AMOS January,February and March 2017 Newsletter

AMOS Board Meeting January 3rd @ 7:00PM – recap

Discussion Loan Payment Gloria Irey - Cash flow projection for 2017 passed around. Based on this projection, there should be sufficient funds to pay off outstanding loan of $16,000 this year. However, January renewals still unknown. Last year, about $4,000 came in January (and projected for this year) but until this is known, too soon for firm projection. Motion by John Sorenson, second by Gloria: Move vote on loan payoff to February Board Meeting. Passed.

Donation to AMA Gloria Irey: Received thank you letter from AMA for $200 donation made last year.

Discussion - Mail In Vote Ballots Jim Irey: Passed out a proposal to create a system of mail in voting for constitutional amendments, Modeler of the Year, and Officers. Purpose: to broaden member involvement in voting and give more say to members who are unable to attend meetings

Motion by John Sorenson, second by Jody Kahan:
In order to make it easier for members who are not present at a general meeting to vote for officers and Modeler of the Year, we will try to have all candidates on record at least two weeks before election. We will distribute a combined ballot and proxy on a single form two weeks before the election. We will distribute the form by email to all members who have access to email. We will distribute the form by US Mail to any members who do not have access to email. Any member who has email but for any reason is unable to print the ballot/proxy form may request a paper copy.
In accordance with existing procedures, any member can sign an unlimited proxy or can use the ballot form to indicate how there proxy is to vote. All proxies must be signed. Completed proxies must be delivered to the Secretary in advance of the election or brought to the meeting. Members may deliver their signed proxies to the Secretary or to the person named as proxy (1) in person, (2) by US Mail, or (3) by a pdf scan delivered by email. Emailed proxies that do not bear a signature will not be counted. Any member who delivers a proxy will not be permitted to submit a ballot at the general meeting unless he first revokes the proxy.

Vice President Randy Sizemore. Regarding conflicts with other clubs events, has been in contact with Dist. X Coordinator Forrest Barton.

Secretary Jody Kahan. Request that approval of previous month's minutes be on the agenda for both Board meetings and general meetings. Doug Keller: Same should apply to Treasurer's reports.

Membership Jim Irey. 230 members as of 12/31. Not all will renew. Members have until January 31 to renew without penalty.

Field Marshall Glen Gibson. Roping to be completed as soon as weather permits. Two people can do the job.

AMOS General Meeting January 10th @ 7:00PM – recap

New Member: Tom Aschwanden

Christmas Party President said he got good feedback. Members present made positive comments.

Amos Flight Instructors Shirts - Mike reported Jim Irey got the shirts and distributed them. John Hainlen modeled the shirt.

Donation to AMA - Mike reported that the $200 donation had been made to AMA as approved at previous general meeting. The club received acknowledgment letter from AMA. The funds will be used for scholarships and education.

Shade Structure Damage Two shade structures south of pits wrecked by wind. Covers reusable. Supports require replacement. Entire new kit less expensive than individual parts. Parts that were not damaged can be reused. Left overs will be kept for spares. Cost for two structures about $570. Hold off ordering until after current storm in case of any new damage. Sending an application to AMA for disaster relief. $500 limit. Will have to see if it is approved.

Application for Leader Club Status - AMOS has become a AMA Gold Member club Motion by John Sorenson, seconded, that club designate area by two flag poles as spectator area to satisfy AMA Gold member criteria. Approved. Jim Irey to obtain appropriate sign.

President Mike Haston - The AMOS Field is not flooded. Jesse did a good job on drainage. Took pictures for disaster relief application. Seems a few chairs might be missing. Recommends that AMOS members consider becoming AMA Leader Members. Please check it out on the AMA website.

Vice President Randy Sizemore - Woodland/Davis field underwater.

Mike Haston - will be Looking at January renewals to determine if there will be enough on hand to pay off outstanding loan entirely. A good portion of the loan should be paid off in February.

Membership Jim Irey - 231 members as of December 31. Don't know yet how many will not renew. Gate code changes January 31.

Field Marshall Glen Gibson - Lacing on safety fence will be done next non-rainy day.

Past President John Sorenson. Reported on AMA Expo/Convention. He got the impression that the FAA would like to leave AMA members alone. However, FAA authorization comes up again in Congress this year. AMA will be working to preserve the community based organization exemption. AMA members will be asked to write their congressmen.

AMOS Board Meeting February 7 @ 7:00PM – recap

Vice-president Randy Sizemore presided.

AMA Disaster Relief - Randy reported that Mike has not yet heard back from AMA on our request for reimbursement for damage to shade structures.

AMA Leader Club Randy reported that Mike has not yet heard back from AMA on our request for recognition as an AMA Leader Club.

