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Next Club Meetings

Sep 4 and Oct 2, 2007

Tuesday 7:00 pm
Viewpoint Golf Resort

**8700 E. University Rd. Mesa, AZ.
Meetings in Green Room**

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President's Corner

Larry Nichols, President

Arizona Model Aviators

Well it looks like we have a deal with the powers that be and we still have our flying field thanks to our hard working club board members and officers. I would like to single out two who have done an unbelievable job. Mike Currier and Bob Franklin. I can't remember how many meetings these guys went to in order to get this done. We will be making some improvements to be in compliance with the current agreement. These improvements will also benefit our club. We are always looking for help at the events and this has not changed. We would like to find members who will be willing to keep the same job from event to event. This would be a good thing because we would be more efficient as a club. Please let us know if you are interest in any part of this organization. The new agreement is for a long time so we can call this field home for quite a while. Please don't get caught up in the old "they think they own this field" syndrome because that's just not so. We need and appreciate any and all help in all areas. I promise you will not be blown off or made to feel unimportant. Also remember the elections are coming up and there will be spots open. The best thing for a club is new blood with new ideas blending with old blood and experience. I guarantee there are old bloods more than willing to step down if someone else would step up. Sometimes the only reason they stay in office is because there is no one to replace them. Give it some thought. We need you.



Thank you. Larry Nichols

Note from Dave Balch (Secretary/Newsletter Editor):

The big news this month is that we have reached an agreement with the Maricopa Parks on a new set of rules that they are requiring us to abide by so that we can continue to use the land on which our Superstition Airpark is located. None of these should prove to be too difficult to live with but it will require some changes in how we work (especially with the running of large events) and how the finances of the Club are handled. Stay tuned as more details become available.

As I mentioned in the last Newsletter, if someone who has an internet E-mail on file, unless they tell me they cannot accept the electronic version of the Newsletter, then that is the preferred way of getting them out. Turns out that two of the member E-mail addresses on file would not work, so if Brad Johnson and Charles Shaver could let me know what their correct E-mail address are

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then we can put this topic to bed.

I was recently contacted by someone who operates a foam cutting business to see if we might be interested in working with them (they claimed to even be available to do a "show and tell" for us even though they are located in California). So if anyone is interested in having some foam cut for wings, etc., then let me know and we will see if something can be set up.

As always we are still interested in receiving any material you would like to provide to help fill the pages of this Newsletter. If you have any news of interest please send it to me at david.t.balch@boeing.com. See you at the field and don't forget to check out our Web site at www.azmodelaviators.com for all the latest news.

Aug 7 Club Meeting Minutes

Larry Nichols opened the meeting promptly at 7:00. The only new member/guest present was Jim Sage and he indicated that he had been a member for a month or so but this was his first time at a formal meeting. The minutes of the last meeting (as reported in the last Newsletter) were approved by a vote. No treasurer's report could be given as the Treasurer was not in attendance. Don Manchester reported that only one new member signed up in the last two weeks (Jason Lambert) but Jason now brings the Member number up to 290.

Davis Fiedler then reported on the preparations for the Jet Rally which is coming up the weekend before Thanksgiving (Nov 16-18th). Davis will be the CD again this year with Mike Currier sharing the duties as assistant CD. As expected Davis is looking for volunteers, especially Chairmen of the event organizations. Davis will help anyone new to being a Chairman so they will have a better understanding of their roles. Paul Goldsmith will be the CD and run GunSmoke this year with Dave Dunn as assistant CD. The event will be March 7-9 2008. This year there will be an outdoor Auction on Saturday which will be instead of the Spring Auction at ViewPoint. However there will still be a Fall Auction at Viewpoint and it will be on November 10 with Paul Goldsmith running things as previously. The new streamlined selling process will be used again this year with a few minor improvements. Paul reported that the Auction announcement will be in the AMA magazine before the event. It is hoped to have Jim Luby as Auctioneer again. The new 25 size racing season will start up with 2 races on September 16th and October 14th.

Paul Goldsmith then reported on safety. He made a point of asking that everyone be sure they know how their radio works including what happens when the PCM fail safe settings kick in. An issue was raised about a student who was still under instruction, choosing to fly on his own with someone standing close by. It was recommended that this not be done until the student is

signed off although there are no specific rules disallowing it.

Under old business, Mike Currier reported that there will be another meeting with the Parks Department to try to nail down the final details of the Special Use Agreement. He did report that the issues associated with the insurance had been settled after we provided details of the AMA coverage. Plus they have also reduced the level of the coverage they were requiring. Terri Mangino made everyone aware that if they know of any Club Members who are ill or of any family members who have passed away, please let her know as she will send out a get well card or a condolence card. It was reported that the flight simulators that the Club has for loan out to members are getting old and out of date. The current units are old Dave Brown models and it would be good to replace these with the latest Great Planes version. Initially it was one suggested that someone get a price quote on 3 units but then Paul Goldsmith offered to donate one that he had won at a raffle. It was also attempted to get Dallas Matta to let the Club buy his unused unit at a good price.

