

THE CVRCA FLYER

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Mowing Schedule for May:

6	D. CRANCE / N. DIAMOND
13	M. DINU / P. EDMUNDS
20	G. FOSTER / T. FRANKLIN
27	GRYDER FAMILY / D. HANSON

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On The Board

Member: Todd Beard
Member: Jimmy Booth
Member: Dave Wingfield
Member: Gary Cowden

Others

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Meeting Info...

April Meeting Date: 5/10/2006
Meeting Time: 7:00 PM
Meeting Place: Parks & Recreation, 301 Grove
May Meeting: 6/14/2006

CVRCA Fight Instruction Team

Team Leader: Jimmy Booth
Team Airplane: Todd Beard, Mike Dinu
Team Helicopter: Sam Richardson

March Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: 4/12/2006
Called By: Sam Richardson
Minutes Approved By: Vote
Total Present: 6
Guests: 0
Solo Patch: None
All Weather Patch: None
50/50 Received: 0
50/50 Paid: 0
50/50 Winner: None

SAD Patch: Jim Pruitt

Important dates:

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Grass Mowing Schedule:

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If you have any information for the newsletter, or any items for sale, email it to:

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If you need fuel, contact Sam Richardson, he will be placing an order soon.

Meeting:

Called by: Sam Richardson, President

Motions from April Meeting:

Accept the minutes as posted in the newsletter. Jimmy Booth made the motion, Melvin seconded the motion and the motion passed with unanimous vote.

Merge club dues (membership) with grass cutting assessment that was imposed separately approximately 10 years ago. Randy made the motion, Jeff Hodges seconded and the motion passed with unanimous vote.

Minutes:

Sam welcomed the few club members that were present and asked if everyone got their newsletter. Jeff Hodges indicated he didn't believe he received his newsletter. Sam asked if we accept the minutes as posted in the newsletter. Jimmy Booth made the motion, Melvin seconded the motion and the motion passed with unanimous vote.

Sam opened up the floor for discussion of old business. Sam started off talking about the upcoming Northern Tool demo. The hours are from 8-3 on April 15. Randy asked for volunteers to "man the booth" for the event. The following people committed to the following times:

Randy Krotke: 8am – 11am (Randy will also bring a table)
Jeff Hodges: 8am – 11am
Jimmy Booth: 12noon – 3pm
Melvin Lindsay: 11am – 2pm

Tom Franklin was not present for the meeting, but Sam said he had expressed interest in helping out. It was stated we may not actually stay until 3pm, we'll see how it goes.

Sam reminded everyone present that Spring Cleanup is April 22nd. Everyone should attend and please bring chainsaws, weed eaters, wheelbarrows, etc. Sam asked Jeff for a list of things planned to be accomplished. Jeff mentioned the following:

Clean out shed
Shed doors (frame probably OK, just the panels)
Adapter so that we may alternate the mowers that receive a charge
Paint the shed exterior <it looks like a sprayer won't be available>
Secure the johnnie house
Cut down weeping willow at far end of field (suggested by Jimmy)
Some discussion of removing the small (no growth) trees in spectator area- no decision

Sam stated he may have an inside scoop on how to get the door panel material for free. There was some discussion on whether this should be treated or non-treated material. If it's treated we should wait a while before painting.

Todd reported he has seen the new sign that we purchased and that it looks great. John Clark is working on a frame made of angle iron that the sign will fit in. It is anticipated that there will be mounting tabs on each side. Sam asked Jeff to ensure Miss Utility comes soon to mark where we should not dig. Sam asked how Jeff plans to anchor the vertical supports. Jeff stated he plans to use quick-crete. The planned location of the sign is about 30 feet off the highway and out away from Truck body to about the location where the gravel starts turning into weeds.

Sam made an announcement that members using our lawnmowers should only cut in the field area (runway & pits) and spectator area. Other areas are too rough on the mowers. A question about bush hogging came up. Sam mentioned that bush hogging sometimes allows the briars to come up and take over. Melvin suggested spraying the briars. There was some discussion about the expense of this and the fact that everything else tends to get killed as well. There were no motions or decisions on this.

Jeff announced that he will not be in town much until about August and asked if Sam can take over field marshal duties. Sam said he would. Jeff also said the whole responsibility should not fall to Sam, others need to help out as well.

Sam talked briefly about how the second mower will help speed up the mowing time. Melvin asked when during the week the cutting should be performed. Sam responded that anytime no earlier than Thursday and no later than Saturday before noon.

This concluded discussion of old business.

New business:

Sam began talking about the upcoming air show. Unfortunately none of the event planners were present, so it was a somewhat limited discussion. Sam mentioned that Gary did a great job preparing the 1 page air show plan that was in the newsletter. Sam said he needs volunteers to help out with concessions. Also he needs people to volunteer to bring drinks, condiments, buns, baked goods, etc.

Sam asked Randy to include a write up about the AMA Leader Club Awards. That write up is included after the minutes.

There was some discussion about mapmuse.com. This is a website that takes the GPS coordinates of R/C fields and plots them on a map. Randy said he will send our coordinates to the appropriate email address.

The heli hit the ground and commenced to beat itself up.

Randy real briefly went over membership status. We currently have 43 total members, 34 of which are dues paying. He also discussed that he had not been able to get a hold of Dave Wingfield lately. Randy discussed that members are starting to get dropped from the roster if they have not shown their AMA and paid club dues. Randy tried to call all the members that have not yet paid. Most have since paid. Two are not planning to re-join, two could not be reached, and 1 just needs a little more time. Randy said the renewal letters sent out in December had a good effect in that a higher percentage of people have rejoined. Randy suggested we may need to find a replacement for Dave Wingfield on the board if he doesn't rejoin. Jimmy said to hold off on that for now.

