

# Sky Knights Aeromodeling Team

## Official Club Meeting Minutes

- **Date:** 8/25/14      Meeting Started At: 6:59PM      Meeting Ended At: 7:40PM
- Attendance – Five club members attended the meeting.
- Guests: No guests attended the Monday evening meeting.
- This was the fifth 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 N

1 Year Directors: Al Parshall Y

2 Year Directors: Ralph Warner Y

### **Treasurer's Report (John Losch):** for July 2014

A treasurers report was not presented. The July report will be included in the next available treasurers report.

### **Secretary's Report (Rich Granitz):**

There is no new information to report.

### **Safety Report (Al Parshall):**

There were no known safety issues for the month.

**Field Report:** The field is in great condition. Routine field maintenance remains needed on a weekly basis. Please volunteer if you can find some time.

### **Old Business:**

- The Oshkosh EAA Airventure is well worth a trip. Plan for next year.
- 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](http://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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### **New Business:**

- Jon Earley commented on the success of this year's Wives Day Picnic. Over 20 were in attendance this year including members and family.
- John Clauson presented a website update. He discussed the latest posts and some surprising site statistics.
  - 12 members subscribed to the news page.
  - There were 3345 views since inception.
  - Most views in 1 day - 76.
  - There were 103 total search engine referrals, of which 78 were from the AMA website.
- John Clauson proposed that a "Phone Tree" could be set up to notify club members of time sensitive information such as meeting time changes. This will be set up in the near future.
- Due to the early sunset at our next meeting on September 22, we will start at 6:30 PM to allow for some daylight. This will be the last meeting at the field for the season.
- Ralph spoke of his recent discussions with the AMA regarding the recent lawsuit with the FAA. The need for additional comments to the FAA on the Interpretive Rule was emphasized. The deadline for comment is 9/23. If you have not responded, please seriously consider expressing your opinion.
- There is a good video on the AMA website of Rich Hanson discussing why the FAA Interpretative Rule affects modelers. Take some time to watch.
- Ralph spoke about the Lake County Eagles recent fly in. The event was well done. Unfortunately, weather affected the day. There were 22 flyers despite the storms although 50 were expected.
- Al Parshall spoke of his visit to the Fond du Lac Aeromodelers recent event.
- The burn pile is growing and will need to be cleaned up soon.

### **Show and Tell:**

Jon Earley is considering electric retracts for the P-82 Twin Mustang. A short discussion revolved around changing the landing gear.

**Meeting was called to end** due to darkness.