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ALL THUMBS- FROM THE PREZ'S CHAIR

My name is Jay Strickland and I approve this message

Fall, Football season, hunting and some of the best flying weather! What a great time of year. I just realized that I have been your President for twelve months now. Time keeps going by faster and faster. Elections for club officers and Executive Board positions will be during the November general Membership meeting. Speaking of faster, Rick Lindsey was crowned the club pylon racing champion and won the coveted "Styrofoam Cup". There was some great racing and a whole lot of fun. If you are not getting involved in this inexpensive, thrill packed blast of a good time, you are definitely missing out! It seems with these airplane/ engine setups, everyone is competitive and on any given day anyone can win. Thank you to Ben Musolf and Rich Demartini for organizing and running this great and exciting club activity.

In my first column as President I spoke of my "vision" for the club. A lot of that had to do with how we conducted ourselves as fellow RC Aeromodelers. Sometimes it seems we have to step back and remember why we are involved in this hobby. For the great majority it is because we just love flying model aircraft and we love being around others who love to fly model aircraft. We do it because it's fun and satisfying. Safety notwithstanding, we cannot allow it not to be fun and satisfying for everyone. Please go that extra step to help another club member (or non club member) to enjoy his or her day a little bit more. Share some secrets, give a hand, spot for someone or just encourage and applaud a new flyer for their efforts. Our time at the field will be just as good as we make it.

We are developing a club "Master Plan". This will outline our objectives and be a framework for accomplishing the club's goals. The centerpiece of this plan is the runway and the physical structure of Agate Skyways. The plan will also include however, the direction the club will take regarding community service, charitable activities and how we will represent aeromodeling here in Southern Oregon. Please communicate your thoughts on the content of this plan with your favorite board member. The Master Plan must be in accord with the way the general membership wishes to do business if it is to be successful.

Remember the Christmas party at Twin Oaks in Central Point on Saturday night December 1. There will be a great dinner, some prizes and awards and lots of laughs I'm sure! Point of Contact is; Danny Stanton. Avoid "Pilot Air"! That is all for now, Granddog out.

Remember: There are no crashes,

Just different kinds of landings!

Minutes of Board Meeting September 25, 2012



Jay Strickland called the meeting to order with an elegant rap on the table at 7:02 pm with 7 board members present we had a quorum.

Jay welcomed the two new members John Gaines and Dave Bartholomew to the board.

OLD BUSINESS:

Tom Everts is ready to start work on the new start-up pads but will need a trailer to haul his back-hoe sometime near the end of October.

The "House-Avoidance Approach Flags" to help flyers line up their approaches to avoid the house is on track.

The flight instruction program is proceeding and we will have a complete "unit" that instructors will be able to check out (and return) to Rick Lindsey. This will include everything a trainer needs to get a student into the air. Dale McCuiston has graciously agreed to donate a nice Futaba radio that will be a perfect accompaniment to the radio Eric Geiske donated a number of years ago.

The charging station's status is unknown at this time and Calvin Emigh will be contacted.

NEW BUSINESS:

This year's Christmas Party will be December 1st at Twin Creek in Central Point and the cost will be \$18 a person. Danny Stanton is POC.

Scheduling for 2013 will start with the October board meeting. Rick Lindsey will bring a proposed schedule and CD's are asked to attend.

Art Kelly presented a plan/request to include a Pattern Event in 2013. Discussion centered around possible participation by Rogue-Eagles as opposed to an event that would attract non-local flyers. Scheduling for 2013 is beginning and Art was encouraged to attend the meetings. Any addition of this sort would go through a general meeting for approval.

Jay discussed his vision for the future and all agreed the runway would always take precedence. In addition to the runway, members were asked to think about other improvements members had questioned. This will be used to develop the club's "Master Plan".

Elections will be held soon (November general membership meeting) and the need for a Treasurer and a Secretary as well as President and Vice President to be nominated was mentioned. These positions constitute club officers and we hope to have new ones in place after November.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:43pm.

Respectfully submitted by Rick Lindsey

Minutes of the General Meeting for September 11th. 2012



Opening:

The President, Jay Strickland, formally opened the meeting for business at 7:02 p.m. at the Central Point Senior Center. There were twenty members present.

Meeting Minutes:

The minutes of the August 14th General meeting were read. Bob Knudsen pointed out that he had not volunteered to repair the Tetrahedron as we were led to believe last month. Therefore a new plan is needed if we are to replace the Tetrahedron. A motion was moved seconded and approved to accept the Minutes as corrected.

Board minutes.

Jay Strickland outlined the highlights of the August 28th Board meeting.

