AMOS RC NEWS

This is the new format for the AMOS RC newsletter. I have been elected this year as the newsletter editor and in an effort to make it interesting and possibly even something you might actually want to read, I'm going to try to focus more on our members and make it less of a "cut and paste" re-hash of the meeting minutes. I'll still include the minutes at the end of the newsletter because I'm sure some of you want to read them. As part of this new effort I've decided to have a Member Spotlight on one member every month. If you're the lucky one nominated and want to participate, I'll send you a list of questions and you can pick and choose which ones you want to answer. You also get to nominate two other members (in case one doesn't want to participate) for the next month and we'll see how it goes from there. We'll start it off with the AMOS Modeler Of The Year 2022, Mr. Randy Allen.

If you have any comments, ideas or suggestions for future newsletters feel free to email me @ ngraham_03@icloud.com.

Member Spotlight Randy Allen

How long have you been a member of AMOS?
About 11 years.

Where are you originally from?
Early years in the Bay area. We moved around a lot. Then about 1970 we moved to the Colfax area. My step dad was a carpenter and taught me to work in the trade.

How long have you been flying RC?
Been flying about 11 years.

What do you do for a living?
Always self employed. Got into building musical instruments on and off since the early 80's Started importing wood for instruments in the mid 90s and had to choose between building or supplying too the trade. So for the last 25 years I have been an importer and exporter as manufacturer of instrument parts.

How did you get started in RC?
Like everyone else my wife threw me out! LOL Actually she could see I had a lot of stress in my life and she knew some people we would see at music festivals every year and tried to connect me. My response was ho-hum at first. Then life brought more challenges. A very stressful IRS audit. and that seemed a good distraction. That was the start. I found it very therapeutic. I know you know this but you absolutely can't think of other things when you are flying a plane. I thought the IRS audit was the worst thing I could ever face. I found out later this was just a small bump in the road compared to what was to come. I am so glad to have this hobby in place and many good friends to share life with during those troubled times. There were a couple years where the only place you would hear a laugh out of me was at the flying field. Such a fun hobby full of the craziest mishaps and really fine people. I am glad to be a part of it.

Who got you started in RC?
As I mentioned my wife made the first move. I did the things most of us do. Bought a plane, flew it for 10 seconds crashed it had to go repair for a few hours --Rinse and Repeat! And of course my second plane was a Corsair! Ha Ha Fly crash repair Rinse and Repeat! The beauty of club membership is the help you can avail yourself of. Mike Rutledge was the first to help me fly my out of control clouds fly (glider type) I thought something was wrong but he took over and the plane flew perfect! I remember him saying that one of us needed to fly the airplane if we were both spectating it was sure to crash! LOL I heard someone say today "if you want to get a closer look at your problem just go get a bigger mirror". Bob Deatherage helped me a lot and did some buddy box training with me. He would often help me get a plane trimmed out and flying great only to watch me crash it the very next day! HaHa. John Sorenson was also a big help and put me up on a buddy box a number of times. John Hainlen was also helpful and did some training flights. These guys taught me some tricks that probably saved me $500 in airplanes. Fred Quartier taught me to laugh my head off and how to call out "LANDING" after the plane was completely destroyed in a crash!

What other clubs around the country have you flown at?
Livermore, Sierra Foothills Flyers, Mather, Woodland Davis, Napa

Have you competed in RC? What have you competed in?
I competed with a friend of mine on who could fly the slowest one time. We had identical Senior Telecasters with flaps. My friend won the contest but he lost his airplane in that contest. It stalled and destroyed it. I still have the wings from that plane. That was the day I learned if you go slow enough with landing flaps all your other controls stop working! I was going just enough faster to keep flying. LOL

What do you like best about flying at AMOS?
The camaraderie. After you can keep a plane in the air without crashing it can get a little boring just being out flying by yourself. I probably have the most friends I have ever had in my life right now, all centered around this hobby.

Nominated for next month are Vincent Tremeroli and Leron Lee, be on the lookout for an email from me.

New Solo Pilot

Our club has picked up 65 new members throughout this past year. Many are new to the hobby and are training to solo for the first time. Josh Hall was the first of the year completing his first solo flight on 1/2/23! Congratulations Josh!

Important Club Dates

Everything Electric	**April 22nd, 2023**
Warbirds Over Roseville	**May 5th - 6th, 2023**
Nor-Cal 3D Throwdow	**June 9th - 10th, 2023**
Patter Contest	**Jun3 17th, 2023**
Thunder In The Valley Jet Rally	**Sept 21st - 23rd, 2023**
Central Valley Heli-Fest	**Sept 28th - 20th, 2023**

AMOS General Membership Meeting Minutes

Saturday 01/14/2023 @
Aerospace Museum 2nd floor conference room
President Dave Long presiding
Meeting called to order @ 10:03 am

Roll Call:
> A roll call was taken at the onset of the meeting per request by Dave Long. The roll call total was 23 to 24 members. (One may have shown up late and was not counted as present.)

Motions:
> A motion was made to accept the minutes from the previous General Membership meeting on 11/12/2022.
The motion was seconded, voted on, and passed.
> A motion was made to accept the proposed budget for 2023 prepared By Jody. The budget was comprehensively explained by Jody and discussed by the members.
The motion was seconded, voted on, and passed.
> A motion was made to approve the issue of credit cards, to be drawn from our AMOS account to President Dave Long and Vice President Keith Fick, for assistance in their purchases of ancillary needs for the club. This will streamline the accounting of said purchases and reduce the need to provide numerous and miscellaneous receipts.
The motion was seconded, voted on, and passed.
> A motion was made to allow long-time member Bob Erdman to park his motorhome and trailer temporarily at a specified location on the AMOS field. This will give time for Bob to secure a permanent residence and also provide some much needed security at our field. The duration may range from a few weeks to a few months.
The motion was seconded, voted on, and passed.

