

**Fresno Radio Modelers**  
**Minutes of the General Meeting**  
of  
**March 13, 2003**

In the President's absence, Veep Dan Sozinho, substituting a paint brush for the also absent gavel, brushed the meeting to order at 7:30PM on the dot. The minutes of the February meeting omitted that the membership had voted to limit field availability to the pattern group to 2003. A new vote will be required for future years. There were 42 members and guests present.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Craig reported that cash balances continue to grow as membership renewals are deposited. Exact data are not available, but membership is in the 160-170 range. The recent Make A Wish fly in netted a \$1600 check to the charity. Chuck Kissell received a hand for a fine promotional effort. Appreciation was extended to all who pitched in to make the event successful.

**GUESTS:** Larry Rubalcava stopped by and was welcomed by the membership.

**NEW MEMBERS:** Tim Turner, James Fontes, Don Reynolds, Kevin Gallegos, Ken Schubelherth and Ray VanLandingham, having completed the necessary, were welcomed to membership.

**AWARDS:**

**Ace:** George Duerksen was honored for finally managing to fly his 30% Edge 540 without injury to himself or to the aircraft.

**Goof:** Jack somehow managed to crash Mike's Pizza Box. Nothing new here.

**Crying Towel:** George Duerksen once again, this time for managing to rekit his giant scale stinger. If George wasn't having such lousy luck, he wouldn't be having any luck at all.

**OLD BUSINESS:** The T-34 races are coming up April 5<sup>th</sup> and the CD, John Lockwood, is in need of members with good eyesight to call the turns around the pylons. If you wish to join the party, get in touch with John.

Thanks were expressed to all the merchants who helped out with the Make A Wish promotion by permitting posters in their store windows, etc.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Chuck Kissell suggested purchasing a handicapped accessible porta pottie similar to the ones rented for Make A Wish. He will find the purchase price and the discussion will continue at the next meeting.

Doug Eaton proposed spending \$120 to purchase a leaf blower to keep the pits cleaned up. After discussion of what model/brand to purchase, Milt Post stated that he had a professional grade blower that the club could have.

Craig moved that up to \$100 be expended to put the blower in top shape. The vote was "Yes".

Craig also proposed overhauling the storage shelving in the snack bar storage area. It's quite a mess, as all know. The matter was referred to the Field Committee, to put a package together, with costs, for a vote.

I seems that our ICOM Frequency Monitor has gone adrift. Anyone having knowledge of it's whereabouts, please speak up.

Dudley Moordigian pointed out that the annual swap meet is not on the recently published events schedule. The members decided that the Saturday before Mother's Day, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, would be just fine. Participants are reminded not to set up their wares on the pit tables. Use the picnic tables or bring your own.

Jack Weems has Pizza Box Flyer kits available at a good price—free.

George Santikian reminded all that the Santa Clara County club will hold it's annual Fun-Fly on the 22<sup>nd</sup>, at their field near Morgan Hill. With gas prices through the roof, there didn't seem to be a whole lot of enthusiasm.

There was a lengthy discussion following a request by the helicopter pilots that their flight operations be moved to the main runway from the present pad at the west end of the parking lot. After many pros and many cons were put forth, the helicopter pilots were asked to put their proposed Field Safety Rules changes in writing so that the membership could fully understand the impact of the change. More input is expected at the April meeting.

**SHOW AND TELL:** Craig Roberts showed off his Pizza Box Flyer with landing gear, a nice blue paint job and a .40 engine. I can't wait until someone shows up with a giant scale version.

Bob Hankins presented a unique product called an Evaluation Trainer Power System, consisting of an engine and some other goodies.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Everyone having said what they wanted to say, Dan brushed the meeting to close a few seconds after 9:00PM.

The evenings raffle prizes included a Lanier P-51 Sport, a Super Tiger .45 ABC, a Great Planes Power Plane, an Xacto Knife Set, a Hobbico Mitre Box Set and assorted other stuff.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jim Breen, Secretary  
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