

## **Holly Cloud Hoppers Meeting Minutes February 22, 2009**

The meeting was called to order by President Doug Pickett at 2:15 PM.

There were approximately 26 returning members present. A \$35 Hobby Town gift card and a \$25 Hobby Town gift card were given away during the meeting. Ken Kliever received the rotating special "Crash" award for placing his Seniorita in a tree that was eventually cut down for getting in the way. There were a number of planes brought in for the "Winter Project" static display contest.

### **AMA Update.**

Jim Finch reviewed the material he received this year from the AMA. The AMA provided a DVD this year with all of the charter club information on it. The DVD included information on AMA officers, Park Pilot Program, Marketing for Charitable Events, Safety Information and the usual forms for Chartered clubs to fill out. The information is available to any club member by contacting Jim. There was a question about the difference between the Park Pilot AMA membership and a full AMA Membership. There is a difference in the type of plane that can be flown and the insurance coverage. The club voted last year to recognize the Park Pilot AMA membership. We currently have no members with this type of AMA membership. Jim agreed to post a comparison sheet for members at the club's field.

### **Financial Review.**

Jim Finch reviewed the club's income and expenses for 2008. The club had a positive cash flow for the year of \$78.88. Club dues were down slightly from 2007 because of the reduction of dues for returning members from \$35 to \$25. There were a few more new members in 2008 than 2007 resulting in an increase in Initiation Fees. Other income consisted of the sale of HC hats and our annual drawing at the Open House for a trainer plane and transmitter. Fees for the DNR, AMA and Insurance were up approximately \$100. Field Maintenance was also increased over 2007 because of the improvement to concrete around the shelter we did in the Spring of 2008. Equipment Maintenance was less this year and included expenditures for maintaining the tent, HC float, a new fire extinguisher, first aid kit, windsock, and wheel upgrade for the starting stands. More was spent on the Open House last year than previous years, but the surplus pop, burgers and hot dogs were used for other events. The club also purchased a picnic table. Ending balance in the savings account was \$3,694.75. Jim provided the president, Doug Pickett, with the financial detail and report for his review.

During the financial review there was some discussion about charging for the food at the Open House. Many people last year wanted to pay for their food. Ed Kincer mentioned the Pontiac club put a donation jar out and it worked quite well. There were more donations than if they had actually charged for the food. There was some concern about people feeling pressure to donate. The club agreed to look into having a donation jar at the next Open House event. The club also agreed to limit the food to hot dogs, hamburgers, chips, water and pop. Another suggestion concerning the Open House was to look into a bull horn to help with communication to the spectators. Jim will look into the cost of renting one for the Open House this year.

Chuck Beach also brought up that we will need to spend some money to control the moles this year. Frank Robinson agreed to look into the cost of fertilizer and grub control for the moles.

### **2009 Club Events**

The club discussed the timing of club events for 2009. The following dates were agreed upon:

<b>Spring Work Party</b>	April 18 <sup>th</sup>	10 am
<b>Fun Fly</b>	June 13 <sup>th</sup>	10 am
<b>Fenton Parade</b>	July 4 <sup>th</sup>	TBD
<b>Picnic / Open House</b>	August 1st	12 noon
<b>Last Bash Potluck</b>	October 3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 pm
<b>End of Year Cleanup</b>	October 17 <sup>th</sup>	10 am
<b>Chili Fly-In</b>	January 1 <sup>st</sup>	11 am

During the discussion of events club members asked about the possibility of renting an extended Van to take to the Toledo show the first week in April. Noah Hampton agreed to find out about renting a Van to take a larger group down to the show. Doug Pickett also will look into getting together with the Chesanning club. They are also planning on having some type of transportation down to the show.

### **Election of Officers.**

The election of officers followed. All offices had a single candidate except for Safety Officer (Tory Showek and Brent Venable). The results of the voting for each office resulted in the following officers for the coming year:

<b>President</b>	Doug Pickett
<b>Vice President</b>	Noah Hampton
<b>Secretary/Treasurer</b>	Jim Finch
<b>Newsletter Editor</b>	Scott Rhoades
<b>Safety Officer</b>	Tory Showek

### **Other Business.**

There was a suggestion made by Scott Rhoades that we have different competition events then previous years at the FUN FLY. Doug suggested we have a committee to help with the contest. The following club members volunteered to help Doug Pickett:

Scott Rhoades  
Brent Venable  
Noah Hampton  
Rich Lengel

Tory Showek brought up the need for articles to be included in the newsletter. He suggested club members should contribute whenever possible to make the publication more interesting. Please send any submissions to Scott Rhoades or Tory Showek.

**Winter Project Contest**

A brief break was held to allow members to review the winter projects and vote on their favorite. Doug announced the results of the Winter Project contest. The winner was Jim Finch's Ford Tri-Motor (\$35 Hobby Town gift card). A three-way tie for 2<sup>nd</sup> place was decided by drawing out of a can. Brent Venable was the lucky 2<sup>nd</sup> place winner (\$25 Hobby Town gift card).

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Finch, Secretary