Discussions:

The following are some excerpts from Daves' agenda for this meeting:

"> Discuss progress on the Solar System Project (to be included in the 2023 budget). > Discuss revenue sources for Solar Project: $6,000 in donations so far, will ask for more and $10,000 from AMOS. to Discuss "Donation Request " to members for Solar Project which will keep us on track for long-term projects. > Discuss web pages with updates and donation landing/ processing. > Discussion of relationship and reciprocity with the Red Baron. > Letter to MRF requesting

their OK for Rocketry at AMOS. No response yet.
> Partnership with California Aerospace Museum. What it is and the progress of Suzette completed the Aerospace Museum Partnership landing page for our website. Now to Deena. > Suzette working on the 3 tri-folds, updates to Membership and Events plus a new Training/ Kids tri-fold. Members will receive all 3 electronically before printing. > Final request made for the manager of Float Fly o Made $110 at the Freeze Fly (after expenses). > Chance managing the food concession. Large Smoker coming. Improving food prep inventory to accommodate. > Any questions regarding the 2022 Year in Review Letter o Rich Fabbre and Dave are pursuing the 3 major newspapers for the 4 Sun Cities. Will start with one ad to see how it goes. > Dave is crafting an AMOS presentation/ article to the AMA for possible publication. > Code on the front gate will change Jan 31st. Must be registered and paid 2023 dues to get code. > Camera repair soon."

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Further discussions:
> Dave stated that the solar project will cost more than expected. A request for members' donations will appear on the AMOS website soon as well as the need for volunteers to provide labor for the trenching, petromat removal and replacement, AB disbursement, etc.. Dave also stated that the Aerospace Museum receives no funds from any government agency and is dependent solely on public donations.
> Jody will move $10k to the AMOS reserve fund to aid in financing possible AMOS field relocation in the future.
> Events that have been paid for in the past by Dave, then requesting partial reimbursement from AMOS will change to AMOS paying for the events with funds raised from our food concession, event fees, etc. with Dave covering the excess expenses. The proceeds and donations from the banquet dinners at our events will be allocated 50% to charities and 50% to AMOS. Dave also shared that the damaged surveillance cameras at our field are under repair/replacement.
> Suzette has crafted an AMOS introduction video on the AMOS Facebook site. One must check it out..very well done!
> Father John and a few other members brought attention that the AMOS application pdf download includes numerous color photos that consume copious amounts of ink from a color printer to print. Dave stated he will task our web manager to make the application download portion to be black and white printable only.
> Jody requested and received three committee volunteers to oversee the audit of our 2023 budget, which shall be presented at our February General Membership meeting.
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> Andrew stated that he is working to resolve issues with some dues paid through PayPal. Dave added that using electronic payments to Andrew significantly reduces the time involved to process payments.
> Keith stressed the need “Stay on the Gravel” with your vehicles at the field. Sinking will be instant, and Good Luck getting a tow truck to show up. (this happened to my Jeep some years ago…took 10 hrs and several 2 x 12s and shovels to dig myself out…. and then had to tow out two others that sunk while trying to help me.)

Please see Jodys’ attached budget.

Meeting adjourned @ 11:18 am
Minutes prepared and submitted by
Michael J. Dunbar
AMOS Secretary 2023

AMOS Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday January 3, 2023 via ZOOM call
President Dave Long presiding
Meeting called to order @ 7:01 pm

Notice: The general meeting scheduled for Saturday the 14th will be held indoors at the Aerospace Museum of California @ McClellan Park @ 10:00 am.

Motions:
> To accept the minutes from the previous Bd Meetings on 11/12/2022 and 12/06/2022.
The motion was voted on and passed.
New Business:
> Discussion ensued regarding Jodys’ comprehensive budget for 2023 and a recap of 2022 in detail. (a pdf file of Jodys’ budget will be included with these minutes) Discussions included the proposed solar system project as well as field improvements, the three Main events, and smaller “off broadway” events, including working towards the club providing more financing for said events.
> Jody will move $10k from our operating expenses to reserve to provide additional funds for possible relocation of AMOS in the future.
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> Dave suggested finding an avenue for generating funds for AMOS itself from our events. A discussion of possibly designating 10% or 20% from our charity revenues to benefit AMOS was tabled for future meetings pending research on proper methods to do such.
> Dave will be in touch with Shanti Landon (Placer County Sup.) for assistance in providing a QUALIFIED inspector to assist in the overlooking and implementation of our coming solar electrical project. Also, a web page is coming for donations to our solar project.
> Dave informed the board that the east camera at the field is broken and will be replaced in the near future.
> Dave reported that Suzette has completed the Aerospace Museum Partnership landing page on our website and that it has been sent to Deena for implementation. She is also working on three tri-folds, updates to Membership and Events, plus a new kids training tri-fold.
< John will propose a motion at the next general membership meeting to memorialize the cancellations of the past two membership meetings due to the poor weather conditions.
> Andrew reported that our membership stands at 261.
> The freeze fly cleared $110 after expenses.
> Chance Harris will be managing the food concession this year. A large smoker unit is also on the way. BTW;
Major Kudos out to Chance Harris for providing an outstanding meal at our Freeze (WIND) Fly!

Thank you Chance!

Please take note that a leader is needed for our annual Float Fly to continue.

Meeting adjourned @ 8:31 pm
Minutes prepared and submitted by
Michael J. Dunbar
AMOS Secretary 2023