

AMOS General Meeting – February 8, 2011

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by the Vice President, Doug Keller.

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

New members: Larry Carlson.

Guests: Joe Drab (also brought a show and tell).

Secretary Report: Doug Keller reviewed the minutes in the absence of Steve Snider.

Doug asked for a motion to amend a previous motion, stated in the January General Meeting, regarding the \$10.00 fee for the War Bird event. The new motion includes changing the \$10.00 fee to \$20.00. The Event will be a 2 day Event.

Motion: by Robert Pepper and seconded by Marvin Pass, to amend the motion from the January General Meeting minutes, changing War Bird Event fee from \$10.00 to \$20.00. Motion carried.

Motion: by Jim Hill and seconded by Mal Toy, to accept the January Secretary's report as written with the new amended motion to change the War Bird Event fee to \$20.00. Motion carried.

Treasure's Report: Basil Yousif

The complete Treasurer's Report was attached to the email sent out by Steve Snider with the January minutes. Summary: Money in = \$15,913.73, Money out = \$13,509.24 for a balance of \$2,404.49. Additional money in = \$5,134.53. Total current balance is checking = \$3,524.09 and savings = \$4,348.87. Loan payback: Original amount = \$82,207. Paid off to date = \$12,898. Loans still outstanding = \$69,309.

Motion: by Marvin Pass and seconded by Ralph Tarrant, to accept the Treasurer's report as written. Motion carried.

Membership Report: Fred Light

We currently have 121 members. There were 6 members who did not renew their 2011 membership due to personal reasons. (One of these has since remitted). Fred Light said that the Club is getting about 2 new memberships per week. We are doing well as a Club in gaining new memberships and are on target for our goal for 2011, which is 150 memberships.

The lost check issue that was reported in the Board Meeting minutes was resolved. The member's check was found by the Bank.

Fred Light discussed the By-Laws concerning the "One Time" Field Construction Fee of \$150.00. Fred is keeping track of members that may drop out of the Club to have documentation of the frequency. At this time, the Club is in favor of keeping the fee a "one time" fee, even if a member drops out for a period of time.

Motion: by Ralph Tarrant and seconded by Marvin Pass that the Membership Report be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

Safety Officer Report: Ralph Tarrant for Fred Courtier

Prop accident involving Basil Yousif. The airplane started up backwards at full speed and as it moved backwards off the starting table, Basil instinctively grabbed for the airplane and he got his wrist sliced by the prop. It took 17 stitches to close the wound. Ralph Tarrant reminded all of us to stay focused on the job at hand at all times. All of the startup stands have a cord attached to prevent the plane going in reverse and this unfortunate accident can be a reminder to all of us to use the ropes to secure the airplane. Even better, have a flying buddy hold your airplane in place.

Flying over the Pits: This has happened when a few people have been out of control and their plane heads over the pits. Sometimes the sun is the culprit as well. Please try at all times to keep your airplane in front of you and on the far side of the runway. Also, please do not do "flybys" down the runway. 3D flying and "hovers" over the runway should not be done. Please do them beyond the far side of the runway. In Open flying, the runways should always be clear of people, unless retrieving an airplane.....then with lots of communication.

Taxing to and from the Pits: Ralph Tarrant invited a discussion on this topic. One member related a very near disaster because his airplane took off towards the pits and hit a post. It could have hit someone in the pits or standing by. Another member suggested that all airplanes be stopped on the runway at the entrance to the taxiway. Another member suggested that the airplane be stopped just off the runway next to the pilot's box (Pointed towards the pilot's box and not the pits), to get out of the way of landing airplanes. Another member suggested to leave the decision of where to shut off the engine up to the pilot. Another member said that for safety reasons, no airplane should ever be pointed at the pits or towards another pilot or the public. Common sense says that an airplane should never be pointed at another pilot or spectator. Until the topic is discussed further at the next meeting, everyone should try to stop their airplane at the entrance to the taxiway just off the runway, or just inside.

One member reminded everyone to be sure and "rebind" your 2.4 GHz radio to your receiver any time you change a servo or make any major changes to your system.

Ralph Tarrant also talked about using the Frequency pins when flying, even if you are using a 2.4 GHz radio. This is a Club requirement and everyone should follow.

Another member reminded everyone to put their name and telephone number inside their transmitter and inside the airplane.

Doug Keller said that it is the responsibility of each member to shut down their airplane at the entrance to the taxiway from the runway, for everyone's safety. Doug also said that it is really the responsibility of every club member to "police" the field and when an unsafe practice is observed, talk to the pilot (in a friendly manner) and explain the unsafe hazard. The pilot may be new and doesn't realize the safety hazard of his/her actions. To ensure safety at our flying field, every member should take the role of "Safety Officer."

Field Marshall: Jim Hill for Mike Haston

War Bird Event. Organized by Mike Haston. In Mike's absence, Jim Hill passed out the schedule for the 2 day War Bird Event. The dates are May 8 and 9th with early arrival on May 6th, for anyone coming with a trailer or motor home. Flying Saturday is 9:00 am to 5:00 pm and Sunday from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm. Pilot meetings will be at 8:45 am both Saturday and Sunday. Lunch both days will be from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm. Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Chips and drinks for sale. Note: Food is not included in the Event fee. There will be a "static" judging, including a "spectator's choice" and a "pilot's choice" for each category on Saturday. The planes should represent War Birds, not Sport planes. Military colors only!

