



AMOS June 2020 Newsletter

AMOS Board Meeting Saturday 6/6/2020 @ 10 am. – recap

Location: AMOS Field

Guests Present: Dave Long, Chance Harris, Dan Burghardt, Keith Fick

President Doug Reid presided.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: On **Motion** by John S, second by Doug K, the minutes of the previous Board meeting were **approved**.

Review of Post COVID 19 Field Guidelines: Doug R pointed out that Placer County has loosened its guidelines and raised the question to what extent our field guidelines should be loosened. All Board members concurred that it is too soon to allow visitors, but it is not necessary to keep the gate closed because there have not been so many people dropping in lately. However, for the time being, the field is for members only.

AMA Pins: John S reported that the AMA Gold Leader pins have arrived and he has a list of the members who have asked for them. So far, AMA has not billed us.

Administration of AMOS Facebook Page: Doug R expressed concern that there is an AMOS Facebook page that is not official and contains information which is (a) not official and (b) incorrect. It appears that Basil created the page, but anyone can post messages to it. A discussion followed in which Board Members who are familiar with Facebook used various buzz words that meant little to Board Members of an older generation. In the end, the Board decided that Karen and Basil should work it out.

Use of Name Badges by Members and Guests: There is a problem in that many pilots are flying without name badges, and they may or may not be members (or guests.) Doug has sent around an email asking members to wear their badges when they fly, but it has had little effect. The Board agreed that we should all try to be “self-policing” and ask any pilot who is not wearing a badge to put it on. Andrew will post a membership list in the frequency board and keep it up to date to verify the membership of anyone who claims to be a member but did not bring his badge.

Start Date for Flight Training Program: Agreed that training cannot start until Placer County cancels the 6 foot distance requirement, so for the time being we cannot determine a start date.

RC Training for Wounded Warriors: Doug R believes some wounded warriors would enjoy learning to fly RC, and he will notify the organization when training starts.

Scott Monroe Drone Training: Doug R said he had told Scott that it would be OK to occasionally bring guests to learn to fly drones as long as they are AMA members, and asked the Board if there was any disagreement. Nobody objected.

Jet Fly Event Presentation: Dave Long brought the Board up to date on his planes for the Jet Event. Here are some of the highlights of his presentation:

1. Dave is financing the event out of his own pocket. He expects a profit of \$1,000 to \$1,500 which will go to the club.
2. There are at least 50 pilots expected
3. Vendors will be bringing Jets with buddy-box setups, and any AMA member who wants to will get a chance to fly a jet.
4. Any kind of jet, EDF or turbine, wood or foam can participate.
5. There will be tent with cooling for participants to dine or just cool off.
6. Neil Smiley will be the CD
7. There will be awards for Best Sport Jet, Best Scale Jet, Best EDF Jet, Most Flights, Top Gun Award, and People's Choice Award.
8. Because of COVID uncertainty, he will make a go-or-no-go decision thirty days before the event.

Four New Shade Awnings: Dave Long proposed that he would pay one-half the \$4,800 cost of four new shade awnings (similar to the ones that Chance and his friends put up last year) if the club to pay the other one-half as follows: seven hundred dollars from left over contributions to Chance's project and \$1,700 from club general funds. There was discussion of whether to remove existing shade coverings from the project area, but the decision was deferred on this question, and eventually it can be decided by the members.

Doug K made a **Motion** which was seconded by Dave C to accept Dave's proposal and to pay \$2,400 on the project, 700 from leftover contributions from last year's project and \$1,700 from the club's general funds, subject to Dave Long paying the other half of the project cost and subject to approval by the members at the next general meeting. The **Motion passed.**

Two Additional Shade Awnings: Dave Long made essentially the same proposal to put in two additional shade awnings at the north end of the pits with Dave contributing one-half the cost of \$2,400 and the club paying one-half the cost. There was discussion of whether the club has sufficient funds for the project, and the Board concluded it does.

John S made a **Motion** which was seconded by Karen C to accept Dave's proposal and to pay \$1,200 for the project from the club's general funds, subject to Dave Long paying the other half of the project cost and subject to approval by the members at the next general meeting. The **Motion passed.**

Gazebo Area: Dave Long offered to pay the cost of cementing the floor of the gazebo but John S said the County would go ballistic over any concrete work. It was decided to use petromat that we have on hand in stead.

Next General Meeting: Because of the need for social distancing the next General Meeting will be held at the field on Saturday, June 13th.

Rock and Gravel Projects: The Board discussed whether to proceed with the expansion of the gravel parking area at the south end and installing rock to protect the gazebo in light of social

distancing. These projects have been approved by the members. It was concluded that the work could be done without danger of spreading COVID 19. Keith F said he would let Dave C know when his brother's tractor will be available.

Keith estimated his out of pocket expense would be \$100. John S Made a Motion seconded by Dave C to reimburse Keith F \$100 for tractor work. Motion passed.

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President Doug Reid Presiding

Minutes of Previous Meeting: On **Motion** made and seconded the Minutes of the previous General Meeting were **Approved**.

Review of Post COVID 19 Field Guidelines: The President stated that Placer County has moved to Phase Three of re-opening and called for discussion on whether our no visitor policy should be modified accordingly. Discussion followed.

Fred L made the following **Motion** which was seconded by Dave C: Access to the field shall be limited to AMOS members, members of their family, and invited AMA members. **Motion passed.**

Presentation of Life Membership to John Sorenson: Doug K presented John S with a life membership in honor of his years of leadership and service since the inception of the club.

