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Next Meeting

The next club meeting is
Oct 12, 2006 at 7:30.
The location is at VTS
Productions.

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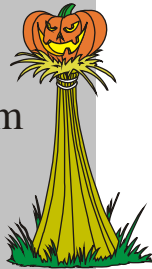
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A chicken in every pot!

Yes, it's election time! At the next meeting we will be electing new club officers, committee leaders, goat herders, etc.

Fun-Fly Update:

It was scheduled for Oct.15th, then they moved it to the 22nd, but now it's back to the 15th of Oct. Stop the Merry-go-round!

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No Butts about it

Attention smokers: the butt pots are there to be used. If you prefer to field-strip your Camels, so be it, but filters don't belong on the ground!

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Aeromasters 14 September 2006 meeting minutes

Fredericksburg Aeromasters met at VTC Productions. President Joe McCary CTMTO at 7:33 pm with 21 members in attendance.

Secretary report: August minutes reviewed/approved.

Treasurer report: Checking \$1401.60, Savings 420.18, CD \$1,022.48 – Total \$2,844.26 (up \$552.90 from August) with 57 paid-up members; 3 new joins. This is the best financial position ever for this time of year in the club's history - all approved.

Committees:

Safety – Jim Braithwaite > Aeromasters has a good record. Form a habit to stay clear of the front of aircraft, paint prop tips, and use a hand to support an aircraft from a comfortable position.

Field – Jim Chandler > Field is green following the rain, keep mowing.

Web site – Brian Mausolf > continues to bring results (visitors, members, updates).

Training – Jim Chandler > Wednesdays are busy, thanks to Dan Haworth for helping.

Old Business:

Thanks to Jim Chandler for use of his mower during the summer and thanks to Hank for following-up with the donated mower for club use.

Thanks to Jim Craig for hauling the carnage from around the shed – things look much better.

Motion by Jim Chandler, 2nd by Jim Braithwaite to pay for a new shelter 21' x 18' and 7' to 8' high to match terrain and replace the existing tent canopy. Jim Craig will get with the contractor for a tan color and all approved for \$845. Goal is to have in place for winter and Jim Craig will haul away the old tent structure.

Ed Russell motioned to have the new matting in the amount of \$400 to be from George Smith as recognition, 2nd by Bob Snelson – all concurred.

Ed Russell motioned to consider placing the new Aeromasters sign in a visible area at the field, 2nd by Ken - all agreed to place the sign on the back wall of the flight control and readiness structure. P- Joe asked that the AMA rules and regulations be repositioned accordingly.

Dan Hayworth and Joe McCary represented Aeromasters at the Parks & Recreation meeting but were not favorably received – Joe encouraged members to review the hard work done by Dan in preparation despite their reception.

Soil to fill the runway low points was reviewed for Spring 2007; Jim Chandler and Jim Braithwaite will check on costs and availability. Joe requested that a new weed eater be purchased. VP – Jim asked that \$150 be allocated for a new weed eater – all approved. Jim will shop for best deal and check with Morton's and mention Joe and Hank for best price/product.

Jim Craig and Jim Braithwaite mentioned cigarette butts and mud ruts at the gate entrance respectively for area appearance. Joe is combining efforts with Jay (landowner) to increase awareness and get support.

New Business:

Jim Braithwaite recommended transmitters and gear being organized better in the shed. VP – Jim Chandler will look into rework and organization.

P – Joe asked about a Fall Fun-Fly. Sunday 15 October was selected. Dan Hayworth will do food and Jim Craig agreed to work and plan. Jim Chandler motioned, 2nd by Rick Oasen –all approved. Food served by 1 pm and flying by 2 pm.

24 September 2006 at Stafford Airport - full scale fly-in and invitation by Thornburg for Aeromasters to participate starting at 8 am. Many members expressed interest and concurrence. Coordination and follow-up with Thornburg was emphasized. P – Joe will provide coordination and details for participation soonest. Looks to be a great opportunity for camaraderie and community participation.

P – Joe reminded everyone to be ready at the October meeting to discuss officers for 2007 and 2 executive committee members.

Other interests discussed were a key for gate security to the field and 2007 dues.

Hank shared a good news story with everyone about how Aeromasters

helped a young 15-year-old many years ago. Unsolicited, a high school teacher at River Bend recognized Hank's affiliation with model aviation and shared how Larry Fontent was inspired by the Aeromasters and will probably be joining us again soon. Apparently, Charlie Rector, Dave Hancock, and Charles Blackman made quite a favorable mark on this young man. Larry's father had passed away early in Larry's life and he went into depression. Larry was doing poorly in school and at home. Through the efforts of the Aeromasters, he recovered and is now an engineer. He is also married and has two children. This is a good story for the newsletter and AMA district review.

Jim Craig and others echoed their appreciation for the care and consideration people have in this club and how it makes a difference and keeps us all coming back to the field – great stories to cap off the meeting.

Joe met with George Smith's neighbor at the Flying H field. The airstrip is narrow but the owner is amenable to potential club member usage.

Ed Russell motioned, 2nd by Bob Snelson to adjourn at 8:59 pm – all approved.

Show & Tell Time:

Steve Watkins displayed his large white Funtana electric with lithium ion (E-moli) batteries. Steve described this battery technology as less expensive than lithium poly. The pack for the Funtana puts out 750 watts with 30 amps and has 7 cells with an internal fuse and fast charge capability. A similar ni-cad would require 22 cells. Lithium ion batteries are heavier than li-poly batteries but lighter than nickel metal hydrides. Flight time varies from 7-15 minutes depending on level of performance (7 minutes with all out rates and peak performance/aerobatics). Steve mentioned that tool manufacturers are providing packs like this for \$100 whereas he was spending \$400 for similar li-poly packs.

Dan Hayworth brought in a Great Planes Super Sportster that he purchased from Dick Pettit. The 2-piece wing spans 83" with a Fuji Invac 32CC electronic ignition engine. HiTec analog carbonite servos

came installed. Dan found the airplane through RC Universe and it was first made available back in June. Hank commented that folks are really pleased with the flight performance and characteristics of this plane – guys at Thornburg for example. It weighs 14 lbs empty. There are two battery packs and a kill switch. Hank recommended getting a regulator depending on what size batteries were installed and said there have been some concerns with the carbonite servos on bigger planes like this.