

February 2007 Meeting Minutes

2-13-07

- The meeting was opened by Club President Nathan Bartley at approximately 7:20.

- **Old Business**

- It was reminded that Butch Fortin agreed to fix the shed water leak. Butch asked to wait until the weather reaches 50 plus degrees.
- It was decided to wait a little longer before the club buys gravel for the parking area.
- Nathan Bartley reported that he did clean the guttering along the road, but, that it didn't come without a real scare. A somewhat funny story, but, I'm sure he might appreciate it being posted here. If you see a long pony-tailed guy at the field, that's Nathan (club president), and if you must, he'll tell you the story. Regardless, the job got done, and several ditch areas are going to look real good come Spring.
- It was reported that both locks are still on the gate, but, the 2006 lock has been moved off to the side and that only the 2007 lock will allow passage. Like each Winter, locks are changed at the end of each January.

- **New Business**

- It was mentioned that the 2006 keys that should be turned back in have plenty of meet left and that there should be no problem re-cutting them for the year 2008. Secretary, Ken Blackford offered to check with Elliot Brothers Lock on the cutting fee, hoping to get a break due to volume.
- The Swap Meet, set for May 12th, was discussed again, chipping away at more details that need to be addressed. In particular, food items to be served, where to buy them, what to sell them for, and how many people would be needed to work the meet were discussed. Fermin Lopez

mentioned that he would check into a “hand stamp” for the front door, possibly, a bingo marker would suffice. It was asked that someone get in touch with the Jeff Blodgett to check with the Amory and see if there is an existing PA system in the building. If not, Rod would check and see if the current PA system that he has would work inside the building without blasting everyone out.

- Ken Blackford brought the “Instructor” sign that will be hung in the first shed. He also agreed to a suggestion that someone ask Charlie at King RC if it would be ok to post the same sign (or version there of) in the hobby store. Ken stated that he would check with the store.
- Rod Stauffer mentioned that he had new “sticky-back” signs that could be used to replace the old signs on the storage shed. It was mentioned that the current signs are badly weathered, in serious need of being replaced.
- Nathan Bartley raised the interest of having a “pylon” event, since the club has never had one. Several people recited what they had seen before at such pylon events. It was agreed that there would probably quite a number of special requirements for a club to host such a dangerous event and that a lot more research would be needed to make a decision.
- It was asked that during the newly added, and long missed, Heli Event on July 14th, that we have a “Drag Racing” competition. From what I hear, it’s a real blast to witness Heli’s cocked at about 45 degrees, full throttle, all out get’n it in a race to the finish line. Personally, I can’t wait!
- **New Memebbers**
- (4) count’em F-O-U-R new member were voted in, bringing the roster count to 47.....Bruce Weschler – John Kabanuk – Carl Schlager – Rober Whitaker we all welcomed and voted in.
- **Model of the Month**
- Three models were brought in to compete the M.O.M.

- Fermin Lopez brought a really interesting.....plane. A fully scratch built he calls "Day Glow." From one of the most resourceful members (and person I've ever met), this thing was really unique. Using only rudder and elevator with a fully flat bottom airfoil, it was highly suggested that he add ailerons. This should be real interesting to see at it's maiden flight.
- Ken Blackford brought a familiar kit plane.....the Lanier RC's "Shrike." Inspired by two other members who have the same plane, his goal was to make something that was in between the two as far as speed goes. Outfitted with a Mega 14/15 4-turn motor, 30 amp ESC, (2) Hobbico micro servos, JR receiver and a Thunder Power 3-cell Li-Po 1320, He hopes to achieve his goal. It was suggested by the faster of the other two model owners that more venting should be incorporated to help air flow, especially on such a model as this.
- Rod Stauffer showed with a micro Heli that he found at Wal-Mart. Now, some of you have seen those micro Heli's from Wal-Mart for \$39.00 that actually fly pretty darn good. He was hoping that this counter rotating blade job for \$62.00 + dollars (at Wal-Mart.....let's face it, a toy for \$62.00 at Wal-Mart is usually a pretty nice, or big, toy) would out perform it's predecessor. NOT the case. Rod reported that he much more prefers the other, littler model. Although, it does come with (2) separate thrust props on the sides of the canopy who's motors were less than half the diameter of a pencil. Pretty cool, and, several people did take a crack at flying it around the room. Still looked fun to me.
- A vote was taken.....and Fermin's purely scratch "Day-Glow" won hands down.
- The meeting was called at 8:28.