

Miniature Aero Sportsters

Meeting Minutes April 28, 2005

Welcome New Members & Visitors – No new members this time, but we had a pretty good turnout!

Members in Attendance – This month's meeting attendees were:
Bob Sherman Gerald DeGraff Roger Little Vince Gutschalk Gary Hodges Michelle Dodge Dennis Lesondak Tom Glaess Johnn Dodge Greg Hight Bob LeMaster Steve Schwandt Louise McGee Mark Nicastle Roy McGee John Hogan Barry McGee Dave Hogan Lee Overholt Bob Bubnich Mark Hofstatter Earl Keffer Bill Dewald

Treasurer's Report

MAS Regular Account - \$3987.08
MAS Runway Account - \$5874.96
MAS Savings Account - \$2383.60
Total \$12245.64
Disbursements for the month:
King Soppers \$14.80 (postage)
Gary Hodges \$58.04 (newsletter & flyers)

Club Officer Opening – We need to elect a new vice president with Andy's moving. Tom Glaess put himself up for the job and was voted in unanimously. Since Tom was on the board of directors that opened up another spot on the board. Mark Hoffstatter has volunteered to fill that position.

Thanks to both of you for volunteering and helping out with the club!

Map – Mark Hoffstatter is working on a new map to the field.

Non-Profit Status – Vince asked at the last meeting about a not-for-profit certificate from the state. Michelle contacted the secretary of state's office and was told that we have to request that in writing. There should be no additional charge for the club to receive the certificate.

Maintenance – A few shingles have blown off the shed and need to be replaced soon. We have a new lock on our new gate. The combination is the same as last year and Earl has contacted the oil man to let him know the combination.

We are planning a work party for June 4, 2005. Be there at 9:00. We will work up a list of things to do prior to then.

Just a reminder to make sure you turn off the tank on the BBQ if you use it. It was left recently which could cause a fire hazard and also wastes the propane. Thank you!

AMA Charter (FYI) – We have received the 2005 club charter certificate along with two copies of our certificate of insurance. One copy will go on file and the second copy will be displayed at the field in our building.

Club Apparel – Vince has been working with Quality Awards, Inc. in Aurora to have some hats, shirts, and even jackets made for the club. The cost is \$5.50 per hat if we order 24 and \$4.75 per hat if we order 48. The shirts are \$6.90 each if we order 25 and \$6.40 each if we order 50. The hats and shirts will be printed with our club logo.

- *Motion – The club will purchase 50 hats and 50 shirts. (passed)*
- *Motion – The club will pay more, if need be, to get hats with a full back, not a mesh back. (passed)*

Vince is going to order the hats and shirts based on the club's motion(s); jackets will be ordered separately. If you are interested in a jacket the cost is \$39.50 for a plain jacket. If you would like your name on it it's \$4.00 extra. Vince is also going to see if he can get a sample to bring to one of our upcoming meetings and we can order from there.

Kids Day – Mark Hoffstatter has offered to look into heading up this venture. We are planning a kids day for June 18, 2005 at 9:00 a.m. He's currently working with his church which has a congregation of 2000+. They are requesting a written proposal so Mark is going to follow up on that and report back.

In addition to this, the club needs to reach out further than just churches that members are involved in. We need to show that we are involved in our community by looking further. We can do this by taking out ads in local newspapers simply advertising the event(s) we intend to hold. We can advertise in Westminster, Thornton, Brighton, Northglenn, Aurora, etc. It was agreed that the club should spend money on these types of things to better promote our involvement with the community.

In the future the club will host two kids' days per year; one in the spring/summer and one in the fall. At present we have the one scheduled for this year. In the future, after the new officers and board of directors take office at the beginning of the new year, we will decide on two dates at that time. We may, however, add another day for 2005. We will discuss that as we move forward.

Finally, with regard to kids' day and every day for that matter... a lot of you volunteer your time and equipment to help teach new pilots. Unfortunately accidents can happen and rather than club members having to not only donate their time AND their equipment we have decided to reimburse pilots for trainer planes that are damaged and/or destroyed during training.

