



Kitsap Aircraft Radio Control Society

Meeting Minutes

April 10th, 2012

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Visitors: Lyon

New Members: None

Treasurer report: Read and Accepted.

March minutes: Reading dispensed with; accepted.

Safety Committee:

Verlyn checked on the field first aid kit; it needs to be replaced. A new kit will be purchased.

Verlyn also recommended that club members not use their left hand when operating a nail gun. He tried this and ended up with a 2½ inch nail through his right hand. Sounds like good advice.

Field Maintenance:

The work party originally scheduled for May 26th has been rescheduled to June 2nd at 2:00 PM (after Combat!).

The grass on the west side of the landing strip has been reseeded and fertilized. It should not be mowed until the end of April.

The county has fifteen or twenty weed wrenches available. We will obtain four or five for testing.

There was some minor damage to the runway due to a motor vehicle driving on it. Major repairs do not appear to be necessary at this time.

Publicity:

Flyers have been placed in the Silverdale and Bremerton hobby stores.

Tree Removal:

Bids for removing the trees at the north end of the runway ranged from \$1,000 to \$6,000. The low bid has been forwarded to Kitsap County Risk Management; no response yet. The job will take two days at the most. The trees have little or not market value and will be left where they fall. The county will (presumably) clean them up.

School Program:

There has been little change. Will came to the Board Meeting to discuss the future of the program. Building complete balsa planes does not appear to be a good use of time. The existing planes will be completed and made available for the students use.

New F.A.A. Regulations:

An agreement with the Bremerton Airport will be needed. Also, operation of an aircraft above 400 feet will require prior notification to the airport.

Combat:

Members discussed the new rules, including weight issues. The first day of combat went well with no major safety issues, although there was one mid-air collision.

Pylon Racing:

There are also new rules for T-28 Trojan Pylon Racing. There will be a clinic next Saturday to go over them and discuss any other pilot concerns.

Open Shop:

Neil will host the April 17th Open Shop. Al will host on May 15th.

Auto-piloted Aircraft:

In response to an e-mail inquiry, it was determined that AMA rules do not permit autopilots in R/C aircraft. A human pilot on the ground must be in full control of the aircraft at all times.

Dream Field Project:

Establishing a six-month project to re-design the club *Dream Field* was discussed.

Club Banquet:

Moving the annual club banquet to late October or early November was discussed. Members present seemed to like the proposal. It was also decided to re-visit having the banquet in the Bremerton area if suitable facilities can be arranged.

Show and Tell:

- Terry showed a flying wing Combat! plane. The “Gremlin” has a foam wing with a pine leading edge & balsa trailing edge, PVC pipe skids and weighs 3.4 pounds. It has HiTech 225 mini-servos, an 800 ma NiMH receiver battery and a four ounce fuel tank.
- Jim showed a “Kelet” one-fifth scale auto-gyro. It has an OS .90 engine with a twelve ounce fuel tank and Coverite covering. The 3-foot blades are controlled by the aileron channel; there is independent elevator and rudder control. The landing gear is soldered metal and BB’s were used for balance. The kit was acquired from “Norm” in Arizona and is no longer available.

Jim was selected as this month’s winner.

Quarter Drawing: John Castleman’s name was drawn; he was not present to win \$43.35.

The meeting adjourned at 8:44 pm.

Minutes approved May 8, 2012.