

Feb. 2011 Minutes - 2/8/11

The meeting was open at approximately 7:20

Club Treasure, Rod Stauffer reported an operating balance of \$727.81 in addition to \$5,000.00 we still have in the future fund. At the time of the meeting, the membership was already at 40 paid members (which is really great this early in the year).

NEW BUSINESS

- Club Secretary Ken Blackford reported receiving a nice letter from the Second Harvest Food Bank that said thanks for putting on the food drive we had in December at our annual Christmas party. This time, the club raised 868 lbs. of food, 368 more pounds than in 2009.
- Ken Blackford also reminded everyone of the clubs 2nd annual Yard Sale, to be held at Ken's house on June 4th. He asked for people to contact him via email or by phone to make arrangements to drop off sellable items at Ken's house, or to meet him in the middle to make an exchange. It was mentioned that this event could be a real money maker, since there would be no overhead what so ever. (Ken's cell.....403-5464)
- It was mentioned that there might be a need for a new pin board for all 2.4 GHz people. The main reason is to keep an eye on who is flying at the field and make sure they have a AMA. Simply post your AMA card, and take a pin of some sort, that could be attached to your transmitter, or visibly worn on your attire. It was asked for people to think of some ideas, even if it meant purchasing a pre-fabricated piece.
- Tony Simmons raised the idea of having a points incentive program to help recruit more volunteers for events. He mentioned the possibility of rewarding members up to ten points if they worked the entire day at an event that would be matched in dollars for a discount on your next years membership fee.....such as.....10 points = \$10 bucks off. The option was left for discussion, which will be reviewed at the next club meeting.
- It was mentioned that there is a strong need to look at the menu prices and cost of food purchased to try and make the Heli Deli more profitable. Looking at the past several years, it has been determined that it take way too much effort and time to run the Deli compared to what the club really makes. It was determined that the largest cost was the French Fries, since they along require their own tank of propane and cooking oil. It was decided that not only did the menu prices need to be adjusted, but the menu should be simplified greatly as well, getting back to some simple basics. It was also mentioned that someone could be appointed as the "Food Coordinator". This person would be responsible for shopping out all of the food items in an effort to get the best prices. This person would also keep tabs on what food items are left over and usable for future event, to prevent "over-buying" of un-needed food items. It was asked for everyone to think

about such a position in hopes to get a volunteer at the next club meeting. Howard Bass also suggested having prepackaged sandwiches, opposed to something cooked.

- Club officers reported that someone suggested moving the club meeting to the first Tuesday, instead of the second Tuesday of the month. It was decided to keep the meeting on the second Tuesday of the month.....at 7:00.

- It was suggested by the board members to think about having our every other Thursday or Friday evening pot luck cook-out again, as an attempt to get more club members out a the field to mingle and meet one another. It was suggested to keep such a gathering limited to a “pot luck” type of gathering so there wouldn’t be a need to fire up the grills and use propane. It was asked that everyone think about it once again and discuss the interest at the next club meeting.

- Rod Stauffer mentioned being contacted by local chapter #1021, a Vietnam Veterans of America group (out in Booneville off HWY 601) to come and put on a demonstration of mainly War Birds. Rod did go out to the field and determined that it is much too small for any kind of War Bird flying, but suggested that the club could have a handful of people put on a static display of planes, but could do some small “foamy” flying. The group offered to mow down a small landing strip if we chose to fly something small. Rod stated that such an event / display would only be for club and hobby exposure only, as there would be no income. Ken Blackford offered to send out several email RSVP’s to see who might be interested and willing to put on such a show. Rod mentioned that he would call the right people of this group and see if they could give us some kind of deadline weather or not we would participate. The event date is May 14th and 15th. Weather or not we would be expected to attend both days, or just one or the other, is still TBD.

- Although not mentioned at the meeting, these are the 2011 event dates:

- May 14-15th (possible War Bird static show and foamy demonstration)

- June 4th (Yard Sale at Ken’s house)

- July 16-17th (Dragon Fly Heli Event) – **field event** -

- August 6th (Swap Meet)

- August 25-28th (Randy Covington Electric Fly-In) – **field event** –

- October 13-16th (Giant Scale Event) – **field event** –