

## Fresno Radio Modelers Minutes of the General Meeting of November 13, 2003

It was about 7:33:56, by my reckoning, when President Roland Lamer gavelled the meeting to order. There was an error in the minutes of the October meeting. In **Crying Towel** it was reported that Craig Roberts lost his X-Wing Night Fighter when he confused up and down. What really happened was that in making a low, slow inverted pass, he failed to apply enough power when pulling up, stalled, snapped and that's all she wrote. Same result—different cause. There were 38 members and guests in attendance.

**GUESTS:** Vern Adams, Tom Brimager and Dave Leonard, a former member, dropped in to say hello. Welcome, guys.

**NEW MEMBERS:** None this month.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** George Santikian filled in for Craig, who was under the weather. Dues for the new year are beginning to be received. **Dues will be delinquent after January 1<sup>st</sup>. If not received by February 1<sup>st</sup>, you will be dropped from the roles and be required to pay a new initiation fee to be reinstated. Be sure to send Craig your AMA card and an SASE** Also, it's time to send in your reservation for the banquet at Club One. Stop and get it done before you finish reading these minutes.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Brian Ripple, President Elect of the Madera club, stopped in to give us a rundown on the flight pattern rules in effect at their airstrip. Brian pointed out that the box, which meets airport and FAA requirements is only 1000 feet long. Fly out of the box and you will be invited to leave. When flying at Madera, it's best to have one of their members at your elbow to keep you out of trouble until you are thoroughly checked out on the required pattern.

Carl Marburger asked about the status of road repairs. Ron Thalman reported that, since we have had some rain, we are about ready to go. It will likely be done by the time you read this.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Dan Sozinho will handle the fuel purchase again this year. If you want to get in on this dollar saving program, get in touch with Dan. Watch **WATTS NEW** for the order form.

Some of the members have had recent experiences they would rather not repeat. Darrel Schulte and Johnny Rawls have both had hernia operations, while Chuck Kissell had a heart attack. All are on the road to recovery, but still a bit uncomfortable.

VP Dan Sozinho reported that Leroy Sabatini has changed the date for the club's visit to his antique warehouse to next summer from the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday in January.

George Santikian requested that the members approve an expenditure of \$800 (\$400 for men and the same for the ladies) for prizes at the Holiday Banquet, which is the same amount as last year. The motion was passed by voice vote.

John Saltino received a round of applause for handling the banquet arrangements with Club One.

John Orito has some Jet Rally "T" shirts, available to members for \$10. Give John a call at 434-6644.

John Lockwood reported on his and Steve Stonacek's performance at the recent races at Parker, AZ. They took all 4 heats in the dominator class and are this year's National Champs. John defines the Dominator as, "A Quickie 500 on Steroids". Had a bad case of fried engine in the Formula event, DNF'd a heat and wound up about 3<sup>rd</sup> nationally. Too bad. The "Proud Bird" is an awesome airplane.

### **NOMINATION of OFFICERS:**

**Secretary:** Mike Ryan and Conrad Nerdahl

**Treasurer:** Craig Roberts

**Vice President:** Dan Sozinho

**President:** Roland Lamer

Voting will be done at the December meeting

### **AWARDS:**

**Acc:** Doug Eaton saved a members brand-new trainer when an aileron came off in flight. Next time, try epoxy.

John Lockwood saved Larry West's plane when the battery went west, (No pun intended) and the plane started doing those things that planes do when the battery dies. It was reported the John ran to the flight station and grabbed Larry's xmtr. Ran--I wish I had seen that!

Jack Weems for Cd-ing the Fun Fly. Thunderous applause.

**Goof:** Imagine, if you will, two identical MAGIC ARFs flying at the same time, and Lockwood watching the wrong one. Fortunately, the damage wasn't all that serious.

**Crying Towel:** Ray Van Lindingham flew his Ugly Stick way out over the orchard east of the field—So far he couldn't see what it was up to. That's a long hike just to retrieve a bunch of disassociated hunks of wood.

**SHOW and TELL:** Jack Weems, our most prolific show and teller, came up with a neat wheel chock to keep your beauty from rolling around while being transported. He donated it to the raffle.

Check out the club's website at [www.fresnomodelers.com](http://www.fresnomodelers.com). It's lookin' good.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Breen, Secretary

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