

AMOS General Meeting – June 14, 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, Fred Quartier, Fred Light, Jim Hill, Jerry Dodge and Jim Irey.

Members Present: 40 members present.

Guests: Camille Hill, Robert Taylor, Jim Walker, Wayne Seiling.

New Members: Robert Taylor, Dane Pendzinski, James Walker, Justin Himmelsbach, Bob Rives.

Secretary Report: Steve Snider

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

Treasurers Report: Basil Yousif

Balances as stated in the Treasurer's Report sent to the membership as follows: Checking - \$6,578.42, Savings - \$2,350.41, Expenses - \$4,334.63.

Motion: by Dick Nowatzki and seconded by Marvin Pass, to accept the Treasurer's Report as read. Motion carried.

Loans: John told the Club that one more loan was paid off and he feels confident that the Club will be debt free in the original 3 year time limit set when the loans were made.

Membership – Fred Light

Currently 143 members with several applications pending. Blank applications are now in the Frequency Board box.

Safety Report – Fred Quartier

So far 19 students have signed up for training. Several donations for fuel, so no Club money has been spent for fuel. One pilot crashed his glider and in retrieving the pieces/parts, put the Lipo battery in his shirt pocket. 15 minutes later, it blew up, fortunately front-wards and no injury occurred to the pilot.

For future safety when transporting a damaged Lipo, there will be an empty Ammo box (donated by Art Holder) that will be at the bottom of the Frequency Board pole. Use this Ammo box to place your Lipo battery when recovered from a crash or anytime when a Lipo battery starts to smoke or swells up. Jim Irey will see to this task this next week.

Fred reported on the float plane crash that occurred when the pilot, after landing, turned off his 2.4 GHz transmitter and the throttle on the float plane went to full throttle. It continued across the water towards shore, crossed the road and flew into a trailer. **Fortunately no one was hit or injured.** The problem occurred because the pilot had not done a second binding procedure on the airplane after

complete set up and then checked to see if the throttle would go to low when the transmitter was turned off.

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 and re-bind. **The throttle should always go to low or off when power is lost.**

Discussion Points:

Doug Keller: Vice President

Expressed thanks from the Board and the Club members who made all of the Events held so far successful. Events to date: War Birds, Float Fly and the various work and mowing parties. Doug asked for a round of applause for all the volunteers and workers/helpers. This last weekend, there were 6 weed eaters and 3 lawn mowers going at the field. Lawn mower races? Still little mowing to do, but the field is looking good. There will be a metal roof on the shed in the next few weeks.

Field Improvements:

Fence: John showed a fence post that was used a few years ago at the old field by the MERF site. We have \$300.00 that has been donated to put the fence up. The orange fencing and wiring is already available.

Motion: by Doug Keller and seconded by Dick Brace, that we complete the fence project using the orange fencing that we already have and obtain/purchase the needed fence posts. Motion passed.

Jim Irey will take the lead in the fence project. He will solicit several volunteers to help him on the project. It is John Sorenson’s suggestion that we have the fence project completed in the next few weeks.

First Aid Kit/Fire Extinguisher:

Jerry Dodge suggested that we have some type of stand by the Frequency pole to place the Fire Extinguisher and the First Aid Kit. It was suggested that a Red Cross Emblem be placed on the shed for easy identification of where the First Aid supplies are kept. It has also been suggested before that each pilot carry a First Aid Kit in their vehicle.

Motion: by Van Berg and seconded by Ken Peters, that another box be constructed, similar to the Frequency Box, to house both the First Aid Kit and the Fire Extinguisher. During the discussion, Van accepted the responsibility to look into the costs and measurements for the new box. Motion passed.

In the interim, John will talk to Mike Haston about getting the Fire Extinguisher mounted on the Frequency pole on a temporary basis and a red cross placed on the shed to pinpoint the First Aid Kit.

Runway:

Problems do exist. Repairs cannot be done until approximately July to allow time for the runway to dry out.

