

Meeting of the Fly'n' Wolverines

May 5, 2008, at the Macomb County Library
Recorded by the secretary, Dave Bacon

President Jerry LeLacheur called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm, and there were 15 members present.

Treasurer's report:

Glen reported that we had \$2526 at the beginning of the month, and our projected operating costs are \$1575, leaving us with \$951 working capital for the year.

Glen had filed the forms for our tax exempt status "on line", as there were some changes from the IRS.

Web Site:

I asked if anyone had any objection to the posted member list, and we discussed how no personal information gets posted; just name, AMA#, and frequencies used for radios.

Jerry announced some activities:

- 18th annual "Quick Fly-in" at Croswell
- Holland, MI Tulip City Air Force, see www.tulipcityairforce.com
- Croswell MI Sanilac Model Aviation Club May 31

Field and Road Condition:

Dave Lockhart and Jerry discussed the fencing from Dave's friend, "Cub", and he has it at the field now, 400' if it.

Bob Branch, Our Vice President, reported that the road has ruts that we must repair. The extruded material has hardened, and it must be shoveled back in the grooves, which are still soft, and we can get it to sink in. But we don't have a solution for how to do this, as it requires more than just men and shovels. Much of the crushed asphalt has been extruded out to the edge, but the crushed stone has survived much better. Glen says the term for this material is "Agzza (sp?) Road Mix" and it wasn't that expensive...

We need a chain across the entrance to prevent this, as anyone entering the road would sink in if he stopped, so they automatically will "keep it moving" until they have destroyed the whole road. This could happen every spring.

Jerry called for a work detail to cut the brush along the road. The entrance is dry enough to come park there and walk in with equipment. He said we need a tractor to fix



the road so we can order our Port-A-John for the field. A date of Wed the 14th was picked, at 11:00 AM, tentative on weather.

Our Fun Fly date will be June 21.

The Eagles will come and have a “Combat Day” there.

We will have three contests:

Tail Hook Landings

Taxi on Runway

Loop Contest

We appointed Joe Ilapi as the cook; he always does a great job!

We must mow the Friday before

We need stop watches and Timer Officials

And we need to appoint the Clean-up Crew

We need raffle prizes. Marv presented many things from the Prop-Shop last year, and we made a motion, seconded by Glen Meller, to spend \$150 at the Prop-Shop for this, and Pete will supervise this purchase. Marv will discuss this with Matt at the Prop-Shop.

We wanted to recognize that the Prop-Shop has been very supportive of our hobby, not just to the Wolverines, but to many others, and we should honor them with as much business as we can. See www.prop-shop.com

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Les mentioned that the officers should write a letter on our club letterhead to Tower, Horizon, etc, as they often respond also.

If you have donations of hardware, they could be sold at this event as we did last year.

The 50/50 was won by Glen, who threw #11 back in for a total of \$32 to the club. Thanks Glen!

For Show-and-Tell:

Bob Branch brought in a beautiful biplane with an “Outrunner” motor that is equivalent to a .52 size IC engine. The plane is called a “Python” and it hovers at 1/3rd throttle. These electrics are getting more power all the time...

Details:

4 cell LiPo 4000 MAH, 14.8 volts

Motor is 860 RPM per Volt (Called “KVA”)

Turns a 15-6 prop at 37 Amps

Weight 32 ounces, with battery, ready to fly!

The plane is an ARF, comes from “Zero Gravity”, a company in Israel, cost \$180.

Bob reports that it flies on very low deflection of the control surfaces. (A bit unusual for the “3D” style planes.)

The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 PM

