

Fresno Radio Modelers

Minutes of the General Meeting

of
July 10, 2003

The Pres., having been occupied with very important club business. (corralling new members) finally got around to calling the gang to order at 7:41:15PM. Thirty-four members and guests were on hand, not a bad turnout for a mid-summer meeting. The minutes of the June meeting, prepared by George Santikian, since I was off attending graduations. (Mandatory for Grandfathers) were accepted as submitted.

GUESTS: None.

NEW MEMBERS: Edward Holder and Stan Corter were voted aboard, with the usual raucous dissents from Manuel and Johnny.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Craig reported on the condition of the club's finances, which ain't bad. And the Jet Rally, our best cash producer, is yet to come. We received a check for a bit over \$500 from the May Open Pattern Contest for the use of the field.

OLD BUSINESS; We're still talking, at great length, about what to do about the condition of the entrance road. Ron Thalman reported on a number of alternatives, and fielded a dozen or so questions and expert opinions on the best materials, grading techniques, road width, imbedded tire side markers, (To stop the gradual widening of the road into adjacent the field) and whatever. The discussion ended when Roland stated he and Ron would meet with Mr. Guy, the property owner, arrive at a satisfactory fix, and call for a vote at the August meeting. We're talking considerable bucks, here.

Hal Halvorson reported that the pattern folks left the field in top shape.

Paul Bourzac asked about the status of the club's budget. Craig responded that he's working on it. Somebody volunteered the services of our resident retired banker, Veep Dan Sozinho.

NEW BUSINESS: John Lockwood gave us a run-down on his and Steve Stonacek's trip to El Dorado, Kansas for the giant Scale Pylon Races. The guys took second, silver, in the formula class, in spite of getting a zero in one heat because of being involved in a mid-air. Luckily, damage was minor. Also, they had the three fastest times of the event at 122, 127 and 129 seconds for the 1600-foot course. If my arithmetic is any good, that figures out to just under 180MPH!

Yours truly reported that TopFlite has a new formula for their LustreKote paint, which matches MonoKote colors, which can be shipped to California.

Carl Marburger pointed out that there is a right way and a wrong way to lock the gate. Since the gate has two locks, ours and the property owners, it must be locked so that opening either lock will open the gate.

The membership voted to hold all future meetings at Denny's, Blackstone and Herndon. The room is larger, cleaner, the chairs more comfortable and the waitresses prettier than at Clovis West. Besides, Denny's doesn't charge room rent. Food's good too.

AWARDS:

Ace: Dual awards this month. John Lockwood and Steve Stonacek for their racing performance at El Dorado, (See **NEW BUSINESS:**, above) and Dave Fusinato for gathering in the Best Scale Flight trophy at the Best In The West Jet event.

Goof: Our favorite goofer, George Duerksen, picked up a double whammy this month. While attending the Giant Scale races with John and Steve, it seems that George had the pit stop urge during an especially violent thunder storm. George hopped out of his rental car, and headed for the john. Turns out, he left the car's engine and windshield wipers running and locked the door, with his only set of keys in the ignition.. It happens, right George?

For an encore, back at the field on Wednesday the 9th, he took off his giant scale Edge 540 with one of the wing attachment screws not tightened. By the time he landed, the wing had separated from the fuse by about an inch. Only about ¼ inch of dowel prevented the wing from making a disastrous adjustment in incidence. George, have you given any thought to using written checklists?

Crying Towel: No volunteers.

SHOW and TELL: Jack Weems showed up with a neat Jig for shaping wing ribs. Prexy Roland thumped the meeting to a close around 9:10PM.

The President called off festivities at about 8:53:25.

Another great raffle. A Super Sport .40 ARF, a Tower .61 ABC engine, a Rotary Tool kit, May Open caps, a nut driver set, fuel and other stuff went to the lucky ticket holders.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Breen, Secretary
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****FOR SALE:** AT-6, 64" w.s., .40 RFX engine, 4-channel radio, everything installed, ready-to-fly; Super-sportster .60, 72" w.s., needs to be covered, Super-tiger .75 engine to install; Flite box, 12 volt battery, heat gun, covering iron, tools, props, monokote, etc. Package deal: \$600.00-Mal Noack, (559) 260-9248