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Good Neighbors

At the October meeting we will hear nominations for next year's officers, both from the floor as well as from the Nominating Committee. The nominating committee always has a difficult job; its members face more rejection than a door to door salesman.

Last Sunday evening (September 17th) I received a call on the answering machine from our neighbor. He was upset that someone was stunting over his house and his swimming pool. When I called him back, he provided a description of the plane and, although by that time the field was locked up for the night, I was soon able to talk to the pilot and trade E-mails with a witness.

As in several past instances (involving other members) the pilot and his Barnstormer companions were sure the plane did not fly off our property.

When I had talked to the neighbor, he was calm and convincing. At that time I did not know who the pilot was. I conjectured that the flier must have been a "rogue visitor". I decided to leave that impression even after I learned otherwise.

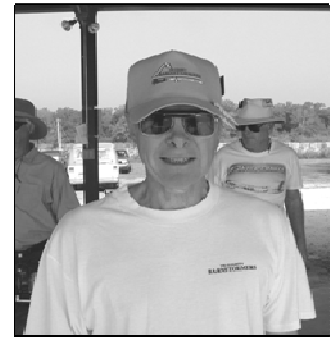
When later I talked to the pilot he, too, was calm and convincing. About the only details the pilot and the neighbor both agreed on was that the plane was flying high, stunting, and that it was very loud. (The pilot has agreed that the noisy condition will be corrected.)

Why would the neighbor be so disturbed if no one flew over? As usual, there is no good way to resolve the ambiguity of these reports.

There is encouraging news at the end of this story: Our neighbor agreed that it had been since July 9th that he had observed anyone else flying over. That is a huge improvement over the near-weekly reports of this spring! This is a tribute to our membership's efforts and demonstrates that largely we are good neighbors, aware of, and trying to follow our rules.

As additional evidence of our good neighbor image: The New Waverly public library has asked us to help with their fund raiser on October 21. Initially they requested a flying demonstration, but we nixed this after surveying the site for safety and clear flying space. Bob Johnson has volunteered to put together a static demonstration instead. He will doubtless need to borrow some of your planes and perhaps your time to set them up. A complicating factor is that our Big Bird is being held on the same day.

A feature of our October 5 meeting will be a lesson in CPR, provided by Captain Jeff McDonald of the Willis Fire Department.



Ken Bauske, President 2006

Vice President Reports from the Field

The mowing crew continues to do a great job in maintaining our field and field equipment. We are mowing the field twice a week to encourage new growth and in anticipation of the BEST event.

The Club approved 25 foot flagpole and flag was purchased and has been installed. The cost of the flag, pole and shipping was \$526.50 and we purchased three bags of cement for \$10.00. The flag will be displayed for major events such as the Big Bird, Best and Glider. You are welcome to raise the flag any time you would like but remember the flag must be lowered and stored at night.



Jim Porter, Vice President

The meeting room of the Club House was painted during September. Many thanks to those who helped with this project (Max Taylor, Jim Coleman, Adam Kaminskis, Melvin Lindsay, Mike Wood, and Bill Langer).

Weekly maintenance: Remember to check if you are responsible for weekly maintenance. The schedule is from Sunday thru Saturday and you may select the day you want to do the maintenance. **Loman Reeves** did a fantastic job for his weekly responsibility! If you are not sure of what to do, check the bulletin board or talk to Loman. There are a lot of members that have not done any of their scheduled maintenance.

Please let me know if you have any special request or would like to help with our current projects.

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From the Treasurer

Harper Taylor, Treasurer

As of Sept. 22 we have had 131 membership renewals. This means that historically we will receive about 2-3 more. Our cash position is good with no current approved expenditures.

Harper Taylor

Minutes for the August 3rd Meeting

* Meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Ken Bauske.

* One guest present.

* Officer reports

-President : An audit committee has been appointed. Members are Bart Massey and Don Ramsey. Results of audit will be reported at the November meeting. A nominating committee to propose officers for the coming year has been appointed. Members of the nominating committee are Joe Berryman, Paul Langner, and Tom Dwyer. A slate of officers will be proposed at the October meeting. The floor will be open to other nominations.

-VP: Renovation of the rest rooms has been completed. Interior painting of the clubhouse is underway. The roadway needs maintenance.

-Treasurer: The treasury is in good shape. Currently have 125 members.

-Secretary: no report.

* **Safety report**—Adam reports there have been no accidents year to date. Adam requests that all members **get familiar** with the club flying rules. Adam requested that Gary Baumgartner fabricate six tail traps. (Note: they have been completed and are available for use. **Everyone** is encouraged to use them.)

* Events

- Sailplane: Al Dalnoki reported a successful event.

- BEST: Kirk Jensen is requesting volunteers to help with the electric event. General planning is going well.

- Big Bird: Adam reported that planning is going well.

* **AMA**- Max informed the meeting that there is a wealth of good info on the AMA website.

* Old Business

- Flagpole: purchase of a flagpole and flag not to exceed \$1000.00 was approved.

- Range finder: Members present approved purchase of a range finder not to exceed \$400.00. This will be used to monitor aircraft location when flying near the east property line.

* New Business

- Fun Fly: In the absence of any proponents at the meeting, there are currently no plans to approve a club fun fly.

- An item will be placed on the October 5 agenda to provide a yearly field maintenance budget not to exceed \$3500, subject to annual review and approval by the membership. (Presently each expenditure exceeding \$300 must be approved in a two month meeting cycle. This amount is approximately the cost of a single truck load of gravel.)

- An item will be placed on the October 5 agenda to approve \$400.00 (not to exceed) for purchase of DR trimmer/mower or similar machine.

* **Special presentation** - Kirk Massey (New Creations R/C) made a presentation on new products for electric powered aircraft.

* **Model of the month** -Three models present

* **Attendance jackpot**—no winner. The jackpot rolls to next meeting.

* **Over a dozen raffle prizes were awarded** to members present. These included a new engine, a plane kit, and a \$100 gift certificate for New Creations.

* Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Gary Baumgartner - 2006 Secretary



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Field Work Schedule For October 2006



WEEK OF	LEADER	MEMBER	MEMBER
OCT 1	<u>Larry Roloff</u>	Ronnie Rushing	Rudy Rymal
OCT 8	<u>Brian Sauers</u>		Robert Saylor
OCT 15	<u>Bob Schlotter</u>	Ron Schlotter	John Schuren
OCT 22	<u>Tariq Shah</u>	Jim Sheffield	Fredrick J. Sheldon
OCT 26	<u>Richard Silver</u>	Steve Sinner	Jeff Stoner