

# May 2007 Minutes

The meeting was open at approximately 7:20

Club Treasure, Rod Stauffer, reported an operating balance of \$2,019.42

## **OLD BUSINESS – swap meet**

- **Swap Meet** – Just (4) more days until the RAMS first annual Swap Meet, final details were discussed:
- It was decided that all helpers / volunteers should report to the Armory no less than 6:00 am Saturday the 12<sup>th</sup> to be handed their assignments and duties.
- Early table vendors are also welcome as early as 6:00 until 7:00 to get a jump on getting set up.
- Member Butch Fortin brought a couple of trays of Danishes and sweet rolls with the idea to sell them as breakfast items along with the coffee'. It was agreed this was a wonderful idea and Butch agreed to pick up a good bundle of such items to be sold, since he is also handling the coffee' sales.
- It was finally decided that only (2) grills be needed for cooking the hamburgers and hot dogs. Butch offered his grill to be picked up by, member and VP, Tony Simmons. Member, and club secretary, Ken Blackford agreed to bring his grill. Ken stated that he will have the entire day off to be fully available to transport items and help set up.
- Tony Simmons mentioned that he too will have a half a day off to begin transporting the 55 gal barrel trash cans, trash bags, drinks, paper products, condiments, and Butch's grill to the Amory, arriving around 2:00 – 2:30 that afternoon.
- As of Tuesday evening of this meeting, 37 tables were reported sold and that several others have called stating that they would be coming from out of state to buy several the morning of the meet.
- All in all, things are well under way and in order, giving special thanks to National Guard member and RAMS member, Jeff Blodgett, for securing the Amory for us. His time and attention put into the organization of this event is much appreciated.

## **OLD BUSINESS - continued**

- Butch Fortin and Ken Blackford reported that the air racing / air show in Mount Airy was a great big success. The club received tons of exposure with more that 500 people attending the whole event. Although the winds were very high, several people did go up and have a great time. The club should certainly be invited next year.
- Butch Fortin agreed to check on local rail road tie cost. It was mentioned during last months meeting that the current ties in the parking area of the field should be replaced, due to one member breaking a bone in his foot from stepping on a warped tie that wasn't tied down.
- Phillip Grimes, member and lawn care man of the field, stated that we currently have about 115 pounds of Bermuda seed. It was agreed that volunteers would meet at the field Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm to help with spreading the seed and working on an

irrigation system to help sow the seed. It was mentioned that since this is the second season from when the first batch of seed was laid down, that nitrogen should be spread to help sow the seed even better.

### **NEW BUSINESS – War Birds Event**

- The up and coming 2<sup>nd</sup> annual War Birds Event is just around the corner. Member, Blake Wilson mentioned that his friend “Steve Flippin” would make his fly-by right at noon, 12:00 pm, in a L-4 Bird Dog type of plane, in military colors.
- Members volunteered to handle various task as follows: Ken Blackford and Phillip Grimes = frequency control – Fermin Lopez, Tony Simmons, and Chris Sanders = food – Steven Santich = parking – Rod Stauffer = PA system and raffles – Butch Fortin offer his time for what ever needed, the day of the event.
- Phillip Grimes suggested someone bake a cake or make some sort of sweets to give to actual vets that attend the event, showing thanks for their service to this country, who fought for our freedom. It was agreed that this was a great idea that more suggestions would be welcome.
- It was also suggested that we play the National Anthem at some point during, or before, the event.
- Due to a recent accident at another field involving one of our clubs very active members, it was suggested that some thought be put into some form of inexpensive “pilot” barriers that the pilots actually stand behind, like IMAA sanctioned events are required to have, be used for the War Birds Event, if possible. Any ideas would greatly be appreciated.
- It was also suggested that we fly an American flag, and possibly, a POW flag during the event, since the event surrounds Veterans Day.
- Everyone agreed that all of these suggestions were good, and that all should be implemented for this, and other, events.

### **NEW BUSINESS – continued**

- Club President Nathan Bartly mentioned that after this afternoon, 5-8-07, the board members had met and decided to cancel and kill the private RAMS member forum. It was not discussed in detail as to the reason of their decision, but, it was made clear that no questions be asked that was final. Knowing the details, being a board member myself, believe me, it’s for the better of the club.
- New recent member Dell Gardner suggested having a “workshop” night, one night a month, to get club members together to talk about and share ideas about within the hobby, like, building techniques, latest electric advancements, covering techniques, and what ever secrets we’ve all learned over time. He mentioned that he has picked up on the tremendous talent and knowledge that our club harbors and that it would be great to share that knowledge with, not only new club members, but with people new to the hobby in general. (Great idea Dell.....one of the best I’ve heard in a while) it was suggested that such a meeting could take place at the field, perhaps on the Thursday evenings when the club had their weekly cook-outs.

### **New Members**

(3) new members were voted into the club, bringing the new roster to 56 members. Richard Auman – Reggie Davis – and Brian Lohmeyer were voted in.

The 50/50 raffle was won by Ken Blackford, taking home \$26.50.....YEE HAA (lunch tomorrow for yours truly).

### **The MODEL OF THE MONTH**

- Tony Simmons brought a new “Inspire 60” ARF by Fliton. I have one of this myself, and let me tell you, this is one light plane. This baby is massively powered by a contronics 600 electric motor and a 6S pack. He says that he’s pulling 44 amps at 900+ watts. He also said that he can do anything with this plane at half throttle, weighing right at 6 lbs. (Yep, same plane as he brought last month, so, this is the same post I wrote last month.....what’d you expect. We told him if he brings it again next month, it better be in different covering) Awesome plane Tony, I can’t wait to get mine in the air.
- Chris Sanders brought a really neat plane, a “Somethin’ Extra (little version of an Extra 300) This happens to be his second one in three weeks. The first one went up, and well, it came down alright.....OUCH! This one sports a Satio 72, digital servos, and a gyro in the tail. It looked like a really hot 3D set-up, sporting a 3-blade 12-6 prop. Nice little plane Chris, I can’t wait to see it go up.

A vote was taken.....and Chris Sanders “Somthin’ Extra” was awarded May 07’.....M.O.M.

The meeting was closed at 8:40 pm.

5-8-07

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