

## **M3 Meeting Minutes**

November 4, 2013

### **ATTENDANCE:**

Pete Bergstrom (Pres), Gary Hunt (VP), Andy Kunz (Sect.), Jim Wiggin, Bill Brundle, and guest Zach Gillespie.

The meeting was held at Bill's house in Mahomet. Pete called it to order about 7:20. We had to ogle Bill's current projects before starting.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- 1) Pete asked Andy to review the previous minutes. Minutes were approved as read.
- 2) Treasurer's report: Pete noted that all outstanding items for the year have been paid, leaving a balance of \$317.81 to cover winter expenses.
- 3) Runway sealing will happen in the spring. The weather is too cold and there aren't funds to pay for it right now.
- 4) Per the conditional approval of storing enclosed model trailers in the hangar at last month's meeting, the car guys have no problem with the storage there. The trailers will begin arriving this coming weekend after the area is cleaned up. A trailered ultralight will be stored there as well. They will be removed by May 1, the cost is \$100 per vehicle for the winter season, payable immediately.
- 5) Pete has reserved the Steeple Gallery for Jan 6, 2014 for a club dinner party (potluck). This is our normal club meeting date. Bring your spouse!

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1) Thanks to Bill and Robin Brundle for hosting the meeting. In addition to a tour of Bill's shop and current projects (D-18 and F-100), Robin had homemade chocolate chip cookies for us. Heather treated us to lots of humor.
- 2) Trash and toilet service will be cancelled and removed for the winter to save money during the unused time. They will return early next season.
- 3) Pete and the members present commended Stan for the bulletin boards he built. One is on the north end of the pavilion and the other is inside the hangar on the west wall near the door.
- 4) The club discussed allowing members to store their enclosed model carrying trailers in the hangar for the winter. They will need to be out by May 1, and the cost will be \$100 for each trailer for the season. Before this is final Pete will verify with the car guys that this will not affect their use of the hangar as a carpet track. The room to park them is limited. Contact Pete regarding questions. The vote approved this, conditionally upon acceptance by the guys who use the indoor track.

- 5) A good bit of discussion occurred regarding the need to increase participation at the events in the coming year. CD's of the events need to get their flyers together early so they can be distributed at other clubs' events early in the season.
- 6) Related to (5), Pete brought up RC Flight Deck. We would like to use this to register participants for events for the coming year. It also will provide some more visibility to our events.
- 7) We need more club members to participate in the background tasks of running our events. Too much of the burden has fallen to too few people for too long. If you're not flying at an event, please consider helping with the set-up, promotion, cooking, judging, cleaning, mowing, trash collection, etc. Come to the event, wear your Eli Field hat, and allow yourself to be inconvenienced a little for the greater good of the club and your fellow club members.

#### **2014 EVENTS:**

- 8) The Swap Meet will be held May 10 at the hangar. Andy will be Event Director.
- 9) The City of Monticello has asked us to host Disney's "Planes" next year. Pete is working with them to set a mutually-acceptable date.
- 10) We would like to put together a video trailer to advertise upcoming events (to be shown at the movie event), in particular the Independence Day celebration and Illini SuperJets meet due to their general public appeal. If you have videos and/or photos which may help, please let Pete or Andy know. We also need to plan some fun activities for kids on this video night, to keep sanity before the movie begins. It might be a good time to get some townsfolk onto SAFE trainers.
- 11) We discussed the possibility of surveying jet pilots to see if there is a better date for us to host our event. It conflicts with a Giant Scale meet at Champaign, and there are other jet events in the greater area which may be preventing some from attending.
- 12) Independence Day falls on Thursday in 2014. Last month there was discussion of making it into a 3-day event (Thu-Sat), and this month it was suggested that it be a Big Bird event for those days. This would make visible lots of large, interesting models to the public and not interfere with Champaign's event at the end of August.
- 13) Following up on last month, Jim Wiggin reported that August 15-17 would be an ideal date for an electric meet. He will investigate the date and interest level.
- 14) The next meeting will be December 2 at Pete and Caroline Goldsmith's house in Monticello at 7:00 PM. A map will be posted to the website shortly (Meetings page). The address is 12 Foxhill Court, Monticello.

The meeting was adjourned about 8:30.

Andy Kunz, Secretary