

Sky Knights Aeromodeling Team

Official Club Meeting Minutes

Date: 7/28/14 Meeting Started At: 7:00PM Meeting Ended At: 7:46PM

Attendance – Nine club members attended the meeting. The club consists of Twenty One members.

Guests: No guests attended the Monday evening meeting.

This was the fourth outdoor meeting at the flying field this year.

Roll Call:

President: Jon Earley **Y** Vice President: Dave Stritter **N** Secretary: Rich Granitz **Y**

Treasurer: John Losch **Y**

1 Year Directors: Al Parshall **N**

2 Year Directors: Ralph Warner **Y**

Treasurer's Report (John Losch): for June 2014

Opening Balance: \$3210.26

Income: \$ 85.00

Expense: \$ 150.04 (Tractor fuel- \$38.00, Web maintenance fees- \$112.04)

Net: \$ 65.04-

Closing Balance: \$ 3145.22

Secretary's Report (Rich Granitz):

We have 1 new member for the month, Darren Wagner

Safety Report (Al Parshall):

Stinging insects have been appearing at the field. Please be aware of ground bees/wasps near the picnic tables. There is wasp/hornet killer in the shed. Feel free to use and please exercise caution if you decide to take on the bees!

Please remain aware of the low hanging utility lines at the parking area entrance.

Field Report:

The field is in great condition. The alfalfa field was recently harvested and routine field maintenance is being completed by volunteers without the need for assignments.

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Old Business:

Night Flies are well underway for the year. Different and fun, consider adding lights to one of your aircraft if you have not already! Come out to the field as a spectator if nothing else. See the Sky Knights website for dates.

Ralph Warner delivered several 2200ma, 30C, 3S lipo packs. Ralph may have more of the Hobby People batteries in the future. Please discuss with Ralph if you are interested.

Jim Spice is on his way to the southwest. What can be said other than he will be missed. Stay in touch, Jim.

Al's hobby shop is now officially closed. Grayslake hobby is open with summer hours. It's recommended that you call before making a trip to Grayslake.

New Business:

- Webmaster John reported that 8 members are subscribed to receive email notifications of new posts on the skyknightsrc.org website. If you are interested in subscribing to the blog, enter your email address and hit the "subscribe" radio button located in the **News** section of the site.
- The annual Wives' Day Picnic is scheduled for Sunday, August 10. The festivities will begin around 11:00AM and lunch will be served at 1:00PM. Meat, drinks and condiments will be provided by the club. Please bring a dish to pass. Magic Dave will be organizing some flying events. FlyLite airplanes and buddy boxes will be provided for those who wish to fly. The picnic will be held the following Sunday in the event of severe weather.
- A Night Flight is scheduled for Saturday evening, 8/9. Field maintenance will take place Saturday afternoon in preparation for the picnic. Feel free to help out if you can find some time.
- Jon is exploring the possibility of adding electrical power to the inside of the shed.
- The Oshkosh EAA Airventure is underway. It is well worth a trip if your schedule allows.
- Ralph delivered additional 2200ma Lipo batteries to the interested parties. Thanks Ralph!
- Joe Pine has access to a small tower that may possibly be used for aerial photography or antennas. Joe and Jon are working out the details.
- The FAA has granted a 90 day extension to provide comments to the **Interpretation of the Special Rule for Model Aircraft**. The new deadline for comments is September 23, 2014. While many comments have been documented, your voice is needed. Visit the AMA website at modelaircraft.org to understand the FAA's Interpretation of the Rule and for additional information on how to comment. This potential new FAA rule may profoundly impact model aviation and established clubs.

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Show and Tell:

Lou Droppa displayed his turbine powered L39 Albatross. This model is a beautiful scratch built and handmade plane. Lou created the handmade molds and fixtures for the fiberglass. The retractable landing gear were modified and enhanced. This is a striking hand built model and highlights Lou's talent as an outstanding craftsman. The aircraft is undergoing a rebuild after ground contact due to a takeoff flameout He expects to have the model restored in the near future. Look for photos on our website. Best of luck with the rebuild, Lou.

Meeting was called to end.