

AMOS General Meeting – March 8, 2011

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by the President, John Sorenson.

Board members present: John Sorenson, Doug Keller, Steve Snider, Basil Yousif, Ralph Tarrant for Fred Quartier, Fred Light, Jim Hill and Jerry Dodge.

Guests: Bob Scott. Bob brought several RC items that he donated to the club. Thanks, Bob.

Secretary Report: Steve Snider

Minutes corrected to show that Danny Weger (new member) won the Sno-Ball Raffle at the February meeting.

Motion: by Doug Keller and seconded by Dick Brace to accept the corrected Secretary's minutes as stated in the email sent to the membership. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report: Basil Yousif

Balances as stated in the Treasurers Report sent to the membership as follows: Checking - \$5,043.06, Savings - \$4,349.87, Expenses - \$3547.70.

Motion: by Walter Loose and seconded by Danny Weger to accept the Treasurers Report as read. Motion carried.

Membership Report: Fred Light

We currently have 125 members with one additional member joining at this meeting. We are on schedule for our budgeted 150 members for this year.

Motion: by Ralph Tarrant and seconded by Rich Nowatzki to accept the Membership Report as stated. Motion carried.

Safety Officer Report: Ralph Tarrant for Fred Courtier

No reported problems since last meeting. Regarding the in-door fly. Only small "fixed pitch" small helicopters.

Contest Coordinator – Jim Hill and for Mike Haston

War Bird's over Roseville. It is Sanctioned. Jim said that they will need approximately 14 volunteers. This number will include cooks, servers, parking attendants, 1 person for the impound area, cashier, registration, plane safety inspectors, person on the loudspeakers as an Emcee and announcer. Jim and Mike Haston would like to secure the names of volunteers by the April General Meeting. Jim will be contacting the news media, which has to be done at least 6 weeks before the event. There will be 6 awards (2 awards in each category – WWI, WWII and Modern Day aircraft). There will be spectator choice awards and pilots choice awards. The Grand Prize will be voted on by both the pilots and spectators. Jim explained the "Wheel of Fortune" and the success other clubs have had in increasing ticket sales for the raffle.

John asked the membership if anyone has a loudspeaker system that we can use for the 2 days of this event. We are not talking a Megaphone, we need a loudspeaker system. Basil said that he had a complete P.A. system that we can use for that weekend.

Jim is planning an IMAA event for August 27 and 28 and is working on getting it sanctioned. To get any support from the various companies, an event must be sanctioned.

The Sea Plane Event is coming up the week after the Warbird Event (May 17-22) and as always, it will be held at Camp Far West on the Southwest peninsula. It is a beautiful wide open area with lots of space for motor homes and/or trailers. This Event is by far one of the best float fly events in California and is well attended.

John stressed the need for an individual to be in charge of registration and all event fees including the raffle, lunches, parking, etc. and keep the books for the entire event. This individual would get an excellent parking location and would need to be there from Tuesday through Sunday. If you are interested, call John.

John mentioned the President's Fun Fly and stressed that he would like to see us really have some fun at this event. More on this event later.

Training : David Jenkins

The first Training night is scheduled for Wednesday, March 16th. weather permitting. Ralph Tarrant volunteered to take over the administrative responsibilities until Fred Quartier returns. Ralph will bring his flight simulator for new students to try. We have at least 3 functioning trainer airplanes ready to go. We have 5 AMA sanctioned instructor pilots ready to go.

Discussion Points:

"Swap Meet" - John stated that there will be a "Swap Meet" each Saturday following the meeting. The first one will be Saturday, March 15th. It will start 9:00 to 10:00 am. The club voted that the "Swap Meet" each month will be open to anyone. The field will be open to flying during the "Swap Meet." (Be careful; don't turn on any 72 MHz radios without occupying the frequency). Ask Jim Irey for any further details.

Indoor Flying - The next indoor flying date is March 18th.

Shade Structures – Probably put up the tarps sometime in April, again weather permitting.

Guests – Reports of guests repeating flying at the field without joining the club. Under Amos' rules, a guest may fly at the field a maximum of 3 times and then must join the club or not fly at the field beyond the 3 times.

Guests do not fly at the field unless a member is present. This includes Red Barons members. We have insurance obligations as far as the AMA is concerned.

Any guest flying must have a current AMA card, a Red Barons card or during training when the student is on a "buddy box" and flying under the instructor's AMA card. The guest must put their AMA card on the

Frequency Board and must be willing to show the card to any member that asks to see it. No card, no fly!

If the 2.4 GHz slots are all taken, double up and be sure that your card is on the Board.

Basic Flying Rules: Don't fly anything that is stationary over the runway. No helicopters or 3D hovering over the runway. Do not obstruct other flyers that are taking off or landing their airplanes on the runway. The crosswind runway and the south end of the field make good 3D flying areas.

Do not fly over the pits or fly from the pits.

Constitution and By-Laws:

John discussed a "Draft" of the newly revised Constitution and By-Laws. Several copies were available for members to read. John stated that a copy of the revised Constitution and By-Laws, including the "Field Aircraft Operating Rules", will be emailed to all members to look at and respond with any questions and/or suggestions. John read the "Field Aircraft Operating Rules."

At the April General Meeting, John will ask for a time limit for discussion on any portion of the Constitution and By-Laws and then ask if there are any portions that a member would like to exclude and then call for a vote on accepting the Constitution and By-Laws as presented.

Petro mat and Additional Shade Structures: We have additional Petro mat. Where do we put it? Also if we added 2 more Shade Structures, where do we place them? Be ready to discuss these questions at the next General Meeting.

Lawn Mowers: We now have 2 riding lawnmowers.

Motion: by Jim Ireby and seconded by Dick Brace, that \$50 be given to Art Holder to buy a lawnmower from his daughter. Motion carried.

Tuff Shed: A Tuff shed (10 x 10) has been donated to the club. It will be picked up and placed at the field in April.

Show and Tell: Ralph Tarrant – LEDs for night flying. 12 volt from Hobby Town. John Kinne – A flying bird. Hobby Town. John Sorenson – E-Flight Micro Single Rotor (MSR) helicopter. Also fly's outside.

Sno-Ball Raffle: \$76.00 in the "kitty" tonight. White ball wins. Paul Lundberg drew the winning ticket, but drew an orange ball. No winner tonight. One orange ball is removed from the bottle so the chances are better next month. Save your tickets for a drawing at the Christmas dinner.

Motion: to Adjourn by Dick Brace and seconded by Danny Weger. Motion carried.

Next Executive Board Meeting: April 6, 2011 – Denny's at 1:30 pm

Next General Meeting: April 12, 2011 – Denny's at 7:00 pm

Submitted by:

Steve Snider, Secretary, AMOS Flying Club