Trash Cans:

We do not have trash pickup at the field. So please try and take your garbage, broken airplane parts, cans, etc. home with you to help keep the garbage hauling at a minimum. Thanks to those who have taken the garbage from the fields.

Good of the Club:

Swap Meet: Next Saturday, 6/18, there will be a Swap Meet at the field, starting about 8:00 am. This will be followed by a "Limbo" contest and a "Demolition Derby." Come on out, trade some of your junk for a "junkie" airplane and enter the contests. You might learn some new and improved ways to crash your airplane!

Events:

Presidents Fun Fly:

Saturday, August 13th. This will be a free event to anyone who wants to come. Open flying in the morning, lunch and then some events in the afternoon. One of the events is the "Distressed Pilot" Event where the pilot has his/her back to the runway and has a teammate that directs the pilot where to fly! Club trainers will be used with a "Buddy Box", so we won't have to replace our trainers! Hamburgers will be available around 5:00 pm and night flying for anyone who has survived the day. Hamburgers will be free to those Club members who have a current membership card.

Electric Event:

September 19th. 5th Annual Electric Event. One of the Events is the "Hands off Transmitter." Come out and see this one! It will be interesting! Other events will include "Spot Landing", "Limbo", and "Pylon Racing." Lunch is available for a nominal fee and there will be night flying.

Giant Bird Event:

September 30th through October 2nd. Giant Bird Event (IMAA). Monoplane is a minimum of 80 inches and bi-plane is a minimum of 60 inches. People are being invited to camp out at the field.

Christmas Dinner:

Camille Hill has scouted out places that would be acceptable and available for our Christmas dinner. Only one place could accommodate a group our size, with a buffet type dinner where everyone could be in the same room and feel like a group. The place is "Turkey Creek." The food would be a choice of Tri-Tip or Sirloin, chicken breast, potatoes, salad, vegetable, dessert and non-alcoholic drinks. The price, including tax and tip is \$28.00. Several other places checked were well over the \$30.00 price. Turkey Creek is a beautiful place and the room is comfortable and will accommodate a group of 100. There is

ample parking and the location is ideal. Camille and Jim have eaten there before and said the food is very good. Any bar usage would be separate from the meal costs.

Motion: by Ralph Tarrant and seconded by Mal Toy, that Camille Hill make the arrangements for the Club's Christmas dinner for December 13th, at "Turkey Creek", for a total cost of \$28.00. After discussion, motion carried.

\$200.00 deposit is required to reserve the room and that check will be written tonight for Camille to close the deal.

Miscellaneous:

Ralph Tarrant asked if there was any interest in having a "turkey shoot" with some old airplanes with "Air Soft" or "Paint Balls." This could be a way to make some additional money for the Club. So much a shot! This could be included in one or more of the scheduled Events.

John Sorenson's Helicopter Challenge:

Fly his mini-helicopter, make 3 turns in one direction, make 3 turns in the other direction, land on 4 tables and return to the start. The event is timed. Anyone trying gets a free ticket to the Sno-Ball Raffle. John started the competition, followed by Fred Quartier and then by Don Schwartz. Don was the only flyer to succeed and won an extra raffle ticket. The helicopter didn't fare so well. Back to the shop!

Show and Tell:

Steve Snider showed an upgrade he made to his DX7 Transmitter. He added a blue backlight kit to his radio that makes the screen much easier to read, especially in low light. Would be great for night flying. About 3 hours installation time. Steve got the kit from Apro Hobbies. See Steve if you want more information. Installation is negotiable!

Sno Ball Raffle:

The raffle this month is worth \$82.00. The winning ticket was drawn by Bill Howe. Bill reached into the canister and.....drew out an orange ball. Sorry, Bill, no money tonight. \$41.00 will seed the raffle in July and \$41.00 goes to the Club. Start saving your money for the July meeting. There will only be 6 orange balls left and the magic WHITE ball. Save you non-winning tickets for the "special" raffle drawing at the Christmas dinner. Last year the winning prize was a DX6i 2.4 GHz radio.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:20 p.m.

Submitted by:

Steve Snider, Secretary, AMOS Flying Club