- *Motion – The club will reimburse members for planes that are damaged or destroyed during the training of new pilots. (passed)*

Runway – Well... the burning question of the meeting... Mark Nicastle made a presentation regarding the runway. Basically, Mark approached the Adams County Commissioners for donations with regard to repaving, resurfacing, filling the cracks, whatever... just looking to see if the county would be interested in helping our club. As it turns out they are very interested in helping our club. The commissioners pursued Mark with regards to getting this done for the club. It's really all hanging on the club's showing that we are what we say we are... committed to the community. We need to do so by being more public service minded, etc. This is also the conversation that lead to our having two service days a year rather than just one.

It all went back to the summer we had all the boy scouts in the field next to us and working with them. Very few people showed up to help out with that but the event was still very high-profile and got the commissioners' attention. So all in all, what is going to happen to the runway? April 29, Mark Nicastle and Earl Keffer met with commissioners in Brighton to discuss what would be done. So here's what's going to happen:

- Work on the runway will start after it dries out.
- It will be 10 ft wider and 50 ft longer.
- It will be striped. Earl has some ideas on this, but it's going to be done.
- It will be resealed by the county annually.

The Hogans have also volunteered to work with the contractors to ensure that the runway is repaved with our safety rules in mind.

Adams County Fair – As part of being more involved with the community and advertising our club we talked about setting up a booth at the Adams County Fair. It would require someone heading up that whole thing, which Roger Little did mention interest in doing. Roger, you up for

the challenge? ☺ Mark Nicastle also followed up the with the county after the meeting and we now have a booth reserved (#35). It is 10ft x 10 ft and includes electricity. The cost is \$310.00.

We need ideas for a design, a schedule of who wants to work and when, etc. Please let someone on the board know **as soon as possible** if you are interested in heading up this venture. It will provide a lot of exposure for the club!

Something in Return – Because the county is going to be repaving our runway along with the upgrades and maintenance mentioned previously, the club will be providing a little something in return for the county's efforts.

- *Motion – The club will purchase 4 tickets to the Adams County Democratic Party 39th Annual JFK Birthday Dinner. Mark Nicastle and his wife and Johnn and Michelle Dodge will be attending representing the club. (passed)*
- *Motion – The club will purchase any recognition awards to the county, pay for any fees such as the county fair entrance fee, etc. out of the runway account in lieu of the club having to pay to repave the runway ourselves. (passed)*

Outreach – We've discussed at prior meetings the opportunities to reach out to other flight clubs. The club in Boulder is going to be closed in the near future for some work and it was brought up that we should invite them to come fly with us while they are closed. What a great idea! More details on this to come...

Food for Thought – Roger Little mentioned our becoming involved with another function. The second annual Aero Model Show will be held at the old army base around the third week of January 2006. The second show should be bigger than the first. We could get a table at this show as well to gain more exposure in our hobby's community. More to come on this one too...

Raffle – Woo hoo! Bill was here and we had a raffle! The items and winners of this month's raffle were:

- Battery charger/servo cycler – Barry McGee
- Epoxy and a woodpecker – Gerald DeGraff
- Hogan's Flyin' Moonshine – Earl Keffer

Thanks for the goodies Bill and congratulations to the winners!

Note from the President:

Greetings to all MAS Club Members! Wow, what a month it has been. For those of you who made it to our last club meeting, thank you. For those of you who couldn't make it, we missed you. We did have a great turnout this month and for that I am grateful. This month's meeting was the most productive meeting we've had in a long time. We covered a lot of ground and actually accomplished a lot or made plans to do so. You can read in the minutes what exactly went on but one area that's not mentioned in the minutes that I would like to cover is our club "decorum".

It was brought up in the last meeting that MAS is the "friendly club" that's become "not so friendly". The club's decorum is as important as its safety rules. How we treat each other, our club, our flying site, etc. all has a great impact on the success of our club. Reasons for this should be self explanatory, common sense, right? Wrong. For example, common sense would tell us that we should be sensitive to others around us when flying with regard to our language. Kids and club member's family members frequent our flying site and it's rather embarrassing when a member is not willing to bring his family back to the field because someone was yelling about their "*f-ing*" *this* or their "*f-ing*" *that*. Common sense would tell us we should clean up after ourselves every time we are at the field, even if it means cleaning up a mess or trash that was left behind by someone other than your self. Common sense would even tell us that we shouldn't have to remind ourselves to use our common sense! However, I think it's time we all remind ourselves... remind ourselves that we're not the only person in the club, we're not the only one at the field, using the field, using the facilities, whatever the case may be.

