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TaleSpins

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Next Meeting

The next meeting will be June 10th, 2010 at 7:30. The location is at VTS Productions.

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**Fredericksburg Aeromasters
Minutes for May 13th, 2010**

Call to Order: Jim Chandler

Welcome and call to Order at 7:35 pm

23 members present

Secretary Report; Jerry Gillis

Reviewed minutes from last meeting, All in favor of a Motion to accept.

Treasurers Report; Dennis Hagan

Paid up Members for 2010: 46 verified or prospective members, 36 paid and four lifetime, several family memberships. Treasury balances not complete due to several checks which have not yet cleared.

Checking: approximately \$750.00

Savings: holding at approximately \$960.00.

Other

Total: (todays raffle \$24.00, winner donated the winnings back to the club)

All in favor of a motion to accept.

Committees:

Training: Jim Chandler

Training is well under way. Clarifications were made to training schedules. On Wednesdays training starts at 4:00 pm and is ongoing each Wednesday. Saturday is NOT a training day. Pending weather and field conditions and demands for flight time, training MAY be conducted before 4PM on Wednesdays and on Saturdays at the discretion of the trainers.

Field: Melvin Elliott

The field is in excellent condition. Mowing schedules were published and passed out during last meeting, and are posted at the field. If you cannot make the mowing schedule please contact Jim, Jim or Melvin so that a substitute can pick it up.

Saturday May22nd is designated as a work day at the field when the new carpet will be laid, and some bushes will be cut down. During the week leading up to that Saturday anyone willing to expend the effort is invited to assist in the laying of the pavers in the shelter and preparing the area for the carpet installation. The stones in the impound area well be moved to the entrance gate area to relieve the muddy situation that often appears there. The strip had been previously seeded and fertilized.

Safety: Derek Cox

A fire extinguisher is needed and will be supplied.

Programs: The "Programs" position has been assumed by Jim Craig.

Old (Other) Business

Field work days as outlined above.

Jim Craig has designated Saturday June 19th as the day to visit the Air museum at the Chantilly location. Please contact Jim if you wish to participate and arrange for transportation.

The Richmond Aero Club fly in is scheduled for June 1st, and Warbirds over Williamsburg for June 5th.

New Business:

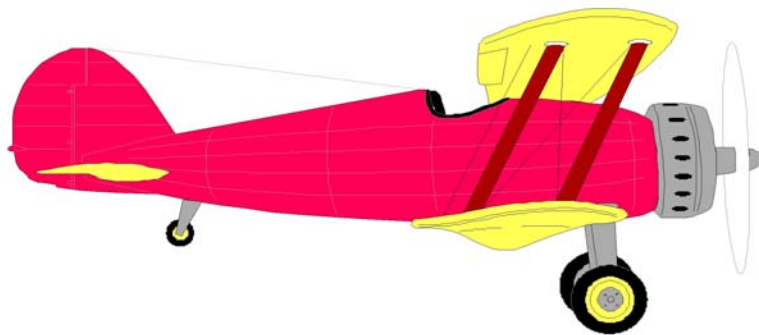
Jim Craig is making arrangements for a fun fly on Sunday May 23rd, weather permitting. With the improvements to the field it should be a nice event. Noon is scheduled to be the start time for a swap meet and 2:00 PM is set as the start time for the fun fly. There should be events for all, even non flyers, and spouses. Dogs and burgers will be available.

We are looking for a set of wheels for the boat so that it can be moved easily. Last week we had a pond situation and the tractor was used to help move the boat with two people lifting the back end. (Looked like a funeral procession with pall bearers)

Meeting Adjournment: 8:20 Motion by Jim Craig, unanimous approval.

The raffle took in \$24.00, Tim Farmer, the raffle winner, donated his winnings back to the club.

Jim Chandler also announced that following this and other upcoming meetings. they will hold a "How to" session. Today Jim demonstrated how to lay a fiberglass strip over a wing seam, using 90 minute epoxy, fiberglass cloth masking tape, rollers (Dowels or any suitable material), and a plastic covering. Essentially it involved taping the left and right edges, filling in the center with epoxy over fiberglass tape, covering the area with soft plastic sheeting and rolling it smooth. Once the masking tape and plastic were removed a beautiful glass like surface covered the seam, which could be blended into the finish or covered as desired.



Wanted/Sell/ Trade Giveaway

If you have an item that you want to Sell/Trade/ Giveaway/ or just need, please contact me with a description of the item, terms desired (price/Trade, etc) and enough contact information for the club membership to contact you if they are interested. A picture

would even work. I would hope that this will be a regular item if sufficient interest is shown.

Wanted

I am in the market for a JR transmitter, computer type, preferable a:

- a. JR XP 662
- b. JR XP 652

Jonathan Minner Phone 540 371-2591



Observations: (as of the newsletter date)

E-Mails were sent out just following last meeting announcing the work days, fly in and upcoming trip to the air museum.

The shelter floor has been paved and looks great, Chairs no longer sink into the gravel and it appears to be always dry. A wonderful improvement, thanks mostly to Jim Crain and Melvin Elliott. The carpet was put down on Saturday as scheduled and looks great. Again Thanks to Jim Craig who led the effort and, I believe it was nine people who showed up to help. A number of emerging trees were also removed on the south end of the field. Gravel was moved from the shelter to one of the gates where it was usually muddy after rainy weather. This past Wednesday (26th) put it all to good use. At one time 12 aircraft were lined up on the pit carpet, utilizing almost half of the available space. Even had one land short on the South end of the landing strip where one of those emerging trees might have been.

Unfortunately, the fun fly was cancelled at the last minute due to the weather. The swap meet was held along with the dogs and burgers. Probably attendance might have been better for that part if weather had not intruded around the area and rain starting just about the time of the start of the fun fly event.

It's now summer and the air is quieting down, flying conditions are better, but some days are HOT.