

Sky Streakers May 11th. 2025 Business Meeting Report

President David Skillings called the members to order before the official meeting start and said that he wanted to thank Eric Waterman and David Snowman for their excellent work in rolling the field and prepping the access road and he also wanted to thank Ron Wallingford and Paul Attwood for their work in obtaining the machinery and attachments for the road work.

Skillings then officially opened the meeting at 9:30A.M., under cool sunshine and gusty winds, with seventeen (17) members present on a Mothers' Day Sunday/ (The meeting was scheduled for Saturday, May 10th., .but was rescheduled because of reports of heavy rain expected.)

Secretary's report:

The last secretary's report done by David Field was for the October 2024 meeting. The November 16, 2024 business meeting report was submitted by Paul Attwood and was edited, sent to members, and posted on the club's web site by Secretary Field. No errors or omissions were reported.

The Club's charter with the AMA and the flying site insurance are all set for 2025. The site insurance had two problems: 1. It was Identified as Waterman's Gravel Pit which never existed on that parcel. The name was changed to Waterman's Field with the Tax map and lot #'s attached. One first name was incorrect in the document. Updates and corrections have been made.

The Prop Snappers club is being more friendly. Our events are posted on their web site and I am on their mailing list for their very well done newsletter.

The AMA has negotiated with the FAA for extra altitude for charter clubs in class G airspace. Blanket allowed altitude was 400' AGL. 700' has been added for a total altitude of 1200' AGL. (That is what was stated in the announcement, you do the math.) Fortunately, Ray Labonte already had our club covered for altitudes above 400' AGL in his FRIA application and agreement between the club and the FAA.

Membership is 61 as of five minutes before the meeting started. Last year the membership ended at 95. There are many and various reasons for the non-renewals. I have names if anyone is interested.

Members should remember that the club's primary source of revenue is from annual membership dues.

Field stated that he and "The club" need to do a better job of signing up and tracking youth members; specifically, a standard detailed membership form should be submitted and a DOB is needed.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Paul Attwood reported that deposits for April were \$2,620.37 and expenses were \$1,273.28.

The CD which was taken out last fall was cashed in and \$5,000.00 was placed in a savings account. The remainder and the earned interest were placed in the checking account.

The checking account balance is \$4,212.96.

The report was accepted as given,

Old Business:

President Skillings, with assistance from Bill Reeve and documentation from Eric Guilmet, did a review of events that are planned for this season.

Swap Meet and the Peter Flanagan High Wing Fly-in.

Bill Reeve will oversee this year's swap meet scheduled for Father's Day weekend, Saturday, June 14th.

Peter Flanagan, on the same day, will host the Peter Flanagan High Wing Fly-in.

Both of these events will start around 9:00 A.M. and are open to all AMA pilots who wish to fly and swap. Or just swap . . . or just fly . . . or just watch the fun.

Spectators are welcome. There will be no fees .. repeat no fees

There will be a sign-up sheet, BUT NO FEES.

The club's gas grill will be up and running for anyone who would like to bring their own food to grill for lunch..

The New Gloucester Senior Citizens

The New Gloucester Senior Citizens are scheduled to visit the flying field on Wednesday, June 18, from 1:00 to 3:00 P.M. to learn about the RC flying hobby and to see some flight demonstrations. Please contact President Skillings if you are willing and able to show your aircraft and flying prowess.

iMAC competition

The next event for this season will be the Tom Chabot Memorial iMAC Competition . Which is scheduled for the 18th, 19th and 20th. of July.

The field will be open for regular flying on the 18th just note that a lot of the guys will be coming in on Friday, the 18th, to practice..

The field will be open for only iMAC flying on the 19th and 20th while judging is going on.

Tyler McCormick will be the CD .

Old-style fun fly

An old-fashioned fun fly with Eric Guilmet as CD will be held in September on the 7th..

Some of the maneuvers in this event may be:

How many landings in takeoffs in certain amount of time.

How many loops in a certain amount of time.

Spot Landing

Maybe a dice roll

Fast and slow flyby

Possibly the limbo

Please know that this is not a serious competition. It's for all levels of pilots. It is for fun... lots of laughs and probably some bragging rights.

Flying School Manager:

President Skillings reminded members that the club is still looking for volunteers to train students in RC flying.

Various solutions were discussed, from not having open training ,to assigning a student to an individual instructor, to trying to get enough member commitments to offer training as the club has done in the past.

Paul Attwood said that the time commitment for instructors is major and that it takes a minimum of three persons to run the training nights.

A couple of members expressed interest in helping with the training program, but no official action was taken. The search for a solution is ongoing.

New Business:

Mr. Skillings asked members if anyone had new business the response was as follows:

Field Marshal:

David Snowman stated that bush hogging is once again needed as the brush in the canyon area is growing rapidly and this is the third year since it was done.

The American flag that was recently purchased will require the rental of a lift capable of reaching a 90' height. In checking around, Snowman found that none are available until possibly August.

No formal action was Taken.

Meeting Time and Days:

President Skillings asked the members in attendance what their preferences for the meeting start time and day (Saturday or Sunday) would be.

After a brief discussion, it was voted to have monthly business meetings at the field at a start time of 9:30 A.M. on the second Sunday of the month during flying season.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:01 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Field, Secretary .