

# M3 Meeting Minutes

February 2, 2015

## ATTENDANCE:

Nate Thompson (Pres), Gary Hunt (Safety), Andy Kunz (Sect), Ray Armes, Jeff Lenhardt, John Hammond, Pete Goldsmith, Gerry Sappenfield.

The meeting was held at the Kunz's. Nate called it to order at 7:05.

## TREASURER'S REPORT:

Nate reported that the club finished the year with \$5485 in the bank. Payment for the porta-potties was completed, and several members have paid their dues.

*Your 2015 dues are due now.* You may pay them by check to one of the officers, or PayPal to PETE17E@AOL.COM. If you have questions regarding the amount you owe, please contact Chris Huhn at [treas@elifield.com](mailto:treas@elifield.com).

## OLD BUSINESS:

E-Fest was well-supported by the club. A total of 8 members staffed the booth on Saturday from opening until closing. Several more members came to the event to watch and/or participate. A few even stuck around for Sunday. Next year we need to make and confirm a "tear down" crew. Thanks go out to all those who participated in any way.

Nate reported on the need for the Drivers Stand. Lee Morrison has had difficulty finding a container that is suitable for our uses. He is working on several possible sources. A scoring system would cost about \$4000, so he is investigating renting one. It was noted that it should be paid off in a single successful event, but having a good drivers stand, power, and related facilities are necessary to make it successful.

The Jet Meet needs to get the flyer ready for distribution at Florida Jets. Several of our members will be in FL for that event. Gary has this action.

Jeff has equipment to do grading and runway prep for the grass runway, and has volunteered to see what needs to be done to make it suitable for gliders and warbirds.

## NEW BUSINESS:

Nate brought up the need to improve attendance at club meetings. He will be doing a survey to identify reasons that more do not come. It was noted that having them at members' homes increases the interest of some people as it allows them to see a show-and-tell for others' shops, models, and other interests. If you have ideas, send them to Nate at [president@elifield.com](mailto:president@elifield.com).

If you would like to host a club meeting, please see Nate or Andy ([secretary@elifield.com](mailto:secretary@elifield.com)).

## 2015 EVENTS:

**SWAP MEET:** Several have expressed interest in having the annual Swap Meet in May. We need someone to head this up, as Andy will be unavailable this year. Please contact one of our new officers if you're interested in handling this. You do NOT need to be an AMA CD to run this event! If we do not have this in place by the March meeting we will need to scrub it from the calendar.

**FLIGHT TRAINING:** We will be having weekly flight training on Monday evenings. Details TBD. We would like to convert to electric trainers this year and are looking for suitable donations (Apprentice, Apprentice S?). If you are interested in helping in any way, please see Andy.

**AEROTOW:** The AeroTow will be held this year on June 18-21 at the Monticello Airport. The 2016 event is likely to be held at Eli Field, depending on availability of the Monticello Airport.

**SPRING/FALL CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT:** Nathan will be running two construction events again this year, dates TBD. Last year they did some work to help with the runoff from the roof.

**JULY 3:** The annual Open House will be on Friday, July 3 this year. Since this is the official observance day and most people will be off work, we expect this year to have a very good turnout from the community.

**BLUE MOON:** We will be hosting an all-night flying meet on July 31-Aug 1. This will take advantage of the full moon (second of the month, so it's a "blue moon" too), the weekend, and hopefully good weather. We need a catchy name. Suggestions for names and activities are welcome. Please talk to Andy with your ideas.

**MOVIE NIGHT:** The city may want to host a Movie Night either at our field or across the highway at the hospital, with us providing some pre-movie flying entertainment. This is tentatively scheduled for August 7. Nate is working with the city.

**IMAC:** Gary Hunt has scheduled August 15 weekend for the IMAC contest.

**JET MEET:** August 20-22. A CD needs to get the sanction rolling, confirm date, etc. Need flyers for Florida Jets.

**CAR RACES:** The ability to host car events is dependent upon the ability to get a container and drivers stand installed. Lee Morrison is still looking to find a decent yet affordable container to make this happen.

## NEXT MEETING:

The meeting was closed at 8:15. After the meeting Andy showed how his laser cutter works. We cut wing parts for the Kadet candy bomber. Before the meeting Gerry handed out M<sup>3</sup> laser-engraved "wooden nickels" that he made on his laser cutter.

The next meeting will be March 2 at Pete's house. The address is:

12 Foxhill Court  
Monticello, IL 61856

Once you turn onto Foxhill from Foothill Drive, go all the way to the cul-de-sac. Their's is the house on the left.

Respectfully,

Andy Kunz