

Fresno Radio Modelers Minutes of the General Meeting of September 11, 2003

There was a crowd of 38 members and guests in the room when the President called the meeting to order at 7:30PM, give or take a few minutes. Our new venue seems to be having a positive effect on attendance. A good number came early, and enjoyed dinner. The minutes of the August meeting were accepted without revision.

GUESTS: None.

NEW MEMBERS: Rene Salgado, having completed all the required preliminaries, (Paid initiation fee and dues.) was voted into the clan. Johnny, "Didn't think so!", but nobody cared. Welcome aboard, Rene.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Craig delivered his report, which is pretty good. There followed a discussion, even though Paul Bourzac was not in attendance, on the budget. Several things were decided. A budget document, including projected income and expenses, will not be prepared. Financial data will be considered confidential and will not be published in the minutes of the meetings. The Treasurer will continue his verbal reports at the meetings, as in the past. The treasurer will provide the Board with written financial statements when requested.

OLD BUSINESS: Dave Fusinato, CD of the Jet Rally, reported that the idea of storing fuel for the Rally at the field has been abandoned. Roland had contacted AMA who said they had no problem with the idea.

Roland reported that the Larry Roth suit against the club and AMA has been settled, although he is not aware of the details.

NEW BUSINESS: Dave reported on the preparations for the Jet Rally. A great deal has been accomplished. There could be as many as 50 pilots this year, a good jump over last year's 38. There is much work still to be accomplished, and not a lot of time left before the event. Dave needs volunteers, lots of them, to spread out the load, both to prepare the field and on the days of the Rally.

Craig Roberts suggested that a good way to keep the club in the public eye is to put labels promoting the club on old magazines and drop them off in the waiting rooms of Doctors, Dentists, auto repair shops etc. He will provide the labels to anyone interested.

Eric Dreaden suggested that the protective fence at the spectator area of the field be replaced with a material that is more durable than the present plastic, and that would provide spectators better protection from runaway planes. He suggested hog wire, which can be had for \$500-600. Some members favored an even tougher structure, such as chain link. There was even a suggestion of concrete block. Roland proposed that the idea be tabled until spring, when work already planned has been paid for and the treasury will be filling up with re-enlistment dues, and the membership agreed.

George Santikian stated that he has maps to the Fremont Flea Market, a big RC event. He also has subscription cards for a new magazine, RC Flyer. Cost, \$9.95.

Again, from George, nominations for officers will be open at the October and November meetings, with elections in December.

AWARDS:

Ace: It seems that Eric Dreaden took off the other day only to find that his ailerons were reversed. Guess what. He landed the plane without damage. If you don't think that it tough, try it sometime.

Goof: Same guy for failing to preflight his plane properly.

Crying Towel: Imagine, if you can, bringing two planes to the field and busting both of them on successive flights. It happened to our Field Chairman, Ron Thalman, who blue bagged both his P-47 and his Sukoi. It's enough to make a grown man cry!!!

SHOW and TELL: No show, no tell. Of course, Weems wasn't at the meeting.

All being done that needed done and all being said that needed said, the President called off further celebration by adjourning the meeting just before 9:00PM.

This month we had a Superstar Electric ARF, a Tower .61 ABC engine, a Dashport transmitter case, fuel, paint and epoxy available to the lucky ticket holders.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Breen, Secretary
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