



Wolverines meeting 3/4/2013

The meeting was held at the Mt. Clemens Public Library
There were 11 members present. Donuts were provided by Keith.
AND we had a special guest, Tim Jesky, our district Vice President.

The meeting was called to order by President Jerry LeLacheur.

Treasurer's Report:

Glen read the treasurer's report showing the cash on hand is \$2106.31 at the start of March, and that 28 members have paid their dues.

He also said that we had to change our bank account, as they started a new policy of requiring a balance of at least \$1500. Glen changed it to a business account, so that we can enjoy zero fees again.

Glen said that our "wish list" entails expenses of about \$830. So we have a projected end-of-year cash of \$600.

The Treasurer's report was approved by the members.

Secretary's Report:

Dave read the Secretary's report, as posted on our web site, and that was accepted by the members.

General Discussion:

Old Business:

Grass Cutting:

Gordy is still doing all the grass cutting. He would like some relief. Others had said that Gordy gets there very early and has it all done before anyone can volunteer to do it. Jerry, Dave W, and Keith are all willing to cut whenever they can.

Mower Repair:

There are repairs needed on the mower that require lifting it. Jerry said he will get a tripod and a "come-along" to do this.

New Business:

Porta-John Service:

Some members felt that servicing the Porta-John every week was excessive, so Glen will ask if having it done less often will save money.

Tractor Assessment:

Dave Bacon asked about the \$15 tractor repair assessment that was approved at the last meeting, and if it was all paid. It turns out that only a few did not pay it, but that was of little consequence as the tractor's broken axle got fixed, and we paid half of the cost. Dave did not ask if those that did not pay it were ever even informed of it, he thinks they weren't, so nobody should feel that we had any actually decline it.

OUR GUEST, Tim Jesky:

Tim introduced himself with stories of his modelling experience. He has been involved with this hobby for a long time! His first plane was a Sterling Ringmaster CL model with a Veco 35, and his first RC plane was a Falcon 56, another well-known aircraft. He also had a Mirage 500, and experienced the same lack of performance your secretary did with his. Tim was in a club called "Indian City RC" at that time.

Even his boys are UAV pilots, so the family is well involved with RC aircraft.

Questions to Tim Jesky:

Keith asked about the UAV regulations the FAA & AMA are working on, and Tim replied that it still isn't settled yet. That the AMA had sent a "memorandum of understanding" to the FAA reminding them that our members abide by our rules. Cross country soaring guys on the West Coast would be affected more than anyone by the proposed new regulations.

For FPV (First Person Video) the AMA says you need a "spotter", and you must have your craft in a visual line of sight. The FAA reinforced that requirement.

This makes sense because you could lose it, the U.S. has lost drones.

The non-AMA members doing FPV will reflect on all of us too, so we should help to police this activity. The videos posted on YouTube also affect our reputation.

Tim says these are also called SUAS, Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems. We can protect ourselves and our hobby by being vigilant, and as Glen pointed out; "It only takes one person to wreck it for us all".

Tim was asked: "Retailers have a vested interest, could we police it through our hobby shops?" But Tim said that is tough to impose rules on hobby shops because they have a financial consideration in this.

Tim was asked about coverage of our Fun-Fly events, and he responded that he has a long lead time in submitting things to Model Aviation (AMA mag) for instance, the info he turns in during March won't come out for 2 months. Remembering that, Tim would be happy to receive photos and write-ups of our Fun-Fly events, and could use the material in his column in the Model Aviation Magazine.

Tim also said he had Noel Hunt from RCCD coming to our meeting also, but he had to cancel at the last minute.

Tim will be going to the Joe Nall event, and describes that there is a lot of activity, young kids in the 3D events dragging their tail in the water, and things like that.

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This was not done at this meeting.

Show and Tell:

Keith brought in his foam twin with two Turnigy 2204's, and it looks like it will have a lot of power! It has an Orange receiver from HK, Thunderbird ESC's, and the all-up-weight was just 9 oz. He said the foam was "Model Airplane Foam", that he got at the Prop Shop. This product has an interesting story, you can read more at <http://www.modelplanefoam.com/>

I, your secretary, compared it to his last Depron purchase, along with shipping rates, and found it to cost about 23% of the same thickness Depron.

Pete Carchio brought in a Hobbico Twinstar that will get a pair of OS 46LA nitro engines, it was an ARF for \$159, and you add servos and all electronics. It was a good looking plane.

Tim Jesky brought a whole stack of airplanes, called the AMA FPG-9 (Foam Plate Glider, 9 inch) and challenged us all to a "Glide Contest". Tim explained as we assembled our new planes, that this is part of the AMA program to get youths interested, and they sell these in quantity for about 4 cents each. Go to the AMA website at:

<http://www.modelaircraft.org/education/fpg-9.aspx> to learn more.

Next Meeting:

April 1, 2013, Dave B will bring Donuts
