

The Skystreakers R/C Club



The Thrustline



AMA Chartered Club 1165

WWW.Skystreakers.org

February 2011

Meeting are held the 2nd
Thursday of each month
at the New Gloucester
AmsVet Hall

Next Meeting
March 10, 2011 7 pm

Club officers/Contacts

President

Carlton Jackson

Vice President

Justin

Treasurer

Dave Edwards

Secretary

Bob Heyner

Safety Officer

Charlie Comeau

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Treasury Report

	Current Period	Prior Total	Year to Date
Receipts			
membership dues	\$925.05	\$0.00	\$925.05
fuel & other raffles	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
club novelties	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
advertising			\$0.00
Scale Shootout	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
other	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$925.05	\$0.00	\$925.05
Expenses			
Postage & Newsletter	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fuel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Field Repairs & Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Portable Toilet	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Mowing	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Prizes & Drawings	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
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	\$0.00	\$0.00
A.M.A. Sanction Fees			\$0.00
Admin. Supplies & Materials	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Meeting Room Rent	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$20.00
Public Relations	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
V.C.R. Tapes		\$0.00	\$0.00
Scale Shootout	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Bank Fees	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$20.00
NET INC. OR (DEC.) IN FUND BALANCE	\$905.05	\$0.00	\$905.05
ASSETS			
Key Bank-Checking	\$2,017.34	\$1,343.55	
Key Bank-Reserve	\$416.26	\$185.00	
Total Assets	\$2,433.60	\$1,528.55	
FUND BALANCE			
Fund Balance (Beg. of year)	\$1,528.55		
Year To Date Inc. or (Dec.)	\$905.05		
Total Fund Balance	\$2,433.60		
Liabilities	\$290.00		
Total Liabilities & Fund Balance	\$2,143.60		
Scale Shootout Assets		0	
Paypal account		135.34	

I have included the January Minutes in this newsletter.

Skystreaker Minutes, January 13, 2011

Meeting opened up at 7:04 PM by Vice President Justin Webb, (President Carl Jackson unable to attend).

Minutes and Treasury report read and accepted.

OLD BUSINESS:

Purchase and sale of club shirts, hats, Etc. discussed, tabled for additional information to be gathered regarding cost Etc. Bob Heyner, (Secy) mentioned he knew a possible source and would investigate along with others.

NEW BUSINESS:

Current News Letter Editor resigned, new editor volunteers asked for, no responses, tabled until next meeting.

Owls Head “show and tell” for March 26th and 27th is in progress more information forthcoming at our next meeting.

Discussion regarding Club 40 racing and additional new class; Scale War-birds now under consideration and in the works:

So far mechanical retracts selected, weights up to 6 pounds, minimum 5 pounds. Wing span, 55 to 59 inches. Pilots in cockpit or silhouettes required. AT-6 Texan, P-40’s mentioned. Stock engines, prop selection in progress, mufflers under consideration, one muffler being considered costs \$35.00 to \$38.00.

Some thought being given to an Open Class discussed briefly, nothing decided.

Some discussion took place Regarding Control Line Flying and Training to be held on our normal training night. Control Line Combat investigation by Ira Dederian under way to be discussed at a later meeting. Flying proposed to take place in the vicinity of the old shed, (hangar), to void any interference with normal training night.

Possible open house to be held at our field late spring, Mike Ladd currently investigating, not firmed up yet. Additional open house later on in the season, possibly aimed at support for a charity, for example, breast cancer, camp sunshine, Etc.

Show and Tell idea discussed to be possibly held at the Maine Mall, little support for the idea was evident during the discussion.

Charlie Comeau mentioned that Club

Brochures were still required at Ray & Robins to advertise the club. Question; who to design? Tabled to our next meeting.

The availability for indoor flying at “Happy Tails” training facility on Bishop Street off of Forest and Warren avenues in Portland every other Saturday 5 to PM was mentioned for those interested.

Meeting adjourned!

SKYSTREAKERS MINUTES, 10 February 2011

Carl Jackson opened the meeting at 7:05 PM, Minutes & Treasurer reports were read, approved and accepted.

The club thanked Ray Labonte for taking care of a Christmas present in December.

Training was discussed by Steve Nason. Instructors must attend 8 of the training sessions to be eligible for complimentary dues.

Club brochures were discussed, great effort by Bill Lairsey in designing the brochure. The brochures will be available at Ray’s Hobby Shop. They are also available for anyone needing to promote club membership.