Loan Repayment Treasurer Gloria Irey recommended that we repay $13,000 of the club's outstanding $16,000 loan at this time. She cautioned against further reducing available cash at this time, but projected that there would be sufficient cash to repay the remaining balance before the end of the year. The loan does not bear interest as long as it is paid in full by the due date. On Motion by Jim Irey seconded by Randy Sizemore the proposal to repay $13,000 at this time was approved.

Mike Kohler for Associate Member - Jim Irey recommended that Mike Kohler be presented at the General Meeting for awarding an Associate Membership. An associate member does not vote, fly, or pay dues. Jim stated that Mike is an appropriate choice because he is a long time member, is dedicated to the club, no longer flies, no longer owns planes, and has physical and vision problems that unfortunately mean he will not be flying in the future. One Motion made by Jim seconded by Geordan White the proposal to present Mike Kohler to the general meeting for a vote on awarding an associate membership passed.

New Shade Structures Jim Irey reported shade structures to replace those damaged by wind have been purchased. Will be installed when the ground has dried out enough.

Volunteers for RC Country Swap Meet Randy reported that Tracy and Dean Crump will be running our booth again. Volunteers are needed.

***Board Reports*:**

Secretary Jody Kahan - Annual report to Attorney General's Registry of Charitable Trusts prepared. Ready for filing with $25 fee.

Membership Jim Irey - Currently 189 members (includes some who have not paid 2017 dues yet but say that they will.) About 20% lost.

Contest Coordinator/Public Relations Geordan White - All events filled in on calendar except XMAS party. Will distribute calendar when that info is available.

"No February General Meeting Due to Denny's being renovated."

AMOS Board March 7 @ 7:00PM – recap

Unfinished Business

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AMA Leader Club Amos was awarded the Leader Club Gold Status. Received a brass plaque and a framed, embossed, certificate. Also a leader club pin for each member of the club. Brass plaque will be mounted on the frequency board. Pins will be handed out at general meeting. President points out that club will have to work to maintain gold status through community outreach and charitable activity.

Loan Repayment President reported that $13,000 principal paid on outstanding loan and only $3,000 remains owing.

***New Business*:**

AMA Update Mike Haston: DJI, a leading manufacturer of drones, and AMA have joined to get her to promote drone safety and education and create a drone safety program. Mike pointed out that individual AMA members can become leader members and receive advance notifications of important AMA news such as this.

Mowing 9:00 AM this Thursday. Will put out a call for volunteers. Should be five working mowers.

Training Will began Wednesday, March 15, weather permitting

***Board Reports*:**
President Mike Haston. Field looks good. Maybe some patching needed.

Vice President Randy Sizemore - Had contact from District X associate VP Forrest Barton regarding revival of a series of club team fun flies. Under the format, clubs would form teams, each club would host one event. Each club would organize the activities for the meeting at its site. Each club participating would have to agree to be present at every event. This program was last held several years ago. Will discuss at general meeting. Have to see if any member willing to take the lead.

Secretary Jody Kahan. Annual report to Attorney General's Registry of Charitable Trusts filed.

Treasurer Gloria Irey. Opened Umpqua Bank account with $2,000. Can't close Schools C.U. account until last check has cleared. Lease payments are on automatic withdrawal at Schools. Have to transfer to Umpqua. Copy of Treasurer's reports attached.

Safety/Training Van Berg. Will remind instructors that training begins March 15.

Membership Jim Irey - Currently there are 180 paid up members plus six who say they will renew but haven't paid yet. About 20% lost.

Contest Coordinator/Public Relations Geordan White - Documents for all scheduled events on hand. Ready for events to happen. Heard that Lodi Huck Fest, a huge Giant Scale event, won't be put on this year in Lodi, and it is possible we could put it on as our already scheduled giant scale event. Geordan and Basil will get more info and be ready to discuss this possibility at the general meeting.

Field Marshall Glen Gibson - Heard that there is a potential tripping hazard where 2X4's edging the handicap path are sticking up from the ground. Also, would like to keep trash bags at the field, but they keep getting ripped off.

AMOS General Meeting March 14th @ 7:00PM – recap

Unfinished Business
AMA Leader Club President Mike Haston - AMOS has been awarded AMA Leader Club Gold Status - This status gives club higher priority for disaster relief (among other benefits.) Club has received a certificate and brass plaque (presented to meeting.) Group photo with certificate and plaque to be sent to AMA. Leader Club pins distributed to members. To maintain gold status, club has to continue to conduct training, put on public relations, and donate to AMA.

Loan Payment President Mike Haston: Club paid $13,000 against its $16,000 of debt, leaving only $3,000 of debt. Definitely will be paid off by next year. Some members suggest it could be paid off by the end of this year. Some discussion of building a fund for major field improvements.

Mike Kohler (proposed for Associate Member) Jim Irey Mike has been a member since club began. Because of health problems and failing eyesight will not fly anymore, but would like to stay connected to club. An Associate Member is entitled to all benefits of membership except flying and voting and is not required to be an AMA member or pay AMOS dues. Motion by Jim to make Mike Kohler an associate member with the words "associate member" to be added to his member ship card passed by voice vote.

