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Meeting Minutes May 5, 2009

+ **Officers Present:**

President:	John Mangino
Vice President	Paul McDevitt
Secretary:	Paul Goldsmith

+ The meeting was called to order by John Mangino at 7:00 PM.

+ There was one new member, Fain Garb from Houston Texas. There was also one old member who renewed Mike Difenbaugh and his wife Chris.

+ The minutes were read from the newsletter, accepted, seconded and passed by the members present.

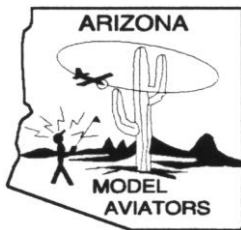
+ **Treasurer's Report:** John Mangino gave the treasurer's report for Gary Bailey who could not attend. He reported about the different accounts the club has. He said that we are trying to get enough money to redo the field when the time comes. A motion was made to accept the report, it was seconded and passed.

+ **Membership Report:** The membership stands at 285 renewed members. The new year for renewal will start October 1, 2009.

+ **Camac Report:** Paul McDevitt gave a report on the upcoming events around the area. There will be a .25 size race 5/17/09. This will be the last race of the year and changes will be voted on by the pilots flying in the race that day. He gave a brief report on the Falcon Field display. He thanked all the members who came early and help set up the displays. For more info see Paul's report later in the newsletter with the pictures.

For more info, see the CAMAC web site.

+ **Safety/ New Business/ Old Business:** The safety problems at the field have not changed. We need to use spotters and pay attention to take offs and landings. There have been several mid-air at the field which should tell you something about the necessity for spotters. Watch out for the snakes, they are out. Keep an eye on full size aircraft as there was a Helicopter flying by very low. The board is trying to come up with some ideas to help with the dust control issues. John Mangino made a motion to skip the July and August meetings due to lack of attendance. The motion was seconded and passed. The board meetings will still be held.



Next Meetings
June 2, 2009
8700 University Ave. Mesa AZ.
Garden Room
To view a map see our website
www.azmodelaviators.com

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+Instruction: Dave Dunn reported that he has one new student, Fain garb.

+The Raffle: The Raffle items were obtained from Viper Hobbies at cost. The raffle needs your help to stay self sustaining. Starting with the June meeting the raffle will be cut down in size until the winter visitors come back.

+ The meeting closed at 7:35 PM.

+May Board Meeting:

The board meeting was called to order by the President, John Mangino at 7:08 PM.

+Those present were: John Mangino, Paul McDevitt, Gary Porter, Dave Balch, Bob Franklin, Dave Dunn and Roxanne Cottrell.

+Treasurer's Report: No Treasurer or Membership reports were presented as neither Board Member was present.

+Contest Committee: Paul McDevitt indicated that there were no Club events coming up soon. But a run down of the vote changes proposed at the conclusion of the May 25 size race was given.

The race itself was won by Kenny Kear after a fly-off with Jim Stanley with Ryan Compton coming in third. Jim Stanley was the overall season champion with Lewie Kear second and Dave Reichart third. The rule changes discussed including allowing the new OS 25 AX engine to be used. This was approved as the wording only calls for OS 25 so all versions of the engine are allowed (and the baffle can be removed from the muffler). A proposal to only allow 1/12th scale or larger Warbirds to be raced was defeated but a rule to allow 1/12th scale or larger Warbirds and all existing approved models (including Superstitions) was approved. A subsequent amendment to also allow scratch built 1/12th scale or larger Warbirds was approved to allow a greater variety of models. It was encouraged that anyone planning to use a 1/12th scale or larger Warbird to incorporate some level of contrasting colors so making identification easier. One final agreement reached was that the first race (and only the first race) of the new season would use a 10 lap race length instead of the current 7 laps. This should make the racing more interesting, but it was agreed that if the extra length made the races run too long, Jim Compton as race director could revert back to 7 lap races for the later events.

Under Instructing, Dave Dunn reported that things were quiet as most new members seem to be coming out during the week.

John mentioned that the weed situation was getting bad and we need Larry Wende to cut them down when he gets back.

