

AMOS General Meeting – August 9, 2011

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

Board members present: John Sorenson, Doug Keller, Steve Snider, Fred Quartier, Fred Light, Jim Hill, Jerry Dodge and Jim Irey.

Members Present: 35 members present (out of a total 160 possible). There is a good exchange of information and Club projects at our Club meetings. This is also a great opportunity for new members to get better acquainted with more experienced members and share new ideas and find out what is happening with the club Events and what is going on at the field. We have plenty of room at Denny's and the food is good too. **Come out and join us. How about a goal of 100 members in September!!**

Guests: None

New Members: Mike Rutledge

Vice President Report: Doug Keller

1. **Fire Report:** If you were at the field during or at the beginning of the fire, please write a short essay of what you saw and observed and file it away. It could become very important.
2. **Frequency Board:** Whether you are using 2,4 GHz or 72 MHz, your membership card goes in the Frequency Box while you are operating your transmitter. Liability is the issue here. The Club needs to be assured that all persons flying have a current AMA card. This also helps us to identify any flyers that are not AMA or Club members.
3. **Toys for Tots:** The designated meeting to bring your Toy is the **NOVEMBER** meeting. The Toy should be a minimum of \$10.00 and in the original wrapping. Doug will bring boxes that can be used to collect the Toys. Doug will deliver the Toys the morning after the meeting.

Secretary Report: Steve Snider

The August Board Meeting and July General Meeting minutes were emailed to all members and placed on the AMOS Website.

Motion: by Ralph Tarrant and seconded by Rich Nowatzki, to accept the August Board Meeting and July General Meeting minutes as posted. Motion passed.

Treasurers Report: Basil Yousif (not in attendance)

Treasurer's Report mailed to membership. There is \$7,000. In the combined checking and savings accounts.

Motion: by Dick Brace and seconded by Fred Price, to accept the Treasurer's Report as reported in the Secretary's email report. Motion carried.

Safety Report & Training Report – Fred Quartier

The Safety Fence is up. Thanks again to Jim Irey and “his chain gang” for getting the project completed. Well done and I know that it will save injuries and several airplanes.

John Sorenson pointed out that the “**Designated Flying Area**” referred to in the AMOS Flying Rules, is in the Pilot’s Box or if outside the Pilot’s Box, behind the Safety Fence. No standing on the runway and flying. The exception to the fence rule is at the South end of the field. The 3D pilots may stand in front (South side) of the fence, but not on the runway.

The Training program is doing well. A few crashes, but thanks to donations of airplanes and engines from members, we keep the program going. Many of our new members have come through our training program. Thanks to Fred and all his helpers and the pilots who give up their personal time to teach the new students and interested new members. The program is paying for itself.

Re-Reminder, to achieve the “**Fail Safe**” status with 2.4. GHz radios, **always** re-bind your transmitter to the receiver **after all connections are made**. This should be done before starting the engine. With the transmitter on and the plane switch on (engine off), turn off the transmitter and watch which way the throttle goes. **It should always go to low or off and not high**. If the throttle goes to high, reverse the throttle switch and re-bind. **The throttle should always go to low or off when power is lost**.

Membership – Fred Light

Currently 160 members with several applications pending. We are well ahead of our 2011 Business Plan for new members, which are 150 members by the end of 2011. Blank applications are in the Frequency Board box. Fred says that it is everyone’s responsibility to approach anyone you see out at the field that you don’t know and tell them about our Club. Every guest is a potential new member. Invite them to the Wednesday night Training Program and see that they get an Application. Fred has been getting positive feedback from the new members regarding how welcome everyone has made them feel and ready to help at the field. The Club thanks you Fred, for doing a great job.

Committee Chairman Report: Jim Hill

All coming AMOS Club Events have been reported in previous Board and General meeting minutes. Please refer to the minutes and/or the Website for dates, times and specific events and food.

President’s Fun Fly. See the last Board meeting minutes or Website for details.

Newsletter Editor: Jim Irey

Swap meet this Saturday (August 13th). President’s Fun Fly. See Flyer on the Website.

Discussion Points:

Christmas Installation Dinner: Jim and Camille Hill

Date set for Tuesday, December 13, 2011. Locked in at Turkey Creek Golf Course. Nice big open room, plenty of parking, wet bar is available (at your own expense), 2 entrees (tri-tip and chicken) with total

meal. It is buffet style so everyone can get their food at a similar time. Cost is \$28.00 per person, for the complete meal (excluding drinks).

Make checks out to AMOS for \$28.00 per person and get the check to Basil Yousif as soon as possible.

Field Marshall: At the last Board Meeting, one of the new members, **Rob Miller**, indicated his interest in the open Field Marshall Board position. The Board approves of Rob as Field Marshall and is bringing this recommendation before the membership tonight for Club approval.

JIM IreY spoke on behalf of Rob, indicating his enthusiasm, willingness to help (you will meet Rob at the President's Fun Fly paintball event) and Rob's overall knowledge of safety and safety and accident prevention.

Motion: by Jim IreY and seconded by Fred Light, to approve Rob Miller as the AMOS Field Marshall, to fill the remaining term through 2011. Motion carried. Welcome, Rob, to the AMOS Executive Board as Field Marshall for the remaining year 2011.

Erosion Refund: From Placer County. This should be available to us by the 1st of September. This money will be used to pay off some of the remaining loan debt. This will pay off all but 3 individuals with a remaining balance of 46K. The plan is still on schedule to pay off the entire loan balance within the original 3 year period. This is a great accomplishment.

Field Maintenance: The problem is the unevenness of the ground under the Petromat. The most accepted solution is to rent a water wagon and vibrating roller to even the surface of the runway. Both Nate Watt and Fred Light got estimates on renting the equipment to complete the job on a weekend. Nate's estimated cost for both the water wagon and vibrating roller and the operator is \$700.00. (\$250 for the water wagon, \$250. For the roller, \$200 for the operator.). Fred's estimate was \$900.00. Nate offered his labor for free.

Motion: by Dick Brace and seconded by Ralph Tarrant, to fix the runway with a maximum fee of \$700.00. This motion also included that the rental arrangements and work to be completed by Nate Watts. Motion approved. Nate will start the project on August 20th.

Unattended Parking: The Board recommends that the Club not allow the unattended parking of any kind of vehicle, short term or long term. Liability concern was a factor in this decision and recommendation. Recognizing that some members may bring a trailer or motor home or camper to an Event that lasts more than one day, the key wording is "unattended."

Garbage at the Field: **There is no garbage collection at the field.** Two blue cans are at the field and are usually full. Please, if you take garbage to the field, (lunch, snacks, etc.) **take the garbage home with you.** This also applies to broken airplane parts. If you are able, dump one of the blue cans into a garbage sack and put it into your garbage can at home. Other options, such as a dumpster, etc., are expensive and there is no budget for that this year. Thanks for your cooperation.

Show and Tell: Tim Stafford brought a Fockewulf TA152. Thanks, Tim. A nice looking airplane.

Sno Ball Raffle:

The raffle this month is worth \$65.00. The winning ticket was drawn by Andy Berger. Andy reached into the canister and.....drew out an **Orange Ball**. Sorry Andy. \$33.00 will start the kitty next month and \$32.00 went to the Club. Start saving your money for the September meeting. Save your non-winning tickets for the "special" raffle drawing at the Christmas dinner

Meeting Adjourned: 8:20 p.m.

Submitted by:

Steve Snider, Secretary, AMOS Flying Club