The meeting was wrapped up with the raffle where it was announced that 2 prizes were donated by Joe from Madison Components. Larry closed the meeting at 7:55 pm.

August 21 Board Meeting Minutes

Larry Nichols called the meeting to order promptly at 7:00 pm. Mike Currier gave a report on the meeting with the Parks Department where all of the open issues were agreed to. Larry even signed the document at the meeting so the agreement can be returned as soon as possible. Among the new rules will be a requirement to collect \$1 for EVERY car that comes through the gate at one of our larger organized events. This is one of the agreements. It will mean that unless we charge the pilots and vendors (which is not thought to be a good idea), we will have to work some other set up. The first event that will be impacted by this requirement will be the Jet Rally in November. This means that it will be necessary to count the number of cars coming in to track the Parks payment. On the issue of the level of insurance coverage the Parks agreed to the level that we have with the supplemental AMA insurance. There will still be a need to build a fence from the Y intersection in the road into the field up to the entrance to the parking lot. Also that part of the road in will have to be covered with ABC to keep down the dust. The timing for these new items will be delayed some as the Parks themselves are having problems setting up the ABC contractors and we want to tie into their effort to minimize cost. The fence will probably be something we can put in with the support of club volunteers. The Parks agreed to a fee structure that was significantly reduced compared to the original proposal. This means a \$750 payment will be made to them on April 9, 2008 with an additional amount

corresponding to \$6 for every member on the roster as of March 1st.

Overall the feedback from the Parks meeting was positive especially as Jennifer Johnston (Parks Supervisor) was on our side big time and Tom Timmons (Parks Contract Administrator) was mostly neutral. They did give some suggestions on ideas to clean up our financial records keeping process to make them more compatible to the Parks expectations. This Parks arrangement will form the basis for all other clubs that operate on Parks property.

The need to set up a good system for parking will be especially critical for the Electric Festival at the end of January (24, 25, 26 and 27th). Aaron Lichtenwalner (who is the financial officer for the event) presented the \$3830 estimated budget for the event. This will form the basis for the seed money provided to pay for prizes, Tee shirts, pilot's raffle, trophies, flyers, postage and all of the other expenses involved. Aaron indicated that the plan is again to limit entries to 200 pilots who will be allowed a maximum of 4 models in the preparation area at any one time. Again due to the new Parks rules, no R/Vs will be allowed to park at the field overnight (even if they are not occupied). With the extra parking complications, it is anticipated that there will need to be a Parking Committee set up. They will be able to fine tune the details during the Jet rally so raising the chances that things will go well during the Electric Festival where a lot more cars are involved.

Because of the extra expenses due to the new Parks agreement there was some discussion on revising the dues. Included in this was an agreement to suspend the Life Membership program. Don Manchester, the membership chairman, proposed that he buy the membership stickers (to go on the AMA licenses) for 2008 and 2009 as he had heard the person who produces them may be going out of business. To help in identifying the future expenses of the Club, it was agreed that a new bid be requested to fix the runway which is developing some large cracks. Some people had heard about some costs that may be lower than the \$7500 quote we previously had obtained.

Due to the overall success of Fun Fly held in May, it was suggested that we may want to run a series of smaller (single event) Fun Flies every month with the same \$10 entry fee but a much less extensive set of prizes (maybe just down to third place). It was agreed to raise the topic at the next Members Meeting.

Due to the cost of renting a good large generator (needed for the major events we run, especially the Electric Festival), it was suggested it would be nice to have the Club buy one. The unit would have to be quiet and come with it's own trailer.

Even though we now have a good agreement with the Parks Department, it was agreed that a one or two

man Committee should be set up to look into alternate flying sites. It was also agreed that every member could act as their own Committee and keep their eyes and ears open to see if there were any alternate sites around.

Again the question was raised as to should we run a food vending service at our larger events. However the general agreement was that is best left to the professionals who have all of the necessary licenses and permits and can better handle a bad weather weekend. However it was agreed that it should get a "cut" on the profits.

As a possible help to next year's Treasurer, as Don Hartdegen will not be running for office, Larry Nichols suggested that he would look into the cost of using the services of a CPA so relieving the treasurer of some of the responsibilities.

Larry closed the meeting at 8:36 pm.

Events

- **25 Size Race Sep 16th**
- **25 Size Race Oct 14th**
- **Fall Auction Nov 10th**
- **Jet Rally Nov 16,17,18th**

All upcoming events are also listed on our website.

2007 Membership, as of Aug 27, was as follows

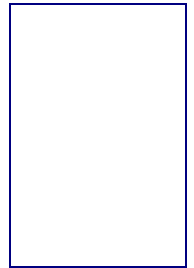
Members:	289
New Members:	1
Total Members:	290

Some Photos from the field





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