



Buck R/C Club Meeting Minutes

Date: Jan. 9, 2005

Meeting Time : 3:00pm

Location: Extreme Hobbies, Buck, PA

The meeting was held in the lobby of Extreme Hobbies in Buck, PA. Ron opened the meeting at 3:00pm with a thank you to all of the workers that helped to spread the stone in the driveway earlier that afternoon.

We would like to welcome two new members, Karl Beers and Tim Scanlin.

Old Business

The Treasurer's Report – Balance is \$389.98. We spent \$311.00 on stone for the driveway.

Public Posting of Messages - Ron reiterated his comments from the last meeting that all public postings relating to the club and on the club's mail list should be positive. Any differences between club members should be discussed in private. "Constructive Criticism" can be misconstrued and blown out of proportion. No one knows how it will be perceived by others.

Banner - The banner has been ordered and we should have it by the end of February in time for the FLYRC pictures and accompanying article. The banner has been donated.

Siding - John Robbins had suggested that we put siding on the pavilion to help cut down on the wind. For now, Ron has installed a heavy tarp around the back and will bring more before the Freeze Fly on the 30th. We will continue to investigate a permanent solution.

Move Pavilion - A suggestion was made to move the Pavilion to the top of the runway. After consideration and feedback from our members, it was decided to leave the runway configuration the way it is.

Frequency Board - Ron had agreed to look into building a frequency board for the field. We wanted something that required the pilot to place their AMA card in a slot associated with the channel that they were taking. Jim Davis volunteered to build a new board.

Membership Cards - Ron volunteered to hand out and mail membership cards to each of the club members, mainly since he has a box of the cards left over from previous years.

Driveway Stone - A load of stone was brought in for the driveway. Jim volunteered to spread this with his tractor and we had several workers out with rakes and shovels to smooth the driveway. This task is complete for now, however, we could use another load. Cost prohibits this right now.

PowerPoint Presentation - Price Jr. is working on a PowerPoint presentation for the club that can be posted on the website, www.buckrc.com

Club Logo Contest – Ron would like to hold a contest to award a prize to the best club logo entry.

New Business

Field – Everyone agreed that we could use a storage shed out at the field. A good size for this would be 8' x 10'. John suggested placing it on the side of the pavilion. We agreed that we could use it for storage of chairs, weed trimmers, etc. Ron agreed to investigate the cost and availability. Ron will also bring a burn barrel for getting rid of some of the branches and paper trash that accumulates. Alvin also suggested that we use a pipe or conduit to get the flag up high enough so that people could see it from the road out front.

Membership – The topic of low membership numbers was discussed at the previous meeting. Some suggestions to improve the size of our club were:

- Call or email previous members; inform them of what is happening with the club and invite them back.
- Targeted, quality activities which are better than just having more. Examples are Fun Flies, jamboree, etc.
- Hold a Cub Scout day to introduce children to the hobby. The day could include food, flight training and demonstrations of different aspects of the hobby.
- Advertise via the internet forums, links to other club sites, AMA site, and local announcements in the paper. Additionally, each member took membership applications to place in area hobby shops.

FLYRC Article – Jim is working on two new articles for FLYRC magazine. He has a friend who is a TOC class 3D flyer who will fly the 37% Ultimate at our field for pictures. The same thing for the helicopter article that he is working on. Our hopes are that the pictures will show the club banner in the background and promote the club.

Control Line – There has been a resurgence of control line flying at the club and Price has agreed to locate and mark a circle down at the lower end of the runway pit area for this purpose. Target date is by the end of March.

Monthly Picnics – Ron suggested coinciding specific activities with some of the monthly picnics, i.e. Cub Scout day, cover dish, build and fly, etc. This would create a targeted activity with a purpose rather than just having subs. Jim requested that Ron make chili again, (it was goood).

General Clean-Up - We will be holding a spring clean up day after it warms up.

More Social Functions – Possibilities for this are some group trips to the WRAM show, (end of January), the Central Penn Flea Market, (beginning of March), and Warbirds over Delaware, (early July)

Jamboree – Jim suggested that we divide the Fall Jamboree into two events. The first would be a dedicated fixed wing fun fly in June or July, (Jim to investigate other events happening around this time). The second would be dedicating the Fall Jamboree to just helicopters. This would allow more flying time for each segment and possibly raise more money for the club with two separate events. Everyone agreed.

Sunday Flying – It was suggested that we should be able to fly electric gliders and airplanes before 12:00 on Sundays. All agreed that we will allow flying before 12:00pm for gliders and electric park flyers only.

Club Sign – Someone has vandalized the club sign in the front. Fortunately Jim had ordered two of the posters for the sign and we will be repairing this some time before the end of February.

Club By Laws – Ron will be making a first pass at tweaking the club by laws. He then will email his changes to each of the EC members for comments.

Newsletter – Jim will be putting together the club newsletter and sending it out this month. He also suggested providing an alternate delivery method of email to save money on paper and mailing cost. All agreed.

Web Site – The official club web site www.buckrc.com is now online ahead of schedule and will be updated as we have more activities. Additionally, we now have moved the email list from radioairplanes to our own.

Adjourn by 4:30 P.M. Meeting was adjourned at 5:00 P.M.