

M3 Meeting Minutes

April 6, 2015

ATTENDANCE:

Nate Thompson (Pres), Gary Hunt (Safety), Andy Kunz (Sect), Ray Armes, Jeff Lenhardt, John Hammond, David Payne, Dustin Buescher, Ian Kunz, Lee Morrison, Mike McConville, James Stuckey, and Jason Southard.

The meeting was held at Hardees in Monticello. Nate called it to order at 7:10.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Nate reported that the account has \$5737.93.

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. **Thanks to those who have paid.**

OLD BUSINESS:

Jeff discussed the work on the grass runway parallel to the blacktop, between the runway and the ditch. The areas above the drain tile network will be filled with dirt, about 2 tandem loads. He still needs to get a cost, and we plan to vote on it at the May meeting. He also noted that the runway has some thin pavement areas at the south end, and that there is cracking. Crack sealing is something that needs to be done.

Lee noted that container prices have headed upwards. He has leads on a grade C 40' box for \$1850 + tax + \$650 delivery, which will need wood platform and stairs to provide a stand for the drivers. He is also investigating working with Parkland to build an all-wood structure. A scoring system would be about \$4000 more. We plan to vote on this at the May meeting.

Nate reported that Frontier, Mediacom, and Cox have been contacted about Internet access.

Nate is waiting on clarification regarding disposition of some aircraft donated by Horizon. The club members are open to accepting Apprentices in trade for Alphas, but we want to make sure it is not a problem. Several club members have expressed interest in obtaining the Alphas that were used in prior years for the pilot training program.

Andy noted that the pilot training will begin in May on Mondays after work. We could use a few experienced pilots willing to help with the training.

NEW BUSINESS:

The porta potty is in place.

A hangar clean-up is necessary. To do this, the stored vehicles which wintered in the hangar need to be moved out by May 1. We will set a clean-up date at the next meeting, but if you happen to have stuff that doesn't need to be there, please remove it.

It was noted that several models are parked in the hangar with no apparent purpose or owner. If you left a plane there and have no further interest in it, please mark it as "free". Perhaps another member would enjoy use of it and take it home.

It was noted that we need to get a few fire extinguishers around the hangar. With the addition of flight batteries for the training program, proper storage for the cells needs to be established as well.

2015 EVENTS:

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.

SPRING RC TRUCK & CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT: May 23-24 we will again host an RC Truck & Construction Equipment meet. Last year the guys did some excavating around the drains beside the hangar. Nate is the event director.

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 and the quality of grass runways. Pete Goldsmith and Missie Anderson can answer any questions you may have.

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. If Kirby Hospital hosts the event, we will be invited to do a little flying to entertain the crowd before the movie starts.

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 7:40.

The next meeting will be May 6 at 7 PM at the field. The Hardees was a good choice for the past two months; let's hope the boost in attendance continues as we will be able to fly before the next meeting!

Respectfully,

Andy Kunz