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Newsletter of the Kitsap Aircraft Radio Control Society (KARCS), Oct, 2008

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ARCS MEETING MINUTES

Oct 14th, 2008

Meeting called to order by President-Al Franklin at 7:05 pm

Visitors: Norma Myers, Gary Locken

New Member: None

Treasurers Report: Read and Accepted.

Meeting Minutes: Read and Accepted.

Safety: People need to fly on the opposite side of the runway. Not over the pits or the road.

Guest speakers: None.

Fall Closer: Big Turn Out for the FALL CLOSER FLYING EVENT.

New Hobby shop in Silverdale: Hobby Town USA

Bruce Loughridge: Bruce is looking a lot better and he's talking now.

Monroe Expo: Club decided \$60 for a booth, plus we get 6 free tickets. Anyone who wants to work there, the club gets \$10/hr.

Paul suggested the club rent a bus at about \$30/person to go to the Monroe Expo. Paul will keep this open.

- Field:**
- 1) Paul has found a company who takes up used astro turf and then sells it. We don't know how much for it at this time. They don't have any now. Spring time they will.
 - 2) U-Control area next to the gravel pits is a little small by a few feet, we may widen it and possible lay down astro turf. There's a U-control club near Narrow's airport that may be interested in flying.
 - 3) It will not be until 2012 until the Parks open talks on the flying field future. It will be another 2 years after than for any plans. Therefore, if we put in a runway now, it will be worn out about the time the issue of the future of the runway came up with the Park Dept.
 - 4) We will level out area which has been cleared of Scotch Broom and then plant grass in the area. Paul will call the person doing this and see how long to complete.

Runway: Discussion if we should, leave it alone, put down another runway? What type of runway? Astro Turf? There is currently four people committee looking into this. Different options were brought up and the Runway committee will look into it. It's all in planning stage, nothing has gone past the discussion stage at this time.

It was suggested using our field as a training area for a smaller paving company.

We would pay for the cost of the materials.

If any club member has some input on putting in a new runway, then speak with one of the Runway Committee members.

Field Committee: Tom did some raking, cleaning and planting seeds. Tom was the person who was paid to do the bulldozing for about 8 hours. 25 pounds of seed was put in. We have another 25 pounds to put in, in another couple weeks. We should have a lot less water coming across the field this winter.

Flying Events: Huge thanks to everyone who did the county fair!!

Huge thanks to Bill and Bob for working the Blackberry Festival.

Rick Hein brought in our Gold Leader Club certificate.

It's

the highest award that the AMA gives out. Every club member

gets

a lapel button.

Young Flyers: Question on a Gentleman of 7 years to fly at our field. Answer, he must be an AMA member.

Gate Combo: Will be changed at the beginning of next year. The connex will be one combination and the gate will be another combination.

Open Shop: At Loren and Jim's house. It went over very well. His shop was jammed

packed.

Next open shop is at Greg's Tinius at 7:00 p.m.

Any Volunteers for November? Let Al know.

Nomination of Officers in November. Vote on them in December.

Parks Dept meeting: Very good meeting with Parks Dept. We were able to get permission to cut down the brush.

Parks Dept was impressed with the volunteer accomplishments of our club.

Open House: 1) The club took in \$440 took in and donated to St Vincent and 140 pounds of food.

It 2) The Port Orchard Lions club made \$260 from their food booth. was all donated to charity along with another \$1,000 the Lions club chipped in.

3) Next year, we may have a bigger event to include other R/C clubs (boats and cars). The parks liked the idea and it would fit into the plan of an R/C Park. If this was a big enough event it could turn into a money maker for the county. Hotels, Restaurants and Local Shops.

Monte: Will work on a new application for the club which looks nicer. To be used in Hobby Shops and the Parks Dept. office.

Biplane Event: Set for May 16th, 2008. Verlyn spoke of putting on another Biplane event for next year. Anyone interested, please see Verlyn

for details on how to help. Plans of opening it up to all clubs in Washington State. Profits would be donated to charity.

Webmaster Duties: Mike is retiring from Webmaster duties. The club is looking for a replacement.

2009 Dues: See Elliot. Feb. 15th is deadline for 2009 dues. After that \$15 late fee.

SHOW AND TELL: None

RAFFLE: Carried over.

QUARTERS: No winner - Sam was not here or he would have been a winner.