The Secretary was directed to amend the minutes of the General Meeting on January 14, 2020 which had intentionally omitted the members' approval of this award so that it could be a surprise.

Posting on Facebook – personal messages only: The president requested that members not post information about club events or club business on the AMOS Facebook page and that official postings be limited to the club's website.

He requested that members post personal messages only. Andrew W said that the Facebook page is now limited to posting by the administrator only.

Use of Name Badges by All Members and Guests: The President requested all members to wear their badges. The Membership Chairman brought in plastic sealed membership information for posting in the frequency board.

Wednesday Flight Training Postponed: Flight training is suspended until further notice. The President proposed inviting Wounded Warriors to participate when training resumes.

Upcoming Field Projects:

9. **Extension of Parking Lot/Gravel Eating Area:** Dave C working on hard firm dates. Mike J will bring Bobcat. Keith F will advise when tractor is ready for use. Gravel supplier needs two weeks notice. Anyone who wants to help, please contact Dave Correll. He will put you on a list and contact you when dates are firm.

10. **Cal Fire Burn:** John S. reported that Cal Fire will burn the field but hasn't given him a date. (Note: Doug sent an email to all members on Sunday with an update from Dave Correll. Cal Fire will execute a field perimeter burn Tuesday. Pilots can fly Tuesday - 6/16/20. Cal Fire will Burn, the AMOS Field on Wednesday 6/17/20. The Field will be CLOSED to ALL Flyers 6/17/20. Field back OPEN on Thursday 6/18/20.)

Shade Awning Expansion Project: Dave Long presented his proposal to expand shade awnings. Dave proposed that he would pay one-half the \$4,800 cost of four new shade awnings (similar to the ones that Chance and his friends put up last year) if the club pays the other one-half as follows:

seven hundred dollars from left over contributions to Chance's project and \$1,700 from club general funds.

He made essentially the same proposal to put in two additional shade awnings at the north end of the pits with Dave contributing one-half the cost of \$2,400 and the club paying one-half the cost. This would bring the total cost paid by the club to \$3,600.

The Secretary pointed out that this expenditure is not in the approved 2020 budget and would reduce the projected surplus for the year from \$14,000 \$10,400. Doug K made a **Motion** seconded by Mike R to spend \$3,600 for the projects as proposed and to leave the existing shade covers in place. The **Motion passed.**

Board Reports:

- **Vice President Doug Keller:** The July Board Meeting will be at the field on Tuesday July 7 at 7:00 pm. The July General Meeting will be at the field on Saturday July 11 at 10:00 am.

- **Secretary Jody Kahan:** Annual Renewal and Report to Attorney General is due July 15 with a \$25 filing fee. Statement of Officers Report with the CA Secretary of State is due August 15 with a \$20 filing fee.

- **Safety/Training Officer Les Klear:** We are holding up training until social distancing is not required.

- **Past President John Sorenson:** We have a limited number of AMA Gold Leader Club pins which members can request. They will be gratis because AMA has never billed us for them.

AMOSRC 2020 Events

All Events are Subject to approval by Board and are Tentative

Sat. August 8th Electric Fun Fly - Presidents Fun Fly Aug 18th

Contacts: Randy Allen 530-346-6590 - Free Lunch for Members on Aug 18th

Friday Sept. 11th - 13th Sun. Sept. 17th Thunder in the Valley Jet Rally

Contacts: Keith Fick 916-439-0707

Sat. Sept 26th - Rotors Over Roseville Helicopter Event

Contacts: Basil Yousif 916-410-2791

Geordan White 916-521-8590



Sat. Oct. 3rd AmoBro Profile Event

Contact: Randy Allen 530-346-6590

Sat. Oct. 17th - Sun. Oct. 18th Nor-Cal Huckfest Giant Scale Event

Contacts: Basil Yousif 916-410-2791

Geordan White 916-521-8590



January 1st 2021 Freeze and Fly Event

Contact: Chance Harris 530-320-1955

Volunteers are needed at these events. If you see an event you may want to help out at, feel free to get a hold of the contacts listed or me (Karen Correll-Contest Coordinator/Public Relations 916-798-3122)

AMOS Event News:



Warbirds Event - Mike Dunbar - June 20th

This event was a small club members only affair but was graced with many fine Warbirds. 16 planes were flown by around 8 AMOS pilots. The day was hot but the wind blowing right down the runway kept things cool. Mike Dunbar thanked all the members that flew in the event for coming out.

Next years will no Doubt be a big event when everything get's back to normal.



AMOS Field Controlled Burn

Here a are some great pictures John Garfien took of the Controlled burn at the AMOS field on Wednesday June 17th.



Trying to get the right ratio of Epoxy when combining Hardener and Resin Don't get Mixed-up use a scale!

Trying to mix regular epoxy in equal parts or Fiber-glassing grade epoxy in different mix ratios can be difficult when either eyeballing the mix or even using syringes.

With standard 5, 30 minute epoxy a bad mix can decrease the strength ,dry to fast or slow. With the Fiber-glassing type of epoxy too much hardener will cause the mixture to get hot - burn and smoke then dry immediately, get out of the way!!

Simple solution get a small scale – used for jewelry measurement. These small scales are so cheap and accurate now that a good quality one is only \$10 to \$20. There also small and can fit into the Box you store your glue.

There are larger Scales that are used for food measurement, but they tend to round off to the nearest gram ,ounce. The smaller jewelry scales are more precise for making small weight measurements.

The benefit of using a food scale is that you can also measure airplane parts like tires to see how much weight your adding to a plane when assembling it.

Food scales are so common and there are loads of them on Amazon as low as \$10.

