

M3 Meeting Minutes

March 4, 2013

ATTENDANCE:

Pete Bergstrom (Pres), Gary Hunt (VP), Bill Maiden, Jim Wiggin, Ray Loewe, Stan Lemmon, Andy Kunz (Sect.), and Daniel Scheuerman.

Coffee was available and will be available for the remainder of the winter meetings.

The meeting was held at Andy's house. Pete called it to order about 7:00 and began by reviewing old business.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1) Welcome to new member Paul Doctorian. Paul joined after the February meeting.
- 2) Treasury report: Our balance is \$6191.77. \$1362.14 came in last month from membership renewals. The odd value is a result of PayPal charges.
- 3) Membership renewals are due and have started to come in. Pete has asked Chris Huhn (Treasurer) to send invoices out to those who haven't paid. They should be out shortly.
- 4) Pete has ordered 100 keys. Several of them are required for support services (trash, port-a-potty, farmer). The lock will be changed shortly.
- 5) Pete is resolving an issue with Dotster, our previous web hosting company. They charged his credit card when we have stopped using them for most services.
- 6) Andy contacted a local ISP who is putting in service near the field. They are negotiating for access to the radio tower near the Market Street interchange. This could be used to put access to a weather station and webcams for the field.
- 7) 2013 Event Dates (AMA sanctions are in the works):
 - May 11 – Builders Contest and Swap Meet (sanction received 13-0903)
 - May 30- June 2 – AeroTow (at Monticello Airport)
 - July 3 (Wednesday) – Monticello Independence Celebration
 - August 22-25 – Illini SuperJets
 - TBD – Gary Hunt will attempt to set up an IMAC event. None has been set as of tonight's meeting.
- 8) Gary finished the tail for the club Kadet. Jim will start covering it soon. Pete has not been able to work on the wings yet. Paul Doctorian wants to be part of the wing building project.
- 9) Pete has met with the town regarding zoning. They are having a committee meeting tonight, but our attendance is not necessary yet.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) The Bloomington club is without a field at this time. In order to help them out and to serve more modelers in the region, a motion was made that we allow their paid members to have a non-voting membership in M3 in order to be able to continue to fly this summer. This non-voting membership would be for \$50, and they would receive a key to the gate. This offer would also be open to other area clubs such as Decatur and Champaign. The motion was made by Jim, seconded by Gary, and passed. Pete will contact the Bloomington club to let them know of the offer.
- 2) Election of officers is approaching. Think of who you want to nominate for your officers.
- 3) Pete will check with Dave Smalley regarding this summer's Flight Training program. Pete suggested that we have a Ground School for several weeks prior to the start of flight lessons. Andy is available after May 8.
- 4) Andy requested that people make suggestions for prizes for the Builders Contest in May. He will approach Bob Holman Plans, from whom we purchased the many Sparky kits for this year's One Design competition. Jim will see if Carstens will make a gift certificate for plans. Andy suggested that we have 4 prizes: Most Like the Original (Novice), Most Like the Original (Pro), Pilot's Choice (Novice), and Pilot's Choice (Pro). It will be up to the entrants to honestly place themselves in either Novice or Pro category, and a points system will be made to help evaluate the Most Like the Original entrants. The contest is only for the One Design (Comet Sparky) class, but others are welcome to display their Building Season accomplishments.
- 5) If anybody has a PC capable of running a simulator for the ground school noted above, please contact Pete.
- 6) A request was made to close the field June 22 & 23 to allow a private gathering for a fee of \$250. Andy made the motion, Jim seconded. It passed.

SHOW AND TELL:

Pete brought along a new 7-cylinder 77cc radial engine that he is working on converting from glow to ignition. It was surprisingly light. He discussed some of the changes that are necessary for this sort of conversion, and how the multi-cylinder model ignition engines get their spark.

We're all anxious to see it on a plane this summer so we can hear it purring.

Andy Kunz, Secretary