

## State College Radio Control Club Thursday May 1<sup>st</sup> 2014 Meeting Minutes

Jon Guizar called the meeting to order at 7:00. No guests or new members were in attendance.

- April Meeting Minutes. Members voted to accept the minutes from last month's meeting.
- Treasurer's Report. Doug Schultz was out of town and could not attend tonight's meeting. Jon Guizar read an e-mail message from Doug reporting that he paid \$400 to Jack Garbrick for this season's field rental. We received \$100 in dues since last meeting. Doug reported SCRC's bank account balance. He also discussed mowing the field with Charles Musser. The cost is \$50 for each mowing and Musser's will send monthly invoices directly to Doug. Members voted to accept the treasurer's report.
- Old business –

Clean-up day at the field. Jon reported a good turnout for last Sunday's clean-up effort. He estimated that about 10 volunteers showed up and he thanked everyone who helped. Woody Brem took the Airport office radio with him to repair it and it will be returned this weekend.

IMAC Primer This Weekend. Jon outlined some of the details of the event. Camping is available at the field and some people will be arriving Friday evening. Saturday morning breakfast will be served between 8:00 and 11:00. We will be joining the attendees of Bob Grove's EAA fly-in for breakfast and they can join us for lunch and dinner (by Graham's Up in Smoke BBQ). Jon advised that attendance is free of charge but was not sure if IMAC membership (\$20) is required. Sandy Jaffe read an e-mail message from Ron Lueth that stated IMAC membership is not required. For further information, please see Ron's flyer at:

<http://www.mini-iac.com/RegionsNA/Northeast/NENewsEvents/tabid/61/ArticleType/ArticleView/ArticleID/373/Default.aspx>

Field Maintenance (mowing, trimming, weeding, etc.) Al Jones met with Charles and another person from Musser's at the field. They will mow once per week and twice if needed. Mowing will be done as required and less than weekly is a possibility during the dry summer weeks.

Website Updates. On the agenda but not discussed.

- New business –  
Membership Retention Committee. At this time, Jon and Woody are the only members of this committee dedicated to come up with ideas to keep members renewing their membership every year. They have plans to meet with the owner of Hobbytown to discuss this with them.
- Open Floor Discussion –  
Sam Stitzer advised that Hobbytown was robbed of a \$500 helicopter by two men who distracted the employee and then made off with the model. There are recorded images of the perpetrators from the surveillance camera but no word yet if the thieves have been apprehended.
- Meeting Adjournment – The motion to adjourn passed at 7:20 pm.
- Coming Events –
  - IMAC Primer at SCRC, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>.
  - Bellefonte Senior All Night Party, Flight Demos, June 6<sup>th</sup>
- Show and Tell –  
Sandy Jaffe gave some history on his conversion to electric-powered helicopters. He started by charging with his car battery then upgrading to a gas generator then later on, another upgrade to a larger Honda generator. While attending heli events, he began to notice some competitors using water-resistant equipment cases, adapting them to hold their power supplies, chargers and cables. Sandy purchased a case (about the size of a medium suitcase) and fabricated the internal parts required to securely hold all of the charging equipment plus a couple of large LiPo packs. Sandy advised that power supplies removed from computer server installations can be purchased for as little as \$20 each on eBay then adapted to power the chargers. Sandy's customized portable charging station holds two of these power supplies and three chargers. Many thanks to Sandy for sharing his ideas.

- Program – None

Respectfully Submitted,

Daryl Allen, Secretary