members present, we have 41 members total. We got a new life member Bob Veenstra.

Treasurers Report - Our Treasurer, Jim Benedict, presented the treasurers report. There was a motion to approve. The checks were changed to the new name. Jim put in the state report done for the club, everything is up to date.

Secretary's report – approved.

Safety report – none.

Field report – Frank Eck took boots down to our field before this month's meeting, he said the standing water was half way down the road to the field. He saw lightning and he was going to open the shed. He stated that he would return the next day to try to open the shed. Frank will report what he sees to Richard, and he will get a report to the members. The porta potty couldn't be seen at meeting time. A question was asked if the Porta Potty company had insurance, or are we liable for the porta potty.

Old business – Doug got to someone in the AMA to get the clubs name changed.

New business – Prez talked about a possible new roof. It didn't float away when it was submerged. We discussed hiring someone to power wash the pavilion.

In prior years when the field flooded, it retained uneven sections and ruts. It was stated that the mud will typically dry hard. The field was dragged in 1993 and Bob Ponte knew someone that had seeded it. We were speculating at meeting time that it will probably have to be tilled or disked. We questioned if the farmer would help out with disks, in case we need to break the surface. We speculated lots of chickweed and crabgrass. Flood statistics were discussed: 1973-33 ft., 1986-29 ft. (see attached pictures).

In 1993, the field was fixed first, then the pavilion. Jerry won't charge for lease, and we can use the money towards the field. Frank Eck said we would see what the AMA does toward helping restore the field (about 10 percent) and he discussed the possibility that the AMA could aid in case we decide to look for a new field location. It was stated that they would be source when it comes to re-locating.

How much member horsepower would we need to rebuild the pavilion? Prez said we should get a roofing company as our members are getting pretty old. We can hire out seeding, we can hire out everything.

We estimate that the first week of August will probably be when we can get out on the field for flying. Prez said we can start on the field and start a new field locate committee. Prez said he could get an estimate on the roof once the water goes down.

A new field, we would have to have a runway and electric.

Jerry doesn't want an asphalt runway or the landing strip. The Eureka club has a quick start option for new members, 50 bucks, Tuesday nights, buddy box. They will teach people how to fly. \$180 for the dues. They have an air show, pilots got fringe benefits on food, etc. Big sign, learn to fly RC. 1/3 of their membership is from the quick start program.

Jim Benedict was wondering if we could approach some of the local airports, contacting the St. Charles Chamber of Commerce maybe? Jim mentioned approaching golf courses, merging with other clubs etc. Jim questioned why should we make the expense to only to get flooded again.

Merging with the Phantom Flyers, North of St. Charles.

Field clean up, checking AMA, field locate committee. 10 acres, square is what we would want need if we decide to go that route.

Show and Tell – Prez brought in finished products of his DIY vacuumed canopies. He passed around the balsa molds that he made and stated they were made from the original canopy less the ridges. They were smooth and very finely sanded. He passed around his initial O20 mylar canopy. It was pretty thin like a thin plastic water bottle. He ended up with a O30 thick mylar which was thicker and more acceptable. Prez re-discussed his vacuuming process, which were detailed and fully described in the May newsletter. The canopies came out very nice. We joked and asked Prez if he was going into business!

50/50 – John Bouchillon

Attendance Prizes – Bill McMenemy

Motion to adjourn

SHOW & TELL

Rich Jenkins' canopy



Mississippi River Flood Data

Date of Flood	Level	Years Between
04/28/1973	33.12	
10/09/1986	29.67	13
8/1/1993	38.17	7
05/29/1995	30.4	2
06/29/2008	30.8	13
06/04/2013	30.94	5
12/31/2015	30.91	2
06/07/2019	35.17	4