

The Transmitter

October 2023

Belleville RC Flyers, Meeting Minutes, September 5, 2023.

The meeting was called order at 6:58 PM by President Gary Luttrell at Zapata's Restaurant. 13 members, (4 officers), and 3 guests were present.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to accept the minutes of the August 1, 2023, meeting as published in the September 2023 newsletter.

TREASURER'S REPORT: by Tim Cipolla. Beginning and ending balances, expenses & income for the month of August 2023 were presented. There are 50 members as of August 31, 2023. MSC to accept the report as read.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FIELD: Larry K repaired one prop strike on the runway. Gary plans to resurface the picnic tables under the pavilion Sunday Sept 10. He could use some help sanding and applying the new finish. Mowing is going well.

SAFETY: (Marcus Robinson). Pilots should charge and check all batteries before coming to the field. This includes the NiCd or NiMH for glow fuel powered planes and the LiPo batteries for the electrics.

TRAINING: Mike Carmody needs some assistance.

WEB PAGE: (Tim Cipolla) Tim has fixed several problems with the web page and he has been working on a couple more.

OLD BUSINESS: The Swansea Moose lodge has contacted Gary with some new rules for the use of their facility. They now charge \$300 for use of the room, but will reduce that to \$150 since we are a non-profit organization. The room will be in use by another group Friday evening, so we will not be able to set up tables & chairs at that time. We will do the set up at 7:00AM Saturday and open for vendors and others at 8:30.

NEW BUSINESS: Gary suggested a 4th "Theme Day" in the near future. Very little interest was shown in that. A Hobbico trainer has been donated to Tim for the club trainer. It needs a new battery. Our request to AMA-FAA for a FRIA, FAA Recognized Identification Area, has been denied due to our proximity to Scott AFB and Mid America Airport. Tim will revise the information and resubmit the application. If the application is denied a second time, Tyler Dobbs, the AMA POC may get involved and possibly our Congressman. We have been operating RC models at our current location for over 50 years with no problems and Scott-Mid America have no objections with our continuing to do so.

CORRESPONDENCE: We received a flyer from the Breezy Hill RC Club in Chester, Illinois, inviting us to their Fall Festival Fly In Saturday & Sunday, October 21-22. \$10 landing fee.

NEW MEMBERS: Mike Carmody

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Gary has a DX-9 Spektrum transmitter for sale, possibly 2.

SHOW AND TELL: Larry Kreissler brought his first iteration of new 3D printed wheel pants for a Fun Star plane. He also had a Deweyville Online Special for show.

NEXT MEETING: 7:00 PM, Tuesday, October 3, 2023 at Zapata's Restaurant in Fairview Heights. Social hour at 6:00 PM

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Darwin Evelsizer, Club Secretary

How about someone bringing something to the club meeting for “Show & Tell”? Your latest building project, technology gadget, better modeling hints, etc. Let’s try to make the meeting a little more interesting than just dry business stuff.

Upcoming Events:

Tuesday, October 3, 2023, 7:00 PM, club meeting at Zapata’s Restaurant in Fairview Heights.

--Sat, Oct 7, 2023 MAW Tail Gate Swap Meet 0900-1200 and Turkey Bird Shoot 1200-1500, 285 Bruns Road, Pontoon Beach, IL

--Sat-Sun, Oct 21-22, Breezy Hill RC Fall Festival Fly In, Rt 4, north of Chester

--Sun, Nov 7, 2023, Columbia RC Swap Meet, 211 E Cherry St, Columbia

Send 2024 dues, \$100, to Club Treasurer, Tim Cipolla, 844 Calista Ridge Drive, Belleville, IL 62221. Membership ends December 31 each year with a grace period extended to March 31, 2023. Their will be \$30 late fee for current-renewing members for dues paid after March 31 of this year,

PAYMENT OF DUES IS CRITICALLY IMPORTANT TO GENERATE SUFFICIENT FUNDS TO COVER THE COST OF KEEPING THE FIELD IN FLYABLE CONDITION. Please insure that your AMA dues are up to date also.

The new FAA NPRM about FAA numbers went into effect February 25. You must put your FAA number on the OUTSIDE of each of your airplanes. No size or location was specified. FRIA registration is awaiting AMA & FAA action.

Who’s Doin’ What: Larry A has been having problems with his 2 Fun Stars. Number 1 crashed and Larry K repaired it. The next flying session it decided to make an unscheduled, off field landing NW of the field out in the bean field. It is still hiding out there somewhere. Number 2 did the same a little closer to the field, so it was rescued and repaired. The next flying session, it made a less than gentle landing and broke the fuselage into multiple pieces. Larry said it will not be repaired this time. He has been having much better luck with his Morris Hobby profile P-51, aka the yellow monster. Mike B has been flying the heck out of this Midwest Aero Sport. That is one fantastic looking aircraft and flies even better than it looks. Larry K has been flying his Hero, Astro Hog and a couple of other planes. He has recently been experimenting with a new RID, Remote Identification Device. It looks like all of us may have to get one of those things. The FAA has extended the compliance deadline from Sept 16, 2023 to March 16, 2024, so we have 6 more months to figure out what we need to do. Ron F has had his Ag Cat out a few times, but he has been distracted lately by something called a new house. Dave F has been flying the wings off of a couple of his helicopters.

He does things with those machines that the rules of aerodynamics for floppy winged birds says cannot be done. He may have to write a new rule book. Jerry S has been flying his helicopter a little bit along with several other planes. Dan A got in a few flying sessions early this month before he had his second bionic shoulder installed. He now has after market parts in both shoulders and says that they work well. Darwin bought a very dilapidated Avios MiG-17 at a local swap meet about a year & 1/2 ago and did a lot of work restoring it to airworthiness. The first flight did not go well at all. The plane strongly resisted going where he wanted it to go and then only one flap extended when he tried to land it. A no flap approach resulted in a hard landing and a traumatic amputation of one main landing gear. The weather is supposed to be very nice the rest of this week, but next week is supposed to be about 20-30 degrees cooler. Winter weather is just around the corner, so get your flying done while it is still nice out there.

Special Note: The club's LT-40 trainer needs to be recovered with Monokote or some other iron on covering. Does anyone want to volunteer to do this for a winter project?