The "Raffle" will occur on Sunday. Jim explained that there will be a different twist to the Sunday Raffle that is usually done. Come out and see what they are going to do. (No Corvettes given out, but come see!). There should be some really great Raffle prizes!

There is no official charge for parking, but donations will be encouraged. Plaques will be awarded as prizes. Jim suggested that attending members should bring chairs for the members and extra chairs and tables, if you have them, for the spectators. Jim outlined the remaining need for people to help with the parking, collecting fees, set up and cleanup. This will be your chance to step up and help with our first big flying Event of the year! All details on the AMOS Website. Check it out!

Motion: by Ralph Tarrant and seconded by John Hainlen, that the War Bird Event as presented by Jim Hill and Mike Haston, be accepted in its entirety. Motion carried.

Committee Chairman: Jim Hill

AMOS Event Schedule for 2011. Jim Hill passed out the 2011 schedule which shows 4 Events on the calendar for 2011 and 1 pending (in red colors). First Event is the War Bird Event scheduled for May 7 and 8, (AMOS Field), the second Event is the Float Fly Event scheduled for May 18 through May 22nd (Camp Far West), the third Event is the President's Fun Fly (AMOS Field), the 4th Event is September 17th, which will be a Swap Meet and Electric Fun Fly (AMOS Field). An additional Event on August 27 and 28th is a proposed IMAA Event. All Events are posted on the AMOS Website.

Mike Brown (formerly District 10 Chairman) has all the Events in Southern Oregon, Northern California and Nevada on his Website.

Motion: by Jerry Dodge and seconded by Dick Brace, that Jim Hill's Event Schedule be accepted by the Club in its entirety, including the proposed IMAA Event on August 27th and 28th. Motion carried.

Training Report: Dave Jenkins (Absent))

Ralph Tarrant suggested that a new or any member could optionally call one of the instructors to set up a time to get some flight time training prior to the official opening of training. Training officially starts the 1st. Wednesday after Daylight Savings Time begins. (March 16th).

(Steve Snider Editorial). I recently emailed to the membership a Flying Club Website address in Chicago (Palos RC Club), that has several RC Teaching and Training articles and Flying Tips. These are especially good for new pilots, but also a lot of information for experienced pilots and instructors too. The Website is: www.palosrc.com/instructors/teachrc.htm.

When the web page comes up, click on the left side on "Instructors Corner." You will see the following links you can click on:

Beginners Guide to RC Flight.
Flight Instruction Manual
The Student Pilot
The G.C. Calculator
Teaching R/C Model Airplane Flying
The R/C Trim Chart

The AMOS Club instructors are: John Sorenson, Dave Jenkins, Art Holder, Jerry Duncan, John Hainlen and Fred Light.

For the Good of the Club/Miscellaneous:

Harvey Gorrell. Passed away in October. The Club presented his widow, Jane, with flowers and a card. Harvey had some airplanes, chargers and other airplane equipment. Steve Snider and John Sorenson will inventory and price the equipment and arrange a time for members to come to Jane's house to view and purchase the equipment. This will be sometime in late March or early April. The membership will be notified.

John Sorenson and several selected club members wrote a letter to Thunder Valley Casino, following up to a letter sent to the Casino last summer, inquiring if Thunder Valley had an interest in donating money or supporting the AMOS Flying Club now that they had finished construction on their Hotel. Thunder Valley has not yet responded to the letter. It is possible that other corporations in the area might be interested in becoming a sponsor of the Club. The goal is to get sponsorship money to help pay off the loans.

Soaring: The question was asked by a member regarding use of a "Hi-Start" apparatus for launching a Glider. The Club's rules allow for Gliders to fly at our field. It was suggested that the South end of the field (South of the Control Line area) would be best to launch a Glider using a "Hi-Start."

Doug Keller said that John Sorenson was asked if the Club had a pilot that would be able to fly a radio controlled airplane carrying a movie camera for the purpose of taking commercial pictures. John informed the person that the AMA and our insurance do not allow the commercial use of our equipment and declined the person's request.

Doug Keller brought up the situation that the CDF (Calif. Dept. of Fire) does do training in some of the nearby fields (example, across from the runway) and this could conflict with an Event that we may have planned and could also present a safety issue for the CDF. Doug said that John Sorenson will talk with the CDF and Merf site to coordinate our Events with the CDF so that any conflicts can be eliminated and all safety issues can be addressed. This will resolve any potential future problems. Jim Hill suggested that John ask the CDF if they could burn the field right up to our runway and the east side to keep down the weeds.

Jerry Dodge suggested that our AMOS Web page have a "Forum" section where building ideas, problem solving techniques, flying tips, etc., could be posted. Basil Yousif (AMOS WebMaster), will look into this.

Ralph Tarrant suggested that the Club have a "Swap Meet" at the field at least once a month. The Board will check this out and see what interest we have.

Jim Irely made an Upside down U Safety Stand that he is donating to the Club.

Motion: by Jim Irely and seconded by Jim Hill to use the Safety Stand at the field and to have the Board decide where to place it. Motion carried.

Show and Tell: Top Flight Airplane brought by Joe Drab.

Sno-Ball Raffle: 1st. Drawing for 2011, won by Rich Nowatski, including the "white ball!".

Meeting Adjourned at 8:28 pm.

Next Executive Board Meeting: March 2, 2011 – Denny's at 1:30 pm

Next General Meeting: March 8, 2011 – Denny's at 7:00 pm

Submitted by:

Steve Snider, Secretary, AMOS Flying Club