

Holly Cloud Hoppers Meeting Minutes

February 26, 2006

The meeting was called to order by President Jim Shipman at 2:15 PM.

Approximately 22 members were present. We also had four guests present. One guest, Sterling Smith, rejoined the club. Another guest, Tory Showek, joined the club after the meeting. The other guests indicated they plan to join at a later time after receipt of their AMA. There were a total of 10 planes brought in for the "Winter Project" static display contest. Unfortunately, I not all entrants were recorded, but this was among the best showings we've had for the contest. Many thanks to all who brought in planes.

Larry Pittman reviewed the club's income and expenses for 2005. The club had a negative cash flow for the year of \$223.33. This was in contrast to our 2004 spending where we had a positive cash flow of over \$500. There were no unusual major expenses for the year although we spent slightly over \$200 for new plane stands at the field. The combination of fewer renewing members and fewer new members over the last few years are the main reason for the decline in income. If the trend continues, we may need to discuss ways we can decrease our spending. A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made, seconded, and passed.

The election of officers followed. All offices had a single candidate who was nominated and seconded. The results of the voting for each office resulted in the following officers for the coming year::

President	Chuck Beach
Vice President	Doug Pickett
Secretary / Treasurer	Larry Pittman
Newsletter Editor	Scott Rhoades
Safety Officer	Frank Robinson

It was suggested that we need additional gravel brought in for the driveway. Mike Wizynajty's agreed to check into the cost to have gravel (crushed limestone) brought in. A motion was made and seconded to allow up to \$600 to be spent on new gravel. The motion passed.

The proposed dates for the various club events for the coming year were presented. There was a proposal to reverse the Fun Fly and Open House dates. This proposal came up due to the difficulty of "signing up" new members who are interested in joining the club after attending the open house, but don't due to the late point in the flying season. On the other side is a concern of poor weather which occurs quite often for the Fun Fly in June. Discussion then moved to a proposal to allow Dave from the Grand Blanc Hobbytown to have a "Demo" day at the field. This day was proposed to be held early in the season which would allow potential members to be exposed to the club earlier in the year. A motion was made and seconded to allow Dave to have the Demo Day providing all AMA rules are followed. Ed Kincer will follow up with Dave to iron out the details. The motion passed. In the end, the dates for the club events for the year are as follows:

- Work Party – April 22nd – 10 am
- Crossroads Village – tbd – no contact yet from Crossroads Village
- Fun Fly – June 17th – 10 am
- Picnic / Open House – August 5th – 12 noon
- Last Bash Potluck – Sept. 23rd – 4 pm
- Chili Fly-In – Jan 1st (2007) – 11 am

[Times added by Secretary based on last year's start times]

As part of the Open House discussion, it was decided to raffle off Joe Lehman's plane along with the radio and field box as part of the Open House.

Scott Rhoades discussed the newsletter and encouraged everyone that was able to receive it via electronic means. He pointed out that each paper copy costs the club approximately \$1 and that the quality of the electronic copy is better with color and sometimes additional photos. In addition, he noted that Hobbytown is interested in advertising in our newsletter. The cost for the advertising was not pinned down, but perhaps \$25 per issue would be appropriate. In addition to advertising, Hobbytown is interested in obtaining emails of club members. There was a motion made and seconded to allow emails to be sent to Hobbytown providing he follows through with the advertising. The motion passed.

Ed Kincer discussed the status of the Inter-Club Fun Fly. He indicated that Skymasters is not interested in continuing to participate, but Pontiac is. Ed's thought was that perhaps a single event per year that would rotate each year among the clubs involved might be agreeable. He will follow up to see what can be worked out.

There was discussion on adding additional new plane stands at the field. It was agreed that four additional stands would be built at this year's Work Party at an approximate cost of \$200.

A brief break was then held to allow members to review the winter projects and vote on their favorite.

After the break, Jim announced the results of the Winter Project contest. The winner was Ed Kincer with his new Mojo 65. He will be receiving a plaque or trophy for his efforts.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Pittman, Secretary