



Wolverines meeting 5/3/2010

The meeting was held at the Mt. Clemens Public Library.

There were 13 present, donuts provided by Jerry and coffee was provided by Steve M.

Jerry opened the meeting at 7:11 p.m.

Treasurer's Report:

Last month we had \$1454.15

This month we start with \$2006.15 and gained 5 new members, for a total of 23.

Secretary's Report:

The Secretary read the minutes from our April meeting, which is posted on our web site.

Old Business:

The Eagles Club Status:

Jerry got a nice letter from the Eagles, thanking us for our offer to accommodate their members. They also got an invite to fly with the Propbusters, when their members are present. It is nice to see we all stick together.

We didn't stipulate that Wolverines members have to be present, so don't be surprised if they are there without us, that was the original offer, and they are in compliance with our procedures.

The Eagles had to move because the Department of Environmental Quality was concerned that one of the model planes may penetrate the 12" hard clay covering over the landfill.

This points out how little the non-pilots understand about our activities, so please teach people whenever you have a chance! We are good for the environment, our presence reduces the activity of undesirables, and we are a great family sport. Many famous people have been active in our hobby, astronauts, even Marilyn Monroe!

The Road:

Update on the road damage: Grooves in the road have been left there by a "UAO", unidentified automotive object, a green Taurus that has been coming around, according to the owner. It was stated that the owner levelled out the road for us, is that great or what?

Sound Measurements:

Discussed the subject further, Keith Harrison brought in some really good references, including the latest official AMA guidelines. Dave Bacon brought in his Radio Shack noise meter, the type recommended in many procedures, but the club decided to buy their own, since they are advertised at Harbor Freight for \$20. Dave was asked to type up the procedure, based on the newest AMA information from Keith. We will post it at our field, and have the meter available there too. So far it was decided not to go through a formal procedure on every plane, only if one is suspected of being noisy, and we will treat it more of an experiment than a hard and fast rule. We can always review how strict we want to be after we get some feeling for this.

It was noted that we have had no complaints about noise from our neighbors at Nautical Lane, we just want to keep it that way...

New Business:

Gate at the road:

The owners have suggested and approved that we put a gate at the road entrance, at the culvert area. This will stop the road problems caused by those that don't realize it must dry out before you enter it.

A 10' gate of the type the owners suggested is \$54, and is put in with cedar 5 x 5 uprights. This is more acceptable to the owner than a simple chain, and the gate looks quite good.

We can put a padlock on it, and all will get the key/combination.

Turns out that a green Taurus keeps going there, and now it is claimed that vehicle was the one that messed up the road earlier. So the owners will put up a "private property" sign, to let people know they are not to go there. Of course when the road is good, and we are flying, we welcome all visitors.

Show and Tell:

Keith Harrison's RC Helicopter:

Keith demonstrated his miniature RC helicopter, making many rock-stable flights. Very impressive indoor flier.

This is about \$50 and is called "Kyanite".

Bob Branch's Fast & Furious Build:

Last meeting some "kits" were cut out of foam provided by Jerry and Bob Branch. They brought in some planes that were finished, ready for electronics to show the club. They really looked nice when covered as the plans say, and have the potential to be a lot of fun with upcoming combat sessions.

Bob explained that the most common servos are the small HS55, and that a 1050 MAH battery will allow 3 heats per charge, with a 9-7 prop on it.

He discussed how you can get a module for some transmitters that converts it over to the new spread-spectrum system for \$75.

For \$100 it can include one 6 channel and one 7 channel receiver. Ask Bob for details.

Bob warned that these models are very sensitive in pitch, and recommended very little elevator deflection, it looked like about 1/4 inch at the TE of the elevator, full travel!

See the "PLANS" selection of our page for details.

50/50:

The 50/50 was won by Keith Harrison this month, who donated his \$18.50 back to the club, to be used for the sound meter.

Next Meeting: June 5, 2010, Saturday, 11 AM, at the field.