- The date for the Board Meeting has been moved back to the 4th Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. as it was in the past.
- After discussion, the Board determined that to be a member of the Rogue Eagles it is necessary to have "Open" membership of the AMA. The "Park Flyer" membership level does not provide adequate liability insurance.
- The Air-show was a tremendous success, bringing in almost \$2000. In addition another \$1400 raised was donated to the Children's Miracle Network. There was a general discussion and it was decided that for next year we should try to have a Mall Show to help further publicize the event.
- John Gaines and Dave Bartholomew have volunteered to fill the two open positions for "Board Members at Large".

Treasurers Report.

Werner stated that the Share account stands at \$25.77. The Checking Account is \$5,933.67; the Money Maker account is \$2,350.01, making a total of \$8,309.45. The dedicated Runway account stands at \$12,459.97. The grand total of all funds is \$20,769.42.

A motion was moved seconded and approved to accept the Treasurers report as read.

Old Business.

House over-flight.

Some Pilots are still flying over the adjacent house. Jay reminded everyone to assist each other in flying within the boundaries and making sure the house is not over-flown.

Flight station safety nets.

Rich DeMartini has built two new stations to replace the broken ones. There are now six stations, but we are shifting to the left of the runway as far as we really want to go. The maximum number of planes in the air is still limited to five.

Official Park Signs.

New signs have been displayed at the field. Richard DeMartini stated that he was surprised to see that park rules state that anyone who causes a fire is personally liable for the damage and firefighting costs. Everyone should be aware of this.

Safety violations.

There is a small cadre of Pilots who continue to fly 3D directly over the runway and "Foamies" in the pit area, endangering other pilots and in violation of the safety rules. Corrective action needs to take place. There was a discussion. Unless these pilots start to respect the rules, we may completely ban all 3D flying.

Jay reminded everyone to clearly announce all non-standard maneuvers to your fellow pilots.

VRCS report.

Bruce Tharpe reported that the event was a success, with 17 registered pilots. The weather was brilliant and many unique models were flown. Voting took place for the prizes. Phil Baehne was awarded the "Spirit" plaque. Bruce was slightly embarrassed to say that he himself was voted recognition for his "Quickie" and "Candy" models. However, Bruce generously donated the "Champ" foamie prize to the club. *(Continued on page 5)*

Minutes of the General Meeting for September 11th. 2012 (continued)

New Start-up pads.

Jay stated that the time is almost upon us to get started on constructing the new pads. Shortly he will seek a volunteer party to complete the job.

Rally of the Giants 2013.

The event is firmly established on the calendar and planning is in progress.

New runway.

A meeting was organized by Ron Kelso between Jay and "Bill the Asphalt man" to discuss the future plans for the replacement 600' runway. Jay was a bit dismayed to hear of the current cost of Asphalt, which is high due to the high cost of oil. There was a general discussion. Jay is still optimistic that we can still accomplish this goal in time for the Rally of the Giants next year.

New Business.

Klamath pot luck.

Jay reminded the meeting of the event at Klamath this coming weekend and asked for a show of hands from those who are planning to attend.

Safety at the field.

We have noticed that the recent influx of "Avenue G" members is bringing in more family members and children. This is good, but particularly the children are not aware of the safety rules and sometimes are placing themselves at risk. We need all new members to be aware of the safety rules at the field and abide by them.

Fence along Antelope road.

Gary Neal stated that some of the fencing along the road is in dire need of repair or replacement. After a short discussion, a motion was moved seconded and approved to have Gary spend up to \$250.00 to acquire all necessary poles, wire and any other materials to complete the repairs to the fence.

Club hat and shirt sales.

Paul Starks stated that one or more people are needed to take on the hat and shirt sales activity for the Medford area. As he lives in the Grants Pass area, the club is not getting the exposure in Medford that would create more sales. There was a short discussion on how we might proceed and some good ideas were proposed.

Field expansion plan.

The question came up as to whether the club had a long-range plan for expansion and improvement. In answer, Jay said that in effect we did have a plan, but will address the topic in the next Board Meeting.

New Club Trainer Plane.

A trainer plane has been donated by Ted Krempe.

Existing Trainer.

Dave Bartholomew stated that he had in storage another club trainer. He will make this available as soon as possible.

The meeting was formally adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Show and Tell.

Clark Wolf announced to the meeting that he had been contacted by Tom Webber, regarding donation of the model planes from his recently passed father Byron Webber. Byron was an ex Marine who had an impressive war record. One of the planes in particular will make an excellent trainer plane. The two planes were brought in by Clark to the meeting and handed over.

Ray Wasson showed a Carburetor that he had designed and machined out of a solid block of aluminum. Impressive workmanship as usual from Ray.

Season's Greetings



Rogue Eagles

Annual Christmas Party!

888 Twin Creeks Crossing, Central Point

Saturday, Dec. 1, 2012 at 6:00 PM

- *\$18.00/ person includes gratuity*
- *Entertainment by RV Harmonizers*
- *Door Prizes, Club Awards and lots of fun*
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