

M3 Meeting Minutes

May 4, 2015

ATTENDANCE:

Nate Thompson (Pres), Tucker Kern (VP), Andy Kunz (Sect), Jeff Lenhardt, David Payne, Kim Payne, Ian Kunz, Lee Morrison, Mike McLaughlin, Vic Audo.

The meeting was held at at Eli Field. Nate called it to order about 7:05.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Nate reported that the account has \$5601.31. Trash collection will be \$48/month. The dumpster will be here any day.

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:

As advertised in the previous minutes, there was a vote held at this meeting today regarding grading and seeding of the parallel grass runway. It is estimated that we will be using \$2000 to prepare this strip for future events. This will be executed within the next couple weeks so that we don't run into too hot/dry problems for the seeded grass.

Lee reported on several possible options that have recently opened up regarding a container and/or pallet racks to create a drivers stand at the track. Power will need to be moved to accommodate this. A Bobcat will be needed to prep the track for this summer.

Nate is still waiting on clarification regarding disposition of some aircraft donated by Horizon.

We need people who have planes in the hangar to claim/identify them before the next meeting. We will be having a cleanup day and unclaimed models will be removed. A big plane is not a problem to keep there when you're flying it frequently, but the hangar isn't for storing your models. 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 taking it home.

Part of the clean-up will be removing the dirty and smelly carpet track that is laid out on the hangar floor. This is a bulky job, and we do not wish to damage any planes. Please do your part by getting them out of there.

NEW BUSINESS:

The hangar door needs a cable replaced. Nate will take care of this. Please do not over-tighten the locking mechanism when you shut the doors.

It was reported that there were planes flying over the track this past weekend. The flight line does not go anywhere close to the track – it extends out along the runway. For the sake of the safety of the guys at the track, please do not fly there. Nate is going to find a good aerial view of the property so we can clearly mark the proper over-flight and keep-out areas.

The overflight map will be posted in the bulletin boards that Stan Lemon made for us last year. It will be joined by a list of paid members and club rules.

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.

The runway still needs to have the cracks properly filled.

2015 EVENTS:

FLIGHT TRAINING: We will be having weekly flight training on Monday evenings. 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. Right now the immediate need is for several 3S 3200-size packs (EFLB32003S).

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 7:35.

The next meeting will be Monday, June 1 at 7 PM at the field. Come early and bring a plane or two!

Respectfully,

Andy Kunz