

## Field of Dreams RC Club - Meeting Minutes 1/2/06

7:00 PM to 8:30 PM

We had a good turnout for this meeting and look forward to a lot of fun flying in 2007. There was considerable discussion and enthusiasm for having a lot of events this year. This included getting together with the other clubs in the area.

Ed opened meeting and discussed the agenda items that were give out to all attendees when they arrived.

1. **Safety Reminder:** Remember that the archery club holds meets to the East and NE of the landfill. If you happen to lose a plane in that area, make some noise for your own safety to let then know you are there lest you pickup a **stray arrow**.

2. **Deadline violations:** Our (and AMA) safety rules require that we fly on East side of the dead line (away from the parking area). We can only cross the deadline during landing or takeoff maneuvers.

Ed related an incident that we had this summer when we had a gentleman come over to our field to express concern that some of the soccer parents had about our planes flying over the soccer field or what would happen if we lost control. Jim went over to the soccer field and observed what was happening. The gentleman observed that we were not flying over the field, but rather well out in the open space to the East of our runway. The noise from the □big□ planes was quite loud when on the North end of the field. Jim mentioned that the alignment of the soccer field intersected our runway so it looked closer that it actually was. Jim also encourages us to send an observer to the soccer field any time we receive a complaint in person.

Both Jim and Ed want to emphasize that we need to be very cautious if anyone is in the public areas and make sure that we always fly well to the east of the deadline. All it will take is one safety complaint and we will be in jeopardy of losing our flying site. **Ed requested that we just get in the habit of not violating the deadline all of the time to make our site as safe as possible.**

Definition - The deadline is an imaginary line down the middle of the runway.

3. **Dues Reminder:** Don t forget to pay you AMA dues before you fly this year.

4. **Next meeting with be the 1st Tuesday in March** at the pizza place. Please come prepared to discuss your suggestions for the coming years activities.

5. **Adoption of revised FOD Bylaws:** Ed extended special thanks to Richard, Allan and Ross for working with him to revise the bylaws. Ed asked if there were an questions; there were none. Jeff made a motion to adopt the new bylaws as written. Dave K. seconded the motion. The motion passed and the revise bylaws are now adopted. Ross will post the on the FOD web site. Richard will place them in the FOD archive.

6. **Ed thanked Dave B. for all of his work on upkeep for the field in 2006.** The club agreed so noted in various positive ways (OK, most of us clapped). Ed related that Dave was willing to continue on into 2007 and suggested that we pay Dave's FOD membership as a small token of our appreciation. We agreed. NOTE: our intention is to setup a mowing schedule for folk to assist Dave. Please be prepared to sign up if you are able to do so.

7. **Flight station repair:** Ed thanked Richard for repairing the 2 broken stations.

8. **IMAC Contest date:** Jim reported that **Sept. 22/23** is the date for the IMAC at FOD. We need volunteers to make this a success. Be prepared to put your name on the list. I can personally testify that it is a blast and there is something for everyone to do. Last year the IMAC contributed \$375 to FOD and it could have easily been more if more of you support the event (More to come later). Please reserve that weekend and come and have fun.

9. **Madras Modeler R/C Club Polar Bear fly:** Ed thanked all of those that participated in the event 1/1/07. There were over 30 planes and about 20 pilots plus family members. Ed opened the gate and was the first one in the air. Ross was the last one in the air. It was a great time and the Madras club went out of their way to make us FOD guys feel welcome. Andrew made some awesome chili! I even had so much fun I joined the Madras club that day. I also flew off of hard stuff for the first time ever... and landed in one piece (if you are writing the notes, you can add stuff!). I did tow a piece of sagebrush around for a while.

10. **Gate Combination Change:** We will be changing the main gate combination. You will get the new combination with your club card (it is on the back). When you see lock change from silver to brass, you will need the new combination. This will happen mid to end Jan. 07.

11. **50/50 Drawing:** James won the 50-50 drawing and got \$78 and the club \$77. (I ll bet James will show up with something new shortly!)