In the future we are going to be covering some topics of sensitivity in our monthly newsletter. We'll cover things like cleaning up and taking pride in our club again. We have a great club with great members and we all need to help retain its greatness. We are very fortunate with our location, our facilities, and even now our runway! We have a lot to be thankful for as a club and we can't take it for granted. Let's all think about something we can do to help make our club the "friendly" club again.

Good flying to all!

Johnn

Field Maintenance

Work party June 4 8:00am

Kid's day June 18th

1. Replace some shingles on the shed.
2. Paint the building. I'll donate the paint
3. We need to 'make-safe' the re-bar sticking out of the small concrete pad on the north-west end of the building.
4. Split logs. John said someone told him they had a log splitter we could use but he can't remember who it was, so if that person see's this, please bring it out.
Thanks we could also use 2-3 chain saws.
5. Burn trash and haul away nonburnables, and pick up trash that has blown out in the field.
6. Service mowers and mow if needed. We could use someone with specific expertise on mowers.
7. We need to put some water in the toilets, about 10 gallons, except for one that rarely needs water.
8. Replace stove pipe with double wall pipe.

Speaking of water, we seem to be short a couple of 50 gallon plastic drums, the ones with the tops still on, they are needed to haul water to the field, so if you have access to 2 to 3 empty ones please bring them out. If you have any extra screw in plugs for the barrels please bring them. I did find one barrel that was blown over the hill, which reminds me to ask everyone to keep the plastic trash barrels tied securely to the fence.

You will notice no runway items on the work list. There is some great news about that but John will tell you all about that.

A few items I have been wanting to write about for a long time: Our flying site is our clubs home, with 48 acre yard. Visitors and prospective members judge us in part on how clean and neat it is. There is never an excuse for just throwing trash on the ground and while you're out flying please secure plastic bags, packages, paper towels that you bring with you. If you go look throughout the field you would find lots of paper towels, plastic shopping bags, packages that r/c products came in and even empty plastic fuel bottles.

Who the heck is putting tumbles weeds in the trash barrels? (Steve and Lauren) It's not like you will get rid of them. They make it difficult to put trash in and harder still to get trash out and their sharp barbs cut and scratch your hands.

P.S. someone has left a Futaba T6XA transmitter at the field; it's been there for near a month. It's been put inside the building.

A reminder about the burn barrel, don't try to burn non-burnables-dah- it just builds up until there is little room for burnables. Take the non-burnables home and put it out with your own trash, or find a dumpster somewhere.

By the way, we need a new set of frequency pins, the ones we have is almost 20 years old and they are breaking up.

P.S. One thing that has nothing to do with field maintenance. Over the years and particularly in the past few months we have had some very un-civil behavior at the

club meeting. If you can't be civil don't come to the club meeting, if you become uncivil, leave the meeting. No one is suggesting you shouldn't express your ideas or opinions pro or con but do it in a calm and civil manner. That means no loud voices; no ridiculing someone's idea and no one should be belittled for their opinion or ideas, NO ONE!

While I'm putting in my 2 worth here's a little more. When you suggest the club does something please consider how much work it would be, consider volunteering to do it yourself? You might want to talk it over with an old member to find out if it's been tried before and whether it worked or not. Many simple suggestions require a lot more time and effort than you realize. Sometimes the way we treat our elected officers and the ones that volunteer for jobs like newsletter, web site, field maintenance, it's sometimes a wonder we ever get anyone to volunteer. But we had 4 people who volunteered to fill VP vacancy. And let me tell you from personal experience and the experience of many others it really, really hurts to have your work, you volunteered to do, criticized that it should have been done this way or that especially when it comes from someone who never runs for office or rarely if ever volunteers to do anything. So support your officers and thank them and the people who volunteer to work for the club. This way they are more likely to volunteer again. We might also have a lot more members volunteer to help the club get things done MAS is known by our motto, The Helpful and Friendly club lets keep it that way
Earl L. Keffer