



AMA CHARTER 534

August General Membership Meeting

August 10, 2021

President Bruce Tharpe opened the meeting at 7:04 at the Senior Center with 9 members present. Eric Kirby read the minutes from the July 13 General Membership meeting and Rob Merriman read the minutes from the July 22nd Board meeting. There were no corrections or additions.

Old Business:

IMAC Contest Report

Scott Hudson shared about his visit to the IMAC contest in Molalla, Oregon July 24-25. Four club members attended; Mike Freeburg, Jerry Stinson, Sean Mersh and Scott Hudson. Scott said it was a very nice facility and there were 16 pilots registered. Jerry was awarded second place in the Intermediate category, and Scott received third. Sean Mersh was awarded second place in the advanced category.

EDF Contest Report

Scott Hudson also reported on the EDF pattern contest held by our club August 7. Four members participated; Sean Mersch, Jay Strickland, Jerry Stinson and Scott Hudson. This was our club's informal attempt at following the F3S format for jets. It became immediately apparent that judges needed a scribe to record their scores as the maneuvers were happening too fast for the judges to both watch and write the scores. Paul Chapman and Rich Josephson were judges, Geoffrey Randolph and Rob Merriman were scribes, and Bruce Tharpe and Clark Wolf tallied the scores. Sean got first place, Scott second, Jerry third and Jay fourth.

Redmond Scale Contest Report

Eric Kirby told of his experience at the recent NW Scale Modelers Association contest at the "Field of Dreams" in Redmond, Oregon last week. About 30 pilots were registered and he described their field as grass but very soft and spongy...so much so that landings there are notoriously difficult. In addition to tricky grass there were also strong crosswinds. Eric took his Fleet biplane and he said there were several crashes and incidents that kept things lively. Eric qualified for the championships but probably will not be going due to the logistics of getting there. He also said that members of the Redmond club had expressed a desire to come and speak to our club about helping to organize a NWSAM scale event here.

AMA Reward Grant

Rob Merriman informed the club that we had received a \$50 award for the newspaper coverage our club received for our Aviation Camp held in July.

Rogue Eagles Training Program

Rob Merriman also talked about his efforts to reorganize the club's flight training program. Currently

there are four pilots willing to participate along with Rob; Eric Kirby, Larry Miller, Jess Walls and Jay Strickland. In their initial meeting the group attempted to define exactly what the goal for flight instruction was and concluded that beyond just achieving basic proficiency, it was important to assist new pilots in such a way that they would have a positive experience and continue to pursue both the hobby and their relationship with our club. Potential categories of information might include a Ground School session and a Mechanics session, in addition to the actual flight training.

We are also aware that most new pilots are now purchasing new equipment that has both SAFE and AS3X technology, which dramatically speeds up the learning process while reducing the amount of personal training. Rob has put up a graphic at Al's Hobbies describing a "Rogue Eagles Recommended Package", which includes the Aero Scout with transmitter and the Real Flight simulator. That same promotion also features the benefits of joining the Rogue Eagles in order to utilize our first class facility and the possibility of in-person training. Rob said they are continuing to refine the curriculum/program that we can offer on behalf of the club.

Model Aviation Day

Rob Merriman said that after last month's discussion about whether to hold any kind of promotion for Model Aviation Day, he had decided to pass for this year. Larry Cogdell had suggested that perhaps there could be an informal event at our field, but with the smoky air quality Rob had decided to just wait for next year.

T-Shirts

Babe Caltabiano found another company in Grants Pass (EMC) who offers screened T's on the same brand of shirt as what we have currently for around \$9.00 (regular sizes) as well as caps. He said the \$80 setup charges and minimum order of 24 shirts also applied. That was a better price than the company Rob had spoken to, so Rob volunteered to research our existing vendor's pricing as well as this new potential vendor for more comparison.

New Business:

Grants Pass Air Show Opportunity

Babe said that the annual car show in Grants Pass had been postponed to October and that traditionally they had partnered with the Grants Pass RC club for an air show/display. He said that he had been told that the Grants Pass club did not want to participate this year and suggested that our club might want to take their place. Bruce asked if it was a one day or two day event and Babe did not know. Scott Hudson wondered if there might be a reason the GP club did not want to participate and said in his experience the airplane part of the event had not received much attention. Scott said he knew the President of the RC club and would ask him for more information.

Status of Upcoming Pylon Race

Bruce passed along that the pylon organizers were concerned about re-scheduling the upcoming Pylon Race to August 22 due to out of town conflicts, concerns about COVID restrictions and poor air quality from the fires. Therefore the field will definitely be open for flying this Saturday the 14th.

Vintage Event September 3-4

Bruce also expressed concerns re: the Vintage event. Prizes have already been lined up through Jack Shaffer. Bruce was asked as to what qualified as vintage and Bruce clarified that the design had to be 35 years old, but not necessarily the kit. Bruce said he was on the fence still and would continue to consider what to do.

50/50 Drawing

The 50/50 pot of \$8 was won by Bruce (who bought \$4 worth of the tickets) and donated it all back to the club.

Show & Tell

John Gaines brought a German Stuka JU-87 dive bomber to show. It is a Zirolli design (kit) of about 100" and weighing in at about 25 lbs. John is going to make his own mold so he can mass produce the wheel pants, given that they are vulnerable to damage during landing. This is the second one he has built...the planking is tricky and takes time but is worth it effort. It has a DJ 72cc gas engine with a Pit style rear exhaust. Of interest on this plane is the fact that the ailerons and flaps are separate from the wing and are behind and below the trailing edge. John flew Clarke Wolf's Stuka and he described it as flying like a kite.

Submitted By Rob Merriman/Co-Secretary

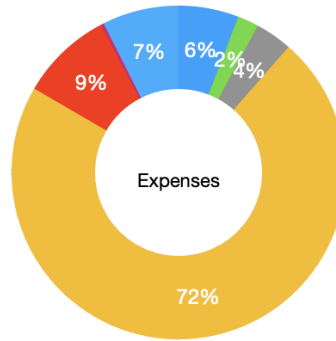
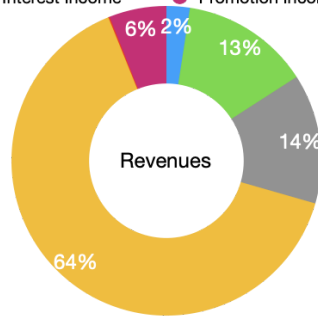
Rogue Eagles I&E

Revenues - YTD at 31 July 2021	
Day Use Fees	\$187.00
Event Proceeds	\$1,034.25
Gifts & Donations	\$1,042.00
Membership Income	\$4,953.00
Interest Income	\$10.11
Promotion Income	\$460.00
Total income	\$7,686.36

Expenses - YTD at 31 July 2021	
Admin	\$250.02
Bill & Utilities	\$88.62
Event Expenses	\$152.57
Facilities	\$3,087.92
Marketing & Promotion	\$382.00
Meetings	\$12.89
Membership	\$318.23
Total expenses	\$4,292.25

Net Income	
Income minus expenses	\$3,394.11

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