**From:** Richard Butler [rbutler@scmc.org]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 04, 2007 9:25 PM  
**To:** Ed Mattive  
**Subject:** 9/04/07 Minutes  
FOD Meeting Minutes 9/4/2007 at the Flying field.

**Old Business:**

IMAC Discussion:

Date: 9/22-9/23

Doc requested assistance on purchasing the food. The club will take on this responsibility.

Doc would like to see more variety in the food, perhaps chicken breasts, hamburgers and bratwurst. In addition cookies chips and salads. More kinds of cheeses (he likes blue cheese, I think)

Charges: Doc suggested a \$5 suggested donation and pilots lunch included in the entry fee.

Entry fee will be \$30 with the net proceeds to the club after expenses for food and trophies.

Ross assisting with manufacturing of the plaques. We will get the pictures printed at Wal-Mart as last year.

Computer and printer will be supplied by Richard who will also prepare the scoring program(s). Doc will get information on the Senior scoring program.

We will need data entry and scribes for scoring.

No Transmitter impound unless multiple frequency conflicts. Doc to direct.

We will set up the FOD Tent for the event; probably on the Thursday or Friday before the event

Trash will be handled as before; collect in trash bags and take to dump for the \$9 dump fee rather than renting a large trash container.

We will have a FOD workday to cleanup the field for the winter and the IMAC on the 9/15. Bring Weed trimmers. Trim the edges,

Shutdown water the week before the event on the Circle to allow camping. (WHO?)

Richard will schedule Toilet Cleaning the week before the IMAC.

We will raffle off one of the 4 planes we have in our stock pile. We will display all 4 and the winner will get to pick the one they want. Planes include:

Simple Stick EP Foam ARF (w/brush less motor) 42" by Sport Flyers

Wasp EP Foam and stick ARF (w/brush less motor) 42" by Sport Flyers

Wild Wing EP Foam wing 35" by Sport Flyers

Eindecker semi-scale 40 size wood ARF 1660mm by Super Flying Models

Ed will send reminder e-mails.

**New Business:**

Jeff suggested that we get the wood stove functional for this winter; members agreed and we will attempt to get it done in the workday.

Ed asked the club if we want to have an Oct. Fun Fly season closer. Jeff agreed to CD it. We all wanted to proceed.

Dave informed us that the patten guys were willing to put on a 1 day pattern primmer at the FOD field in the spring. They would run the event. It would be 1 of 2 they will do in the spring. Think about it and we will discuss it later. There would need to be new pilots to participate in learning pattern to make it a success.

Sean mentioned that a new antique air museum is opening this weekend in Hood River. [Western Antique Aeroplane & Automobile Museum \(WAAAM\)](#)

FOD Meeting Minutes 10/2/2007

Meeting was held at the field under the lantern... WARM!

August Meeting Minutes were approved as written.

Fun Fly is next Saturday 10/6/2007.

Starting Time is about 10 AM.

A landing fee of \$10.00 which will include a meal was proposed and passed.

Jeff will have trophies this year (designed by Kyle).

We will try to do 6 events this time depending on the number of flyers.

The field will be closed to general flying during the fun fly events.

We ordered some prizes from Trumps Hobbies and they matched the order with extra items. This resulted in over 35 prizes to be awarded.

Richard to get more gas for the mowers.

We set the meeting schedule for the winter:

Nov. 6 - meet at Pappy's Pizza

Dec. 4 - no meeting

Jan. 8 - meet at Pappy's Pizza

Reminder - This will be the party and membership renewal meeting. Renewal is discounted to \$50 if received by Jan 15th; \$60 regular membership thereafter.

Feb. 5 - no meeting

Mar. 4 - meet at Pappy's Pizza

Buying fire wood for the stove was proposed and passed. A suggestion to get mill ends from the Opportunity Center was made. Richard will get a pickup load and bring to the field.

We discussed graveling the center section with suggestions to wait until the spring to apply. Perhaps kill the weeds first before we gravel. Rough estimate is 30 yds (current going rate is about \$800). We will pursue this in the Spring.

