

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

Right at 7:30PM, Roland subdued the crowd and got things underway. Last month's minutes were accepted as submitted, and we had 35 souls gathered 'round.

GUESTS: No guests.

NEW MEMBERS: No new members, either.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Craig couldn't attend, but George Santikian reported that we are in the black. Dues will be delinquent after January 1st. If not received by February 1st, you will be dropped from the rolls and be required to pay a new initiation fee to be reinstated. Be sure to send Craig your AMA card and an SASE

OLD BUSINESS: VP Dan Sozinho made a pitch to get your orders in for this years fuel purchase. He pointed out that orders must be in case lots, (4 gallons), but if you don't need that much, you can buddy up with someone to fill out a case. Get in touch with Dan. There should be an order form elsewhere in this issue of Watts New. This is a great bargain—Too good to miss.

Ron Thalman reported that he is about to order 4 loads, about 100 tons, of material to spread on the road.

NEW BUSINESS: Carl Marburger has obtained 32 gift certificates as raffle prizes for the Holiday Banquet, 16 from Fashion Fair for the ladies and the same number from HobbyTown, USA for the gentlemen. Some was suggested that it is unlikely that there are 16 gentlemen in the club. Carl also reported on a neat experience he had with Magnum Engines. It seems that he got hold of an old, derelict engine, which he sent to Magnum with an enquiry about repairs. Their response was to send him a brand spanking new XLS .46, free of charge. It don't get much better than that!

John Lockwood reported that, at 10:35AM on Wednesday, December 17th, the rule limiting planes in the air to four will be waived. At that time, in celebration of the Wright Brothers accomplishment at Kill Devil Hill in Kitty Hawk, SC 100 years past, members will put up as many planes as frequency channels will allow. Ought to be quite a tense situation. Your writer's initial reaction is to watch and help retrieve the trash. On a normal Wednesday, we expect anywhere from 15 to 25 planes, from dinky electrics to 1/3 scale monsters. If you have b---s big enough, show up and join the melee.

ELECTION of OFFICERS for 2004:

Secretary: Conrad Nerdahl was elected by written ballot, since this office was contested.

Treasurer: Jim Breen, with the proviso that Craig Roberts will remain Membership Chairman.

Vice President: Dan Sozinho

President: Roland Lamer

AWARDS:

Ace: George Santikian was voted a non-flying award as thanks for all of the great things he has done, and continues to do, to keep the club functioning smoothly.

Also to Ken Schiebelhut, who took off, flew and safely landed, having never flown before.

Goof: None. Hard to imagine, huh.

Crying Towel: Nothing doing here, either.

SHOW and TELL: Weems was at it again, this time with a tote bag with which to haul home your busted airplane. We can be sure Jack will make good and frequent use of it.

Lockwood reported on a fantastic tool box deal OSH has going. Big enough to carry all your goodies, and with wheels, yet.

Carl Marburger came up with some neat antique stuff, showing the evolution of the modern glo igniter. Brought back a memory or two.

Vern Lamley showed how he cuts up CDs to reinforce repairs. At last we have a use for the unwanted trash that comes in the snail mail other than as coasters.

Dudley Moordigian showed up with a Piper Tri-Pacer, an oldie but goodie in need of some work.

Now that we have more space for our meetings, it would be nice if more guys brought in planes. There is some great stuff in the club that many of us never get to see.

ADJOURN: It happened sometime around 8:31PM.

RAFFLE: Milt and Bob tantalized us with a Great Planes Slinger Electric AFR, a Futaba 4 channel radio system, a Super Stand, a Free Flight Electric plane, a heat gun and other goodies. Lockwood tried to beat the odds by buying about 5 yards of tickets. I don't think he broke even.

With that, I turn over the publication of this monthly masterpiece to the capable hands of Conrad Nerdahl. I'm gonna miss the opportunity to get even for all the insults and derogatory remarks, but I'll think of somethin'.... It's been fun---Jim:

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Breen, Secretary
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