It was agreed that Paul McDevitt will take the old generator to A&Z Rentals to find out how much it will cost to fix it.

There will be a Members Meeting on June 2nd but there will not be meetings in July and August. But the Board will meet as usual.

+Old Business: It was agreed to talk at the next meeting about the revised parking rules that are in work. The wave of vandalism at the field has apparently stopped for now. We will correct the dented/bent door on the shed that got damaged the last time. We will be replacing some of the broken light bulbs later in the year when it is closer to the big events. It was agreed that we need to spray the light fixture surrounds as they are getting rusty.

The remainder of the meeting was then taken discussing the new FAA proposal for limitations on Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems (sUAS), which of course covers our model aircraft flying, which will be implemented in the 2012/2013 time frame. This is a proposal to ensure that model aircraft do not become offensive weapons for terrorists. Among the proposed limitations will be a 400 ft maximum height above the ground, a maximum weight of two pounds and a 100 mph speed limit. This will effectively kill all R/C flying especially, racing, soaring and large model flying plus free flight. There is no specific exception for control line flying, so the speed limit would have a major impact there too. The document itself (which you can access via the AMA web site) is a lot more restrictive than what our President Dave Mathewson implied in the latest issue of Model Aviation. If he knows something good, he need to tell everyone as the raw document does look like we will be flying anything bigger than electric Park Flyers in the future. All of the Board Members agreed that we have to spread the word and get Members involved to help get this document revised before it kills the hobby/sport as we know it now.

+The meeting was adjourned at 9:10.

+ Falcon Field Open House 4/25/2009

Paul McDevitt

The club was asked to participate at the Falcon Field open house Saturday April, 25th. We had over 30

aircraft and also approximately 15 volunteers that helped with setup and tear down along with talking with the public. We used 23 tables and had many planes displayed on the floor also. We handed out over 400 club informational flyers and 25 new club membership forms. The traffic started slow but the city of Mesa people helped with extra signs around the car show and food vendor areas and the volume of traffic really picked up. I arrived at the hanger for set-up 10 minutes early at the crack of dawn and there were a few club members there waiting to help! That was a great feeling and I knew it was going to be a great event.



Many people were really impressed with the detail of the airplanes and the technology that is needed for rc aircraft and the simple fact that they not only look neat, “they actually fly!”

The benefits for the club for an event like this, is not only possible new members but also many people did not know about our club and the events. We will see more visitors at our club events also.

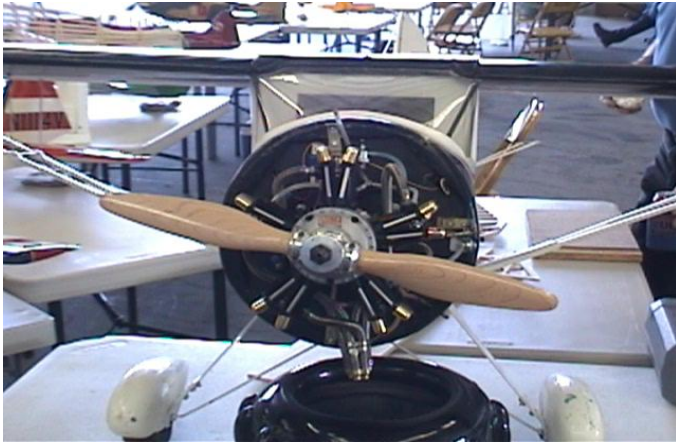


It was rather windy that day but we were inside a hanger that opened to the North protected from the wind. This allowed a great view of full scale aircraft activity that was also part of the fun.

I would not only like to thank the club members that helped with this years event but also those who also did a similar event last year at Gateway Airport. I used the flyer that the Gateway team used with minimal changes and used their experience to give some guidance on what to expect this year at Falcon Field.

Following is a few photos of our set-up at Falcon Field.





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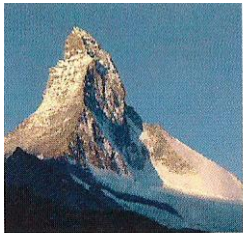
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