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FLY-IN FOR COLUMBIA RC CLUB



October Meeting Minutes

The monthly meeting of the Belleville RC Flyers Club was called to order by President Dave Fannin at 7:03 pm. A motion was made to accept last month's minutes as published in the September Newsletter...the motion was seconded and passed by the membership. There were 17 members present for the meeting.

Club Operation Reports

TREASURER: The Treasurer's report was given by Ted Ellicott. A motion was made and seconded to accept the report and it was passed by the membership as read. The Club currently has 86 members

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

FIELD MAINTENANCE: John Burnworth stated that we needed to open our field fence and add some more posts. He proposed a field maintenance day on Saturday, October 17th at 8:00 am. with a back-up day of the following weekend. Dave Fannin added that we will provide eats for the work day which will replace the cook-out scheduled for Sunday. The plans were approved by the club members.

SAFETY: President Dave Fannin reminded everyone to remove the glo plug igniter while standing behind the prop rather than reaching over the top...too many people have been hurt doing that. John Burnworth mentioned that electric motors and props can be just as dangerous since electric motors can start-up instantly without any warning for a number of reasons...usually pilot error. Props on electric motors are very sharp and dangerous.

TRAINING: No new trainees for this period.

WEB SITE: Bill Eischeid stated that he would accept photos of club members and announcements referring to club business for the Web Site. Contact him at william.eischeid@sbcglobal.net

OLD BUSINESS: Eight members of the Columbia RC Club participated in our invitational fun fly and barbecue. A good time was had by all.

NEW BUSINESS: There was discussion on plans for the Club's "Swap Meet" which will be held on the 20th of February, 2010. Larry Dawson will Chair the Swap Meet Committee. John Burnworth will make arrangements with Queen of Peace School where the Swap Meet will be held.

The second order of business was nomination for Club Officers for 2010. It was suggested that since the current officers have done such a fine job in 2009 that they should be re-elected. All of our officers agreed that they would be willing to serve for next year. Since there were no other nominations, President Fannin stated that additional nominations would be accepted at next month's meeting before the election is held. If anyone is interested in running for office, let a board member know or contact the Newsletter Chief: Curt Morris at cmorris401@aol.com.

Vernon Huebner will check on the field lease contract for next year.

The members of the Club voted in favor of continuing the use of "Door Prizes" and "The Membership Drawing."

NEW MEMBERS: Jeff Schaltenbrand.

MEMBERSHIP DRAWING: Paul Weidauer.

ATTENDANCE PRIZE: Dave Fannin and Ed Preston.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 pm.

THE CHECKLIST

"Don't leave home without it..."

The "measly" flier's checklist has been around since the Wright brothers launched their first flyer. Even today's twenty-thousand hour airlines captain meticulously follows his checklist before and after each commercial flight. Why does he do it...it's obvious, no one can afford to be forgetful in the cockpit and screw-up. Even us "RCers" have responsibilities when we're flying our models and we owe it to the safety of the sport...that is, to do it by the numbers. Following are two fairly brief checklists that can be printed by your computer and put with your flight gear. One is for the night before flying and the other for the flight field. For a more in-depth approach, see Darwin Evelsizer's checklists in the "Documents" section of our Web Site...bellevillercflyers.com. Remember: your checklist is like an American Express Traveler's Check..."don't leave home without it" R. Miller

FLIGHT PREPARATION CHECKLIST

1. EQUIPMENT CHECKLIST

- AMA/Club Membership Card
- Electric Starter/ Chicken Stick
- Glo Plug Igniter
- Rubber Bands/Bolts for Wing
- Extra Glo Plugs/Props
- Fuel Pump
- Fuel
- Batteries (Electrics)
- Miscellaneous Tools
 - * Wrenches
 - * Screwdrivers
 - * Special Tools for Motor/Aircraft
- Miscellaneous Instruments
 - * Battery Charger
 - * Power Meter
 - * Digital Tach
 - * Temp Gage

2. AIRCRAFT CHECKLIST

- Fuel System
 - * Lines Connected
 - * Tank Secure
- Flight Controls
 - * Aircraft Battery/Receiver okay
 - * Servos Secure
 - * Pushrods/Connectors attached
 - * Flight Control Movement okay
- Motor
 - * Mounting Bolts tight
 - * Prop secure
 - * Glo Plug tight
 - * Carb/Throttle System okay

3. BATTERY CHECKLIST

- Electric Starter (Main Battery) charged
- Glo Plug Igniter charged
- Aircraft Battery charged
- Transmitter Battery charged
- Electric Fuel Pump charged
- Electric Aircraft Main Flight Battery charged

FLIGHT CHECKLIST

1. Post Club/AMA Card on Frequency Board
2. Check Others for Frequency Conflicts
3. Make sure Fuel Tank is Full
4. Check that Prop is Secure
5. Turn on Aircraft Transmitter
6. Turn on Aircraft Receiver
7. Perform Aircraft Control Check
30 Paces from your Aircraft
8. Extend Your Transmitter's Antenna
9. Start Engine - Check Hi/Lo Throttle
10. Adjust Engine/remove Igniter while
You are located behind the Prop
11. Carry Your Aircraft to the Pilot Line
12. Check other Pilots and Aerial Traffic
13. Enter Traffic Safely for Taxi and Take-off