



MINUTES

Flying Tigers Radio Control Model Club

Feb 06, 2018 – 7:00 PM | Meeting called to order by Tom Kroggel

In Attendance

Number of Members Present – 24

Visitors - 2

Motion made, seconded and approved to accept the minutes of Jan 02, 2018 meeting as written.

Officers' Reports

Commander

For the last 2 weeks Tom was in meetings with the Airport, Port Authority, FAA, Air National Guard, and the Park board concerning us and our flying field at Westwinds park. The final outcome of those meetings is all good. For his part, he presented a power point presentation about our Club and covered aerial pictures of our field showing our flight boundaries and height limits. He also presented a tri-fold brochure with some of our field rules on it.

This issue started last year when an F-16 pilot expressed his concern about us being close to the airport. He said he was unaware of our existence until one day when he went to Westwinds to shoot on the archery range. At that time he saw individuals flying at the field. He asked his commanding officer if he was aware we were there, which he was not, then he inquired at the control tower and they said they were not aware as well so he became upset. The guard suggested we stay below 200 feet, so Tom asked at what altitude they were, if and when they cross our field. The reply was 2400 feet, they then realized 400 feet was adequate. Tom told them we have been flying at that location for 20 years and since they were all unaware of us that would indicate we do not cause them problems.

A new system is going to be installed by the park which for a better term we will call "Green light, Red light." When you go to the field it is still necessary to inform the control tower you are going to fly. After calling you will switch the system to green. Others, coming later, will not need to call the tower as long as the system is green. The last person to leave the field will call the control tower to inform them flights have ended and switch the system to red. During green condition all departing aircraft will be aware we are flying and make every attempt not to over fly us.

Jerry Fink and Craig will be at the next meeting to issue park pass permits and answer possible questions. The park pass cards will be issued at the meeting so please bring your AMA and FAA cards.

A past member, Dave Carpenter passed away this past Sunday Visitation is Feb 9 from 2:00 until 8:00 pm at Newcomer funeral home. The funeral will be Sat at 10:30 AM at the funeral home.

Vice Commander

We just have one activity coming up on Feb 24th. A day trip is planned to go to Urbana to look over a B-17 that is being restored. We will meet at TNT at 10 AM and form a car pool for the trip. Travel time is about 2.5 hours. We will have a lunch there and spend a couple of hours looking at the war bird and then travel back. There is no cost to see the plane, however donations are welcome. If you want to go, let myself or Tom know or you can just show up at the scheduled meeting time.

Training

Nothing to report

Treasurer

Treasurer's report was read and accepted as read.

Trustees

Will have a raffle after the meeting.

Show and Tell

Herschel brought a little gismo that is used to balance your plane. It has pressure sensing pads you place under the landing gear, enter some data about the plane and It will tell you where and how much weight is needed to balance the plane.

Matt displayed a Bat Box that is used to control LIPO fires during storage, charging, or discharging. It will contain a decent sized fire. The only drawback is the leads are too short.

Old Business

Two separate changes for the bylaws were presented discussed and voted on. The first was a proposal to revert back to the wording in revision 21 concerning the requirement for FAA registration to be a member of the club. This proposal passed. The second was the officers (Commander, Vice Commander, Treasure, and the Secretary) have no financial obligation to the club. Mainly they will not need to pay yearly dues while holding office. And all past and/or future officers will have a 5% discount of dues for each year of service. This proposal passed

New Business

This past Friday some friends of Tom Haupricht went to Wright Patterson Airforce Base and took three tours. If you ever go there plan on taking the tours as it gives a new perspective on the museum. The admission and tours are free.

Our equipment stored in the garage was started up to ensure the batteries are not dead and in good working order.

Our airshow will be on August 18th and 19th this year. We have got approval for the sim trailer from the AMA but since we are not sure what the park is doing now to help cover the cost of the trailer etc or the money from the AMA for the TAG event is uncertain. With the confusion going on within the park system we may or may not be having the float fly this year. We can ask Craig about this at next month's meeting. Without a float fly we can hold a two day event at our field. Should nothing happen at all, it will just be an open weekend of flying for our members.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM

C. Eugene Myers

Secretary

Flying Tigers R/C Model Club

Date Approved;