

**FRM Meeting Minutes**  
**January 8, 2004**

**Call to Order:** The first meeting of 2004 started out with a shaky beginning as Denny's had double-booked the big room; however, by 7:30, they had resolved the challenge. And at 7:34, Roland commenced the first meeting of 2004. This was one of the largest meetings with 53+ people in attendance. **Presidents Opening Remarks:** First order of business was the approval of the previous minutes that went unchallenged. Roland then pointed out the changes in FRM board transitions; where, Jim Breen became Treasurer, Craig Roberts Membership, and Conrad Nerdahl became the Secretary.

**Guests:** Roland welcomed the following guests; Rich Capp, Eric Reese, and Aaron McNeil.

**New Members:** Rick Harby and Ronald Arceneau were voted in as new members.

**Treasurers Report:** Craig Roberts provided his last report prior to turning the books over to Jim Breen.

**Old Business:** Roland inquired with Jim and Craig on when the changing of the books would commence and both Craig and Jim had indicated that Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> they would meet. Craig indicated that as of Jan 8<sup>th</sup>, of the 185 members on the roster, 96 were paid up for 2004. Dan Sozinho reminded everyone that he needed to have the Red Max bulk fuel orders in by Jan 15<sup>th</sup>.

**New Business:** John Lockwood pointed out that some individuals (without AMA) are flying at the site thinking it's a public field. It was further discussed that a sign needs to be appropriately located at the gate reminding anyone not an FRM member, what requirements exist before any flight can be made. The Field Committee indicated that they would look into this further and provide a solution as well as report at the next meeting on a possible direction. Everyone was reminded that individuals or guests can fly at the field only for 30 days if they have AMA and an FRM application on file. Also, guests wishing to explore RC can have one flight on a buddy-box with a licensed FRM member who is also designated as a trainer. As for a parking issue, John L. and Paul proposed replacing the vehicle-stop logs with actual concrete tire stops. The concrete stops run about \$10 each and initial estimates are that we need about 20. Apparently, the re-bar holding the logs stationary keep popping loose and we've received concerns about climbing over the logs that when carrying gear and planes etc., a potential risk of tripping and damage may occur. Members concurred that we need to replace the logs. In another area, Craig Roberts suggested that the club acquire an embossing device to seal and protect AMA cards as well as waterproof signs. After further discussion, it was determined that various event groups such as the IMAA etc. may call into question the validity of the AMA cards if sealed. It was decided that acquiring plastic ID sleeve holders would be explored as a solution rather than purchasing the embossing device. Relative to club sponsored events, Chuck Kissel mentioned that he will be taking the Event calendar up on February 17 to the Northern California Even coordination committee and needed a finalization of planned local events. As for the FRM schedule, a last minute change was made. John Lockwood conveyed that a Dominator series race was scheduled to be held in Lodi; however, due to Lodi's field proximity to encroaching businesses, Lodi lost their field. As a result, one of the local races at the FRM field was modified and extended to host this displaced race. As for the pattern contest, Roland was advised by the membership that should the NORCAL Pattern Contest Coordinator call and want to use our field, that Memorial Day weekend would be okay. This is also the weekend of the Annual IMAA Giant Scale Fly-In held at Castle AFB. It was also finalized that the Club Swap meet would be held on Saturday May 22 at the FRM field. (for a complete list of dates, go to the FRM Website at <http://www.frcm.org>) As for a mix of Old and New business, it was confirmed that rock had been spread from Avenue 12 to at least the vicinity of the Helipad. Further discussion was offered and the field committee was advised to look into getting another 1-2 loads of rock to spread across the entire Parking Lot in efforts to keep the ensuing dust down. As for final new business, Roland brought up the need to establish a formal savings investment fund. The purpose of which as per agreements with the land owners, would pay for the return of the field to it's original conditions should we ever have to vacate and look for a new field. Jim Breen indicated that a Limited Account could be established and that following some changes to the by-laws, it would be possible to retain these funds without jeopardizing our non-profit status.

**Awards - Ace:** went to John Lockwood for his New Years Eve night flying; and, Roland was nominated for his musical accordion accompaniment. **Goof:** went to Travis Chetwood for neglecting to pull out his antenna. **Crying Towel:** went to John DeProspero for putting in his Fokker triplane.

**Show and Tell:** Ken Schubelhut discussed his Sig Co. electric Little Rascal ARF. Dudley Moordigian let everyone know about some mini clamps he located at Orchard Supply Hardware. John Lockwood displayed a peak charger he recently acquired and discussed the benefits of such.

**Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:53.

Respectfully submitted - Conrad Nerdahl, Secretary - January 11, 2004