

Fresno Radio Modelers Meeting Minutes 5/11/2006

No changes to previous minutes. With 60 in attendance.

Treasures Report – Jim Breen reported investing some of the excess club assets in a 10 year C.D. for a reasonable interest rate; and that the Vertical Challenge was financially sound this year.

New Members

Jerry Coffeld, Gary Bailey, Sean Hickman, John Ricoboni, and Executive Associate Member - Bill Gise (was voted in as the first non-flying member)

New and Old Business

(1) Carl Kassabian completed the report to the Flood Control District and met with a rep who indicated the board would be meeting to decide our petition in the next few weeks. Submitted were a letter along with the plans and AMA insurance documents. Kudos' to Carl for a job well done! C. Nerdahl also mentioned that the City of Fresno Parks and Recreation Dept. is still interested in pursuing a multi-faceted education and small craft model aviation complex in SW/SE Fresno. (2) Matt Raymond reported that the Vertical Challenge was a good event with special thanks to the vendors who contributed \$2,000 in gifts and helped to net \$574 from the raffle. Overall, the event had a reasonably good turnout despite other competing community events. (3) Matt also made a motion to nominate an outstanding volunteer from each event that would receive a discount on next years dues. After much discussion a motion was made to take this back to the Event Committee for further consideration. Matt then conducted a drawing for a gift certificate to reward specifically the volunteers who assisted. (4) By-Laws late fees change proposal was passed by attending members. A short discussion followed on whether to change the due-date but no change was made. (5) The new monthly fun meeting on April 20 at Denny's was a good success. The next one is on May 17 – Monokoting is the topic. (6) Chuck Kissel reported that the Pelco Kids Day was a good event with lots of interest with John Lockwood flying his electric craft skillfully over the attendees; while, C. Nerdahl helped the kids on the flight simulator. (7) Carl M. had suggested we replace the outhouses out at the field. Per Dan S., more work will be done on this. (8) Dan reported that a visit to Leroy Sabatini's is coming up on June 15th – he needs RSVP's if you plan on attending. (9) Eric Dreaden is going to hold an educational event for Kids at Hobbytown and will be soliciting volunteers. (10) Jim Breen suggested that our general meetings should simply involve an e-Board summary with the balance of topics to be like those now held at the fun meetings. Carl M. suggested we keep things as they are and Roland clarified Jims proposal. Roland also conducted an informal poll that revealed that only 2 of 60 present were interested in retaining the current format. C. Nerdahl made a motion to adopt to existing club By-Laws where the Board discusses and decides on club business and brings summarized reports to the General Membership. Jim B. indicated a need for further detail to be presented at the next club meeting. The discussion was tabled till the next meeting.

Awards

Ace - John Lockwood for his Auto-Gyro

Goof - John Bandoni for losing focus on his trainees craft in the grass.

Crying Towel - Manny lost his Spitfire on take-off.

At-A-Boy - Carl Kassabian for working on the new field.

Show-n-Tell - One member presented a Hawker Hurricane RTC; another, an Electric Dream R/C model Extra 300, and John L. with his auto-gyro composed of an assembly of salvaged and new parts.