We passed a motion to adjourn

## FOD Meeting Minutes 11/6/2007

1. Read and approved 10/2/2007 minutes.
2. Reviewed the standing Safety reminders for:
  - a. Archery Range behind the field to the South East (they have three meets / year)
  - b. No deadline violations! Be particularly aware of BMX track to the South and Ball fields to the North where children are often at play.
  - c. Call the Redmond Tower when flying over 400Ft. Just a good idea to always call. Their number is posted in Frequency Pin box.
  - d. Watch for full-size aircraft, especially helicopters lately which have been flying directly over the field very low. They ALWAYS HAVE THE RIGHT-OF-WAY!
  - e. First Aid Kit and Fire Extinguisher are in the Safety box.
3. Special THANKS to Jeff Wilson and his sons for all of their work to make the 2 Fun-Flies great events!
4. Update on break-in: no clue who did it and let's just put it behind us. Park and Rec. has given us direction and permission to dispose of (cannot sell) the remains of the old lawnmower (motor was stolen in the break-in). If anyone wants it, it is free; otherwise we will take to the scrap yard.
5. We discussed re-finishing the benches on the flight line and decided to undertake the task in the spring when the weather is more suitable.
6. We discussed the January Membership meeting (1/8/2008... 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday) and came up with the following activities:
  - a. 50 – 50 Raffle
  - b. Raffle a plane
  - c. Ed's Surprise: those who pay their membership on or before the January meeting will be eligible for a drawing for a "surprise" prize (or 2) supplied by Ed. Richard will donate a "surprise" also.
  - d. Meet and eat at Papa's
  - e. View the Wilson Video Production of "Life at the FOD Field"
7. Discussed the upcoming meeting with the Park and Rec. Board on Thursday evening.
  - a. Sparked by a concern expressed by a non-member that the FOD field was an "open field" and that anyone with a valid AMA card could fly any time they wanted. They were able to get the gate combination from a current member.
  - b. Reviewing our responsibilities under the lease agreement we have with the Park and Rec. we:
    - i. Must "enforce to the best of their ability" that anyone who flies at the field has insurance through the AMA.
    - ii. Must use the property ... "in such a manner that it does not interfere with the Lessor's use of the surrounding property, and the Lessee's use shall not create hazards or dangers to others who may be using the adjoining or adjacent properties of the Lessor". In other words; be safe!
  - c. Ed contacted the Operations Manager of the Park and Rec. to discuss the situation. The discussion was well received. The manager invited us to attend the next Park and Rec. Board meeting to introduce ourselves and discuss our usage of the field. Ed and Richard will attend.

- d. Ed in a subsequent discussion with the manager received feedback that she had not received any complaints about our activities at the field in a long time. This corresponds to when we began emphasizing safety and no deadline violations.
  - e. The manager also reviewed our website and the rules posted there and commented that they seemed very reasonable.
  - f. Ed reviewed our general policy that anyone who has a valid AMA card is welcome to fly under the following conditions:
    - i. They must have FOD sponsor present (they are a guest of the sponsor).
    - ii. They must obey all of our safety rules.
    - iii. They must be competent flyers and be able to fly in a controlled and safe manner. The sponsor is responsible to make sure that this is enforced.
    - iv. They cannot have the combination to the gate (we cannot maintain control of the safe usage of the field by non-members without having a member monitor their activities at the field)
    - v. If they become habitual non-member flyers we will encourage them to join the club to share the in financial and maintenance support of the field.
  - g. Discussion of the above:
    - i. Comment - It is difficult to avoid giving the combination to non-members who have had strong ties to the club or to club members in the past. Ed agreed but reminded us that we need to move on and emphasized the very real safety issues that we must deal with today that were not present when the club started.
    - ii. Comment – A suggestion was made to that we seek the advice of the Park and Rec. Board on the issue of non-member access VS club membership.
8. Reminder: Madras club will likely have a "Polar Bear" fun-fly on 1/1/2008 at the Madras field. We had a great time last year; consider coming this year.
9. Motion to adjourn was made and approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard Butler

Secretary/Treasurer