Carl asked for a volunteer to be responsible for the club news- letter. Tim Berube volunteered, resulting in a grateful applaud from the group. His contact details are in the club web site for those that would like to send him articles for the letter and make his job easier.

Open house was discussed and preparation should get underway shortly. Tabled till the next meeting to be firmed up.

Firm list of club events to be discussed, firmed up and published at the next meeting in March.

Bill Lairsey discussed the Board of Directors meeting held earlier that night. Motion made to get rid of the current various types of membership. Motion seconded, discussed and passed. Those wishing to make additional contributions to the club may do so at any time.

Bill brought up the idea of a special, reduced, (half) memberships discussed for Helios and Park Flyers to fly out of the way off of the normal flight line. Concept was generally supported as a way to build up club membership. AMA membership and detailed rules would be clearly necessary and as further discussion took place it was obvious that a lot of the details were very complicated. Bill volunteered to write up a proposal document spelling out the details and specifics. Conceptually the idea was approved to continue forward with the further definition tabled and expected at the next meeting.

Mark brought up the idea about possibly having a float fly at Camp Sunshine and possibly busing some kids over to the field to fly on “Buddy boxes.” He volunteered to discuss it with Jerry Simpson who is the manager of Camp sunshine.

Discussion took place regarding an open house to be planned by Auburn-Lewiston airport in the future. Carl volunteered to investigate our possible involvement.

Discussion took place about the Blue Angels coming to Brunswick and the possibility of Skystreakers having a booth at the event. Charlie Comeau to investigate further.

Owls Head “show and tell” participation was briefly discussed. The exact dates of the event were not definitely known. Carl to investigate.

Carl reminded everyone to bring bottles and cans for the club to recycle and the meeting was adjourned at 8:00PM

Tips & Tricks

Sanding Tool

While repairing a couple non removable wing struts in the connection joint at the fuselage (Fokker D-VIII), I used a small amount of spot putty to correct some gaps in the wood strut. When next to the fuselage, it gets quite tight limiting the sanding process.

I attached a small piece of self-stick sandpaper to one of my wife’s best butter knives to reach into this tight spot. After all, nothing is too good for modeling use. Works great.

Also can be used to reach into the fuse or wing if needed to sand. Use a round item such as a pen or pencil for a radius.

—Mike DaBiere, Front Line Flyers, York, Maine

From the editor

I was talking with a friend recently that is going to be joining our club in the spring, and I was reminiscing of the days not long ago when I helped my son get his wings. I still remember the drive home from the field that day. Spencer was 11 years old and smiling from ear to ear with the pride of just having accomplished something big! He was so proud, and in the conversation he said (and I will always remember this) “Dad, I can see myself doing this with my son when I get older, this is so cool” Well, now he is 18 years old, and just too busy to go flying with his old man, L.O.L. But I know that he has been bitten by the bug, and he will get back to flying once his life settles down. He still talks about it from time to time... Maybe a little too sentimental... but I think it makes a good point, this hobby is great for family bonding and I encourage each of you with children or grand children, nieces or nephews to share this great hobby with them. It is a very enriching and fun experience.

“ I GUARANTEE IT”.

“(REMEMBER, IF THE PLANE IS COMING AT YOU, NO MATTER IF THE CANOPY IS FACING UP OR FACING DOWN THE STICK ALWAYS GETS PULLED TO THE LOW WING)”

Have your wings yet? I hope all you new pilots out there have your planes ready to go, or are getting it ready. You still have plenty of time. Make sure you double and triple check every thing before you come to the field, It is very disappointing to get out there to find you overlooked something and can't fly. **Steve Nason** is our training officer, If you have questions or concerns about what you need to be prepared, he will be happy to help. Before you know it trainer knight will be here!!!! Good luck !!



Just a reminder: for those of you that are joining in on the fun of pylon racing this season, **Charlie** requested at the last meeting that every one bring their war bird racer to the next club meeting. Bring it whether it is built or not!! Should be a fun topic.

You know your addicted to rc when...

you call from the field and wish your wife a happy anniversary.
you go into full blown withdrawal during the winter.
you forget the milk but remember the cya.
you buy kids shampoo and keep the little figure on the cap and throw the shampoo away.
you put a pitts muffler on your weed wacker.
Every time you pass a garage sale you look for wings.
When station wagons and mini vans start looking good.
You hide all your receipts.