

Thrustline

Newsletter of the Sky Streakers R/C Club #1165 New Gloucester, Maine
Edition

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Editorial Comments in lieu of Presidents Statement

Here I am all ready to make meaningful statements and struggling to find something to say. Well, I guess the first thing is to comment on the year nearly past. Having attended most of the meetings this year I would like to say that we all pretty much agree that we would like to build a stronger, read that as larger, membership. I believe that with some effort at advertising and promoting that we could do just that. It seems that there are lots of people buying little electric airplanes, but are not infused with the romance, or excitement of flying larger craft. If we can attract more of those novices to the field when larger craft are flying, they might get the bug. The other thing that seems to be missing is that they don't really understand why a plane can fly? Do you just need to provide thrust and then keep everything under control? Perhaps some indoor flying where we work one-on-one with the novices would be beneficial.

Speaking of indoor flying, I have noticed that other clubs have found indoor sites and the time to hold events. Why don't we? There is a wide variety of indoor events, peanut scale, helicopter, etc., which might attract new members and give some current members a change of pace. Looking forward to the new year I think all of us can do a better job of encouraging new members into our club.

I will try to make the newsletter more informative with articles of interest and news from neighboring clubs.

Having attended most of the Training Nights, I would like to comment that Charlie Comeau did an excellent job as well as the other trainers, Carl, Steve, Mike, Bill and others I might not have mentioned.

MINUTES: NOVEMBER 11, 2010
SKYSTREAKERS

22 Members present

19:06 Call to order.

Carl, Eric present, Heyner absent

Minutes of last meeting accepted.

Treasurers report accepted. Current balance \$981.00.

Election of officers:

Carlton Jackson, President, uncontested.

Justin (Webb?) Vice President, uncontested.

Bob Heyner, Secretary, uncontested.

Mike Sands, Field Marshall, uncontested.

Mike Ladd, Newsletter Editor, uncontested.

Charley Comeau, Safety Officer, uncontested.

Election of Board of Directors:

Ray Labonte, Bill Lairsey, Eric Guilmette, Charlie Nelson

Head Trainer, Steve Nason

OLD BUSINESS:

Regarding the charging for events to raise money:

1. Not a good idea to charge members extra to use own field.
2. If field was to be closed to members because of an event, club should get some remuneration for the closing???
3. We need to look for and develop ways to raise money.
4. Contest Directors are against raising fees (entry ? ed)
5. All present willing to help raising money.
6. Initiate fund raising events, public invited. Should be advertised in spring, before school lets out.
7. Raffles, 50/50.
8. Fly-in in September to support Breast Cancer Research, or other worthy cause, with invitations extended to other clubs.

Need to reach out to new members for training and instruction.

Fun Fly at end of year for fund raising.

Board of Directors need to work out lists of events and particulars.

Food concession to be done by members/ volunteers.

Mowing is single largest expense, discussion of members doing the mowing.

NEW BUSINESS:

Fun fly scheduled for June 4, 2011

Cub / High Wing Fly-in scheduled for Father's Day June 19, 2011.

Go easy on the locks for the gates. Club has had to buy three new ones. Field Marshall to be in charge of lubricating them on a more frequent basis.

We unanimously voted to give Mac McLaughlin lifetime free club membership for his years of able service.

New member recognized----Dave Snowman

Andrew Healey displayed his A/C, "Little Red Biplane"

Meeting adjourned at 20:15

POTLUCK SUPPER at the December meeting.

Treasurer received three memberships for 2011.

Please read the Classified section on the website. I have posted some items for Charley Nelson. They look like pretty good deals.

From the Editor

As a result of a crash last summer I did some testing of my charging equipment. I had charged my batteries overnight and did note that the charge light was on. The battery was NOT charged at post mortem examination. I found that the charger, a plug in the wall/wall-wart was defective. In testing all my other chargers, 9 wall-warts, 4 various electronic types and one home made, there were 2 other wall-warts that had problems. One had Tx charge output of only 7 volts which should be about 13 to 15 volts, and the other put out only 4 ma charge current, it should be at least 100 ma. The low current one had badly frayed wires at the connector. The conclusion to be drawn from this is: Don' trust your wall-wart type chargers. Charge the batteries and TEST their state of charge with a voltmeter that has a built in load of at least a quarter of an amp, more if you are flying large planes with big servos. I have built myself a voltmeter which loads the battery under test with selectable $\frac{1}{4}$ A, $\frac{3}{4}$ A and 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ A. Also continue testing before each flight at the field. If you need any help with how to accomplish this contact me and I will help as much as I can.

Next installment will be: " How to check your batteries under flying conditions. "

Mike Ladd

Skystreakers Treasurers Report--November, 2010

	Current Period	Prior Total	Year to Date
Receipts			
membership dues	\$0.00	\$5,330.68	\$5,330.68
fuel & other raffles	\$0.00	\$88.00	\$88.00
club novelties	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
advertising			\$0.00
Scale Shootout	\$0.00	\$145.00	\$145.00
other	\$0.00	\$2,459.40	\$2,459.40
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$0.00	\$8,023.08	\$8,023.08
Expenses			
Postage & Newsletter	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fuel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Field Repairs & Maintenance	\$0.00	\$514.00	\$514.00
Portable Toilet	\$0.00	\$569.00	\$569.00
Mowing	\$0.00	\$2,570.00	\$2,570.00
Prizes & Drawings	\$0.00	\$170.00	\$170.00
Patches, Awards & Novelties	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Contest Prizes			\$0.00
Contest Supplies	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
A.M.A. Dues	\$0.00	\$90.00	\$90.00
A.M.A. Sanction Fees			\$0.00
Admin. Supplies & Materials	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$4,728.21	\$4,728.21
Meeting Room Rent	\$0.00	\$140.00	\$140.00
Public Relations	\$0.00	\$120.00	\$120.00
V.C.R. Tapes			\$0.00
Scale Shootout	\$0.00	\$395.00	\$395.00
Bank Fees	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$0.00	\$9,296.21	\$9,296.21
NET INC. OR (DEC.) IN FUND BALANCE	\$0.00	(\$1,273.13)	(\$1,273.13)
ASSETS			
Key Bank-Checking	\$981.52	\$981.52	
Key Bank-Reserve	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Total Assets	\$981.52	\$981.52	
FUND BALANCE			
Fund Balance (Beg. of year)	\$2,254.65		
Year To Date Inc. or (Dec.)	(\$1,273.13)		
Total Fund Balance	\$981.52		
Liabilities			
Total Liabilities & Fund Balance	\$981.52		
Scale Shootout Assets	0		
Paypal account	0		