***New Business*:**

AMA Update President Mike Haston: DJI, the world's largest drone manufacturer, is teaming up with AMA to create a drone safety program. Mike also encourages AMOS members to become AMA leader members.

***Fred Quartier Remembered* - Long time member and prior safety officer has passed away. A celebration of his life will be held in May, date to be announced.**

Student training begins 4:00 PM Wednesday, March 15.

Upcoming Star watching Event at the AMOS field

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Stargazing April 27 - the Lincoln Hills Stargazing Club will be setting up their telescopes on the west side of the field starting 6:00 to 7:00 PM. All members are invited to come and have a look. Telescopes will be aimed at near objects in our solar system as well as objects beyond our galaxy.

Helicopter Fun Fly May 13 - Basil Yousif, Pilots are coming from Sacramento Valley Rotary Wings and Lincoln Heli Flyers. There will be a lot of Amazing 3D.

Float Fly May 17-21, Camp Far West John Sorenson is running this event. He needs a cook.

***Board Reports*:**

President Mike Haston - Lots of mowing last Thursday. Started with four working lawn mowers, down to two at the end of the day. Need to finish mowing, knock down before grass gets too tall. Hopefully won't have to rent a brush hog. Randy Sizemore suggests carrying fire extinguishers on board while mowing after grass gets dry.

Vice President Randy Sizemore - District X coordinator Forrest Barton proposing series of club team fun flies among Mather, SAM, Lodi, and AMOS. Contact Randy if you are interested in participating.

Treasurer Gloria Irey - Copies of Treasurer's reports were attached to 3/7/17 Board Minutes. Mike Haston reported in Gloria's place. Might be able to pay off remaining loan balance by November. Total cash on hand currently $4,071.99.

Membership Jim Irey. 194 members presently - Many say they will renew but have not sent in checks yet.

Field Marshall Glen Gibson - Shade covers ready to be reinstalled. Discussion followed whether to reinstall where they are now or reorient for wind protection. Jim Irey wants to inspect before committing to placement.

Safety/Training Van Berg Made up a flyer for training and posted at Hobby town and Fast Track. Will bring to RC Country Swap Meet.

AMOS 2017 Events

April 15th, Saturday, RC Country Swap Meet- AMOS Volanteers

May 13th, Saturday, Helicopter Fun Fly, Basil Yousif & Geordan White

May 17th-21st, Wed - Sun, Float Fly Camp Far West, John Sorenson

June 10th, Saturday, Warbirds Over Roseville, Mike Haston

August 12, Saturday, Electric Fun Fly, John Hainlen

September 9th, Saturday, Presidents Fun Fly, Mike Haston

September 29th to Oct 1st, Fri - Sun, Jet Fly, Randy Sizemore

October 7th, Saturday, AmoBro Fun Fly

October 14 and 15th – Nor Cal Huckfest at the AMOS field– Basil Yosif, Gary Meyer and Geordon White.

Proposed Move of the Helicopter Flying Area

A proposal to move the Helicopter Flying Field has been brought to the Board. When flying Helicopters in the current location facing south the Helicopter Pilots have the Sun in there eyes. This has caused many crashes and has forced Pilots to circle over the parking lot to avoid the glaring rays of the sun. Some members that are using the parking lot for Astronomy along with others getting out of there cars are directly below the flying Helicopters. This is causing a unsafe condition.

The New Helicopter pad and Shade structure location.

The new location will be oriented the same as the Airplane flying field - North to South with the Pilot facing East. The tables will be located near the west fence (turkey farm) a few hundred feet down from the present location. This moves the helicopter flying circuit away from the parking lot and makes use of land that is unused further down the field. The area is also further back behind the Airplane Runway than it was before. This area was to be made into a car track and was in the original field plans as a area to be used by the club.

Project ;

A new shade structure is needed since the old one was destroyed in the storms. Leveling the small area won't take long but a tractor will have to be rented. There is extra Petromat and no AB will be used to simplify the job.
The AMOS Board will present a estimated cost at the April General Meeting.

This will make the Helicopter Flying area much safer for everyone and make helicopter flying much more enjoyable.

Event Memories from 2016

Giant Scale

Rotors Over Roseville

Best of Jokes:

The Devil Visits a Church

Last Sunday the Devil visited a church just as the service started.

As soon as the congregation realized who it was they all ran away except one old man.

The Devil went over to him and asked him, "Don't you know who I am?"

"Yup" was the old man's answer.
"Well aren't you afraid?"
"Nope", the old man answered.
"Don't you know all the terrible things I can do to you?" asked the Devil.
"Yup" replied the old man.
"And you're still not afraid?
"Nope"
"Tell me, old man, why aren't you afraid of me? asked the Devil.

"I've been married to your sister for the last 34 years!"