

## M3 Meeting Minutes

April 1, 2013

### ATTENDANCE:

Pete Bergstrom (Pres), Gary Hunt (VP), Chris Huhn (Treasurer), John Hammond, Paul Doctorian, Bill Maiden, Jim Wiggin, Ray Loewe, Stan Lemmon, and Andy Kunz (Sect.).

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) Treasury report: Our balance is \$6635.06 as of 3/29. About \$500 was deposited earlier today from membership renewals.
- 2) We have 22 paid members right now, 41 outstanding members from last year. Chris has invoices prepared and will send them out this week.
- 3) Pete distributed keys to the paid members who were present. He will be changing the lock tomorrow morning.
- 4) Andy contacted a local ISP who is putting in service near the field. They reported to him last week that they are working on the tower.
- 5) 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. It will need to be late in the season since the summer schedule is already quite full.
- 6) Jim began covering the Kadet fuselage.
- 7) Per previous agreement, the field property has been re-zoned to Commercial use. This was an oversight on the town's part that was just a formality, and is now completed.
- 8) Pete reported that the Bloomington club has a new field, so they won't be needing to join here. The opportunity is still available for Champaign and Decatur clubs. Pete will contact them.
- 9) Dave Smalley will be unable to work in the Flight Training program this summer. We will need a coordinator to manage the paperwork; flight training is not required. Pete would like to create a syllabus for instruction to help both students and instructors have reasonable progress baseline.

- 10) Related to that, Lee Anderson donated a PC. Andy will be installing Phoenix flight sim on it. This will be used by students prior to flying actual models.
- 11) Andy followed up on the Builders Contest. So far he has a verbal commitment from one of our members to provide balsa wood, and a verbal for possible plans from Carstens – perfect for builders’ prizes! He is still needing 2 more awards. He also presented some proposed rules (attached below) which were accepted by the members present. **REMINDER: THE BUILDERS CONTEST IS NEXT MONTH!**

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1) Pete asked the members what they saw as things the club needs to do this season, improvements which could help the club in any way. The suggestions that came up were:
  - a) Sealing the runway. This is essential, and was approved last fall. We are waiting for the weather to be warm enough. The cost will be about \$2500.
  - b) A new mower. Last year Stan and Lee mowed under sweltering heat with their personal mowers. Stan is going to investigate what kinds of mowers we need and can afford.
  - c) Grass Improvements. The grass areas need re-seeding, rolling, and general care.
  - d) Wash Station. In order to improve the facilities for women, especially during big events, a wash station was suggested as a good improvement. Jim is going to talk to his friends at the train museum to see if there is something we can work out with them. Adding a “real bathroom” is impractical due to the expense of the septic system (it didn’t perk well) and the need for a well to do with it.
  - e) A Point System. Jim suggested that the club put together some small weekly events to encourage people to come out, fly, and just plain fellowship together. By attending (and flying) participants can earn points which, at the end of the year, can result in some sort of award. At his club back home this was a fun, effective participation-increaser.
- 2) Election of officers is at the May meeting. The following people were nominated for various offices. If you would like to nominate somebody for an office, please let Pete know.
  - a) Nominees for President: Pete Bergstrom
  - b) Nominees for VP: Gary Hunt
  - c) Nominees for Treasurer: Chris Huhn
  - d) Nominees for Secretary: Andy Kunz
- 3) The May meeting will be May 6 at the field.

## SHOW AND TELL:

Jim Wiggin opened the Show and Tell time by passing around his Stevens Aero Fly Baby. <http://www.stevensaero.com/>

He acquired the kit through their Micro Builder Program. These micro models are laser cut, high quality (the fit is amazing!), and include all the wood parts. You need to add a power system (typically a Parkzone P-51 or similar brick and motor).



Ray Loewe pulled out the plans for the Zirola 102" B-25 that he plans to start building in the fall, after he finishes his P-51. This is an impressive model size, and will sound great. Ray sought some advice on power, and was encouraged to go to the Toledo show this weekend.



Pete Bergstrom unrolled the plans for a Wendell Hostetler DHC Beaver, as well as showing some of the accessories he's been buying to fit it out. This plane should look and sound very realistic with a big radial like the one he brought last month! He plans to start on the floats so he has no excuse to building it for wheels only. He's been getting some practice building a boat this past winter, so he should be ready to go.

The meeting was adjourned about 8:20.

Andy Kunz, Secretary

## **Proposed rules for 2013 Builders Contest**

Proposal is for two classes, Novice and Pro. Builders can self-judge which is the appropriate class for them to enter.

Each class will be judged for two categories, Most Like an Original Comet Sparky and Best Over All. The latter will be a “pilots’ choice” where entries will be judged from contestants in the other category, unless there aren’t enough entrants.

Most Like an Original Comet Sparky will be judged for the following criteria and points:

- Power System (Rubber/Electric/other)
- Type (FF/RC)
- Covering Material (film vs. tissue/dope)
- Color Scheme
- Wheels
- Bonuses for hand-carved prop, paper spinner
- Weight (-1 point per ounce, .5 ounce increments)