

## MEETING OF THE FLYIN' WOLVERINES 4/2/2007

Meeting minutes, recorded by D. Bacon, Secretary

**Jerry Lelacheur, V.P. and acting President**, called the meeting to order just after 7 p.m.

There were 14 members present.



**Glenn Meller, Treasurer**, gave the financial report, showing that we have met all our major expenses for the upcoming year, and there is a little over \$500 left to cover minor expenses.

Since the secretary was absent at the last meeting, Jerry and Glenn reported on the minutes of the March meeting.

### Old Business:

No old business was brought up for discussion.

### New Business:

#### 1. Lease contract with the owners of the property:

Jerry reported that he had delivered the contract to Virginia, who will be happy to sign it and get it back to him. Jerry further reported how Virginia and her family are very happy to have us on the field, and that our presence seems to have displaced any undesirable activities there.

#### 2. Brush and tree removal:

Jerry reported further that Virginia would allow us to remove any brush or trees that we feel are in the way, and of course, the question of "Pete's Tree" came up. Jerry said that includes "Pete's Tree", and any other. A discussion followed concerning the value of that tree and another that help mark the boundaries of our flying zone. It was expressed that the second tree was more important, so "Pete's Tree" may be up for removal. There were no details given about how this tree got the same name as one of our dearest flying companions Pete Carchio, so it must just be coincidence.

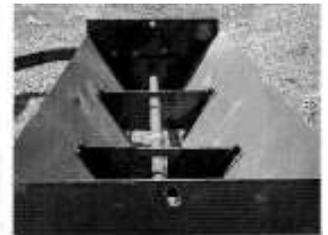
#### 3. Road improvement:

Jerry called for volunteers to help clean out the brush near the road. We need chainsaws and trimmers. If you can help, contact Jerry 1.810.748.6354. He plans on doing this a bit at a time, so the volunteers won't be over-worked.

If there is any excessive debris gathered up, it would be best for us to remove it rather than pile it alongside the road.

An asphalt spreader was volunteered for the job, and a set of photos were circulated to show what a nice job it will do.

We would load one yard in it and haul it by the hitch. It will hold two yards but may be too heavy to haul down our roadbed when that full.



#### 4. Field improvements:

Glenn asked "Do we need anything for the club?" and the following was brought up:

- a) We don't have the rules posted like other clubs do. Jerry said he would find out why the AMA hasn't sent us the poster of the rules like other clubs have received this year.

- b) Need to put up our big sign across the culvert from the field, and we need a post hole digger for that. It was also discussed how we could make an indicator that could be flipped to indicate someone is at the field, and the last one out would flip it back again.
- c) The subject of a Fun-Fly was brought up; Harry has the old information on the last one we held. It was discussed that we should plan another one.
- d) Frequency pins should be put under the canopy this year to keep them dry. Also if we ever adopt a rule to limit the number of planes in the air, a blank pin should be used for the new spread spectrum radios that would not normally require a pin. That way we would always be able to tell how many pilots have the go-ahead to fly.
- e) Pete bought the windsock new last year, so it should be fine for this year.
- f) Glenn attended a presentation put on by a gentleman with an amazing level of high tech goodies. He felt that if we could promise a large enough audience, that we could attract him to put on a display for us. If we could plan on a large turnout such as we had today, Glenn would invite him.
- g) We need a fire extinguisher at the field, but no plan was made for this.

#### 5. Meetings:

The next meeting is the first Monday of May (5-6-2007), which will be the last meeting this spring, the following meetings will be held at the flying field.

#### 6. 50/50:

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#### 7. Show and tell:

Pete Carchio brought in his beautiful WWI Sopwith Camel biplane, with all hardwood trim, including the tailskid. He painted the (normally silver) cowl blue, and it was a good choice. The authentic rigging was all installed to match the original, and to top it all off, when Pete was asked how many planes he built this winter, he thought it was “five or six...”



Bob Branch discussed a painting project he had good results with, using water-based house paint and an HVLP sprayer available at Harbor Freight for less than \$40. He had all the details for thinning, fuel-proofing, time between coats, and weight of the finish. He felt it was be lighter than the standard paints used, and much easier on the respiratory system.

#### ☞ LATE BREAKING NEWS: ☞

Glenn has contacted the fellow modeler with the high tech goodies, and he will put on a show for us at the May 8<sup>th</sup> meeting, so plan to be at the Library for this.