



Kitsap Aircraft Radio Control Society

Meeting Minutes

April 9, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m.

New Members: None

Visitors: None

Treasurer report: Read and accepted.

July minutes: Read and accepted as amended.

Safety:

Paul described two accidents that had occurred at other clubs. One resulted from a pilot hunting for the transmitter's dual rate switch and forgetting to fly the airplane: tree landing! The second was due to an improperly secured battery flying in one direction while the plane flew in another: one-point vertical landing! Members were advised to avoid both situations.

Field Notes:

- Terry showed some proposed signs. Pat indicated that he plans to speak to county officials about signs that Sheriff's deputies can use to enforce park regulations. Terry has been trying to obtain similar items with limited success.
- Pat added that deputies are unable to use their in-car computers near the field because of the lack of cell coverage. Verizon is working to address the problem and this may result in improved coverage at the field in the future.
- Terry and others have encountered geocachers at the field during the day and/or at night. Once informed that the park was closed at night, they replaced the cache with one for daytime use only.
- An ammo box containing live ammunition was found in the park and turned over to the sheriff's office.

Field Maintenance:

- Terry reported that at the Wednesday work party, the grass areas near the landing strip were over-seeded, fertilized and sprinkled with peat moss. Also, potholes in the driveway were filled.
- Mike Miller refurbished the signs on the gate and at the field. Thanks, Mike.

Instruction:

Craig Weygandt passed his flight qualification test.

Publicity:

Terry attended a Kitsap Parks Board meeting and spoke with the two South Kitsap board members. He plans to have one or more club official attend future meetings.

Activities:

- Sean wants to put a large KARCS decal on his van. He and Paul will look into pricing.
- Chuck will have a full supply of T-28 parts at the field on Pylon Race day.
- Chuck is hosting a get-together of helicopter pilots at Blue Sky Hobbies once a month. Anyone interested should contact Chuck,
- Chuck is also hosting Open Shop this month at the shop. He store will be open and there will be lots of models including a 1/5th scale P-40, cookies and drinks.
- Chuck reported that the results of tests of Orange brand receivers revealed a 6 db decrease in the signal/noise ratio (that's bad) compared with JR brand receivers. Neil & Rob recounted the problems they'd had with Orange Futaba-compatible receivers.

Old Business**Field Development**

- Jeff contacted the forester that cleared the north end of the runway last year. He estimates that it will cost roughly the same to clear trees to the south and a similar amount to double the cleared area in the north. A formal bid will be forthcoming.
- Terry reported that filling the position of County Forest Manager may be delayed but should still be completed by the end of May.
- County officials report that they will pattern our formal use agreement after the one with the Steamers club. Currently the Steamers pay the county \$1,200 per year for the use of their facility.
- The remaining downed trees at the north end of the runway are still an open issue with the county and AmeriCorps.

Competitions

- Combat for April was rained out.
- Three combat and one pylon racing aircraft will be raffled off tonight.
- The first Pylon Race is schedule for April 20th.

Open Shop

- Last month's open shop at Harvey's had a great turn-out. Thanks, Harvey
- This month's is at Blue sky Hobbies, April 16th at 7:00 pm.

By-Laws Change

- Terry read a proposed change in the Club By-Laws simplifying club dues. The text of the proposal will be posted on the website. The membership will vote on the change at May's meeting.
- Discussion ensued.

New Business:

- The Spring Opener will be held on April 16th, rain or shine. Food & drinks will be provided. A mini-contest may also be held.
- This month's open shop is at Blue Sky Hobbies (methinks this has been covered).
- A work party is scheduled for May 27th. Planned are brush hog clearing; scotch broom cleanup; field boundary clearing; garbage removal; bleachers, starting stand and parking line painting; and runway hole patching.
- Paul will research the possibility of the club participating in the Keizer Radio Control Association's *Valley Challenge* near Salem on August 3rd and 17th.
- Terry reminded the membership that Little Field is located in Coulter Creek County Park. Although gate access to and use of the airfield is limited to club members only, the park is open to all residents. Terry read an announcement outlining members' responsibilities regarding park access and use.

Member Concerns: When's the raffle?

Show and Tell:

- Sean showed WW1 Nieuport 28 ARF with a CRC 0.26 engine, a 6-channel radio and gyro. It hasn't flown yet.
- Corky showed a Great Planes kit-built P-38. He crashed it on his first take-off and it took almost as long to repair as it did to build. It has a Magnum 0.25 engine and a 50" wing span.
- Brian showed the rebuilt Ugly Stik. The students built much of it, including most of the covering, and only they know what its name "Like a Boss" means. It is made of mostly donated materials and will fly this Saturday.
- Chuck showed a P-40 model cockpit pilot painted by Tom Rogers.
- Al showed a "90-to-120" Super Sportster. Originally a near basket case and soaked in oil, it was recovered in Mono-coat.
- Tom showed a Hobby King kit-build HK450 helicopter.

Raffle:

- T-28 Trojan: Doug Munday
- Combat airframe kits: Corky

Quarter Drawing: Tom Freeman was not present; carried over.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:54 pm.