



Flying Tigers R.C. Club Minutes

Date: May 7 2008

Called to order (time) 8:15 pm

Executive present:

President	Jim Daly
Treasurer	Nick Saraco
Secretary	Rob Weiss
Officer at large	Richard Koning
Past President	Terry Tupper

#Members Present: 27

New Members: None present

Approve Minutes: Motioned by John Mickle
Second by Ron Cruise

Presidents Report:

Jim welcomed everyone to the annual show and tell night. The weather has been good the past week and he was out flying on Tuesday and was surprised that he was the only one at the field the whole evening.

He said that a load of gravel had been dropped off today right in the middle of the driveway. The gravel is to fill in all the low spots in the driveway and that it should be levelled off by the weekend. He cautioned members not to try to drive around the gravel as they would likely become stuck in the field. He also wanted members to know that if the driveway is impassable at any time that using the neighbour's driveway is NOT an option. If you want to fly then you must walk in. Also remember the last person to leave the field is to lock the gate when leaving and reset the combination on the lock to 0000.

Jim reminded the membership that starting next month the monthly meetings will be held at the flying field. Bring planes, come early, have fun. There will be a very short meeting. Members should use the clubs web forum to check for rescheduled meetings and field closures as well as other updates.

MAAC has stated that all radios must be impounded this includes 2.4GHZ radios. For our club this means that slots for these radios will be put on our frequency board. These slots will be installed shortly. Also a reminder that you are to use your Flying Tigers membership card in the frequency boards not your MAAC card. Only non members are to use MAAC /AMA cards.

Joe Nall giant scale fly-in in Greensborough South Carolina is next weekend. This event is run by Pat Hartness who is a parts manufacturer for the big three auto makers in North America. This is a memorial for Joe Nall and is strictly giant scale aircraft. It's like a "modeller's heaven" With lots of vendors and Camping on site. Last year there were 685 registered pilots at this event.

New Business

Nick Saraco said that MAAC has a new insurance policy available for clubs. This is a \$10,000 fire insurance policy that covers buildings and equipment at the field. The cost would be about \$100 / year. The membership was poled and it was agreed that this would be a valuable service and asked Nick to look into it in more detail.

Nick also mentioned that the Stony Creek Hawks has invited our club to join them for a day of combat on Saturday June 21. Five people indicated that they were interested in attending to represent our club.

The Red Bull Air Race is being held in Detroit on May 31 and June 1. If you are interested in attending you can watch them from the Windsor side as well.

Committee Reports:

Field/Maintenance:

Dick Koning wanted to officially thank Chris Pare for repairing the equipment and all his work at the field.

Flight Training (Wings Program):

Terry Tupper has requested a break from being the head instructor. He said that whoever takes the job needs to know that it is a big job and the person needs to be dedicated to it.

The membership had a short discussion about the following:

- Possibility of having an assistant head instructor to spread out some of the responsibility/work.
- The need for part time instructors.
- Does MAAC have instructor training program? (It was noted that MAAC does not have a "How to Instruct" program but does have a "Minimum Skills" requirement for instructors.)
- Dave Pengelly suggested an outline be drafted for potential instructors.

No volunteers came forward for this position at this time.

The club would like to thank Terry for all the time and hard work that he has put into the training program it is greatly appreciated.

SOMA

Jim will be attending the SOMA meeting next Thursday.

Show & Tell

Show and Tell is tonight and Chris Lounsbury explained the different categories and the voting process. The members will be able to browse and vote during the break. After the break each of the entries had a chance to talk about their aircraft. Lots of great stories and information was presented to the crowd.

The winners are.....

Category	Owner/Builder	Kit Manufacturer	Plane/heli
BEST SCRATCH BUILT	Dick Koning	From Plans	300 SX
BEST HELI	Joe Bajkor	M.A.	Xcell 60 (electronic stabilization)
BEST ARF	Dick Coning	Hanger 9	J3 Cub 1/4 scale
BEST OF SHOW	Mark Thompson	Comp Air	Turboprop Extra (gas coupled, no gearbox)

Pranged Pig

Nomination #1

Shane Tupper told that story of how Terry came home with his plane with no prop and some minor damage.

While flying at the field the other week Terry was giving his plane a bit of a work out. He had been flying for a short while and was flying on the up wind leg when the prop just disappeared from the end of his plane. Although he knew that the best way of landing was into the wind he made the decision to try to make it back to the field down wind. Down wind landings with no power mean only one thing ... disastrous landing conditions. He made it back to the field but was going too fast and ended up in the farmer's field with some minor damage to the plane. After some investigation it was found that the 4 prop bolts were not tightened enough and that is why the prop came off.

Nomination #2

Jack was learning to fly his Honey Bee heli that he had just bought. He was hovering on his front lawn (surrounded by bushes). As he was manoeuvring around he came a little too close to a bush and caught a rotor blade and sucked it right into the bush. He replaced the stripped gear and went flying again. Sure enough, due to dumb thumbs that bush ate his heli a second time breaking the rotor.

The members voted and the Pranged Pig goes to Terry for poor maintenance and trying to land with the wind.

Door Prize

Joe Bajkor won the gift certificate to Skycraft Hobbies.

Meeting Adjourned: 10:30 pm