Randy asked Sam about the status of the T-shirts. Sam produced a sales log that indicates 32 shirts have been sold. 33 shirts remain.

Todd brought up the issue of when club dues and grass cutting charge merged into 1 fee. Randy stated he had looked through the electronic minutes back to 1999 and could find no mention of it. Jeff asked what the relevance of this discussion is since it's obvious that with only 30 something members we can't support contract mowing even at the good rate England and Weaver were giving us. Randy agreed and stated that each year we prepare a budget, look at income and expenses and vote on the dues. Sam stated that it is important because it is important to a club member. Randy said he could go further back than 1999 if he looks into the paper files. Todd said he would prefer higher club dues than to be forced to mow and that he knows of several people that have not joined because of this very issue. Sam reminded Todd of the contingency in place if someone didn't want to or couldn't mow. They could pay the Cowden kids \$25. Randy reported that none of the members he talked to about re-joining complained about the mowing plan. Jeff talked about the balance we strive for when we make decisions like the mowing. If we charged \$200/year for membership (what we would need to do to pay for contract mowing) we would have fewer members. Jeff agreed that mowing can sometimes be a pain but given the current status of the club, the dues and the mowing plan strike just the right balance to attract and maintain members. Not everyone may like it, but it's a good plan. Todd said he felt like things are not on the up and up on this issue. Sam said we could put it all to rest with a motion. Randy made a motion that we do away with separate dues for membership and grass mowing; Jeff seconded the motion, the motion passed with unanimous vote.

50/50 raffle not done

SAD Patch nominations:

Jim Pruitt: Jim was doing some hovering with his 60 size heli and switched to idle up 3 which was programmed for stunt mode. Witnesses say the heli looked like a gnat on steroids.

Randy Krotke: Randy was flying his Venture 30 heli was experiencing intermittent rudder glitches. An inspection yielded a loose rudder servo. On the next flight, thinking everything was A-OK, the rudder glitched again and was too much for Randy to handle. He laid it down softly in the briars. Damage was not too severe, did not even break any of the blades.

Tom Franklin: Tom was flying his Raptor 50V1 and got disoriented. He did a marvelous job recovering and bringing back close to the field. Evidently though the experience left him feel a little shaky as he proceeded to crash. Like with Randy however, the damage was not too severe- very fixable.

Winner: Jim Pruitt- unanimous.

Jimmy made a motion to adjourn; Jeff seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned with a unanimous vote.

AMA LEADER CLUB AWARDS

In order to recognize the leadership of the best model clubs, the Academy has established the AMA Leader Club Awards. These awards can be earned by any AMA Chartered Club, by meeting certain standards of community service and activity. There are three levels of AMA Leader Clubs: Bronze, Silver, and Gold. Once a club meets the minimum criteria, it qualifies for different levels based on performance. AMA has established 14 goals for Leader Club status. Five of these goals are required. A club that meets the required five goals, plus three of the electives, qualifies as a Bronze level Leader Club. Meeting the required five plus six electives qualifies the club for the Silver level. The ultimate recognition, Gold level, requires that all goals be met. Each goal must be documented. In the event an elective does not pertain to your club's operation, an explanation included with your club's application is all that is necessary for inclusion in the program. For example, a club that is a soaring club exclusively and uses only winches or hi-starts will not have to deal with sound limitations at their field. Consequently, they remain eligible for Gold status. Their explanation will satisfy elective #5. The same holds true for a free flight club that is not faced with frequency concerns. Elective #1 would be satisfied by an explanation of their specific situation. Each year your club will be sent forms and instructions by which the club will be able to show the goals met, and the awards will be made and announced in *Model Aviation* magazine.

When a club qualifies for Leader Club status it receives:

- A certificate from AMA Headquarters.
- A gold, silver or bronze finished pin for each current club member in the first year.
- Published recognition in *Model Aviation* and listing on AMA Web site, www.modelaircraft.org.
- Inclusion in the annual list of Leader Clubs.

Gold Leader Clubs also receive:

- An engraved ID plate for the club field bulletin board.
- In the year following the fifth and tenth consecutive year of Gold Leader Club status, each club member will receive a special Five or Ten Year patch.

Required Activities for Leader Club Status:

1. AMA Chartered Club for a minimum of five years. Club membership is open to all AMA members and is not limited to a certain number.
2. Club has developed and posted Safety and Operational Rules at its flying site.
3. Club has filed a copy of Safety and Operational Rules at AMA Headquarters.
4. Flying field has separate areas for fliers and spectators, clearly marked as such.
5. The AMA Safety Code is posted and visible at the club field.

Leader Club Electives:

1. Club has implemented and enforces a frequency control plan that allows all 50 RC channels to be used at its club flying site where RC is allowed.
2. Club has implemented an AMA Adopt-A-School program or donates a *Model Aviation* magazine subscription to schools or libraries.
3. Club conducts a review of the AMA Safety Code at a club, meeting at least once a year.
4. Club sponsors an annual public event, such as a mall show, flying show, or demonstration.
5. Club monitors noise levels and/or institutes club field rules such as a requirement that models be operated at a maximum of 90 db at 9 feet.
6. Club has created an informational handout and provides it to the general public.
7. Club participates in charity programs or public fund-raising events.
8. Club has a formal lease or agreement for use of its flying site or owns its site.
9. Club participates in the AMA Introductory Pilot Program or has its own instruction program.

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