

Sky Streakers June 8th. 2025 Business Meeting Report

President David Skillings officially opened the meeting at 9:30A.M., under welcome sunshine and refreshing winds, with twenty-four (24) members present on Sunday June 8th.

The Secretary's report was as follows:

After the May business meeting, I returned home and wrote a Big Beautiful Report. That report was e-mailed to members and placed on the club's web site. No push back was encountered.

Membership was 61 as of the start of the May meeting. As of June 6th. the membership is 66.

65 adults and one new youth member.

President Skillings has been working on contacting former members who did not renew for 2025. Skillings sent out thirty-three (33) e-mails and to date has received nine (9) responses resulting in three (3) renewals. Other responses ranged from "moved away" to "medical issues" to "not renewing no reason" to "duplicate membership entry the previous year."

Last month I reported that the club needs to do a better job of signing up and tracking youth members. After consideration, and because of the variations in eligibility for youth membership, I am suggesting that youth membership run for the current calendar year and if the youth is qualified, and if the youth wished to extend membership for the next year, that youth would be expected to notify the club secretary.

The report was accepted as given.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Paul Attwood reported that deposits for May were \$423.78 and expenses were \$189.92.

The end of May checking account balance came in at \$4,446.82.

The club's \$5,000.00 savings account is intact.

Attwood reported that the state is now imposing a tax on rentals including the porta-potty. In the discussion that followed, various ways to reduce potty rental costs were visited. The end result was that Paul will contact the vendor to see if an every other week cleaning could result in a savings.

The report was accepted as given.

Donation:

President Skillings announced that a donation of \$1,200.00 had been received from member Timothy Giggey.

The announcement was received with a hearty round of applause.

Old Business:

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

Eric Guilmet reviewed the plans as follows:

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 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 . . . visitors welcome . . . AMA required to fly. There will be no fees .

It had been announced that The club's gas grill would be up and running for anyone who would like to bring their own food to grill for lunch. President Skillings announced that hot dogs and rolls would be supplied by the club. No Fees.

No alternate rain date is planned.

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 .

Members can fly electric powered models before 9:00 A.M. on the 19th, and 20th mornings.

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

This is intended as a FUN event, not a serious competition. It is for all levels of pilots.
Again, It is for fun... lots of laughs and probably some bragging rights.

The New Gloucester Senior Citizens

President Skillings reviewed plans for the upcoming event:

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.

Skillings has lined up five (5) pilots to do flight demonstrations and Ray Labonte as commentator. Members who may wish to show their aircraft for display, would be welcome to do so.

New Business:

Battery Purchase for Training

President Skillings stated that there are two (2) batteries available for powering the training airplanes and four (4) more are needed.

A member has offered to sell a collection of used batteries to the club.

After discussion it was decided that Skillings and Paul Attwood would inspect the batteries and negotiate with the seller.

Tactic approval for acquiring needed batteries was given.

It was reported that the club owns a Smart Battery charger.

Wasps in the gable end of the shelter:

Paul Attwood brought up the ongoing possible sting hazard caused by the nest of insects (wasps?) residing in the gable end of the shelter.

Field marshal Snowman stated that a recent respray had been done and more action would be taken if needed.

Grading dumped rubble:

Paul Attwood brought up the question of when the dumped rubble near the right end of the field would be pushed over the banking.

Field marshal Snowman stated that the town is supposed to take care of that.

Brush Hogging:

Paul Attwood said that he had been requested by a member to bring up the question of brush hogging.

David Snowman again stated that bush hogging is needed as the brush in the valley area is growing rapidly and this is the third year since it was done. He gave detail about the non-availability of used units and some costs for new units, annual use, and storage plans. The tractor needed to pull the brush hog would be borrowed (or rented).

After some discussion. President Skillings stated that he would need to have a written plan, not verbal, stating costs, to review before asking members to vote on the expenditures.

Paul Attwood was asked to help with investigating options and costs.

No formal action was Taken.

Flying School:

President Skillings asked that interested members meet with him after the formal meeting adjournment to discuss plans.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Field, Secretary .