

Field of Dreams Monthly Meeting October 5th 2021

Field of Dreams August meeting was called to order at 6:59 PM by President Bob Ingram

There were 11 members in attendance.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Neil Henke reported total club assets just over \$6400 due in large part to the income from the scale meet and the recent swap meet.

A motion was made, seconded and passed by a majority of the members in attendance to transfer \$3000 from the checking to the capital account.

Neil also brought up the issue of the club's history in payment of our annual articles of incorporation. Neil believes the best approach for the club is to initiate a new application and asked the membership for \$50 to do that. A motion was made, seconded and passed by a majority of the members in attendance to send a check for \$50 to the state to bring us in good standing.

Safety Officer's Report

Safety officer Bruce Burgess addressed the club members in attendance about the importance of remaining aware of the deadline and other hikers and bikers with dogs off leash in the general area. Bruce also reminded members of our 400' ceiling and as always, keep an eye out when you are not flying and notify those who are flying about any full-sized aircraft approaching the area!

Instructor's Report

Richard Butler reported helping two student flyers. A young lady who is interested in making aviation her career and another gentleman who was very excited to get an airplane and join the club. Thank you Richard for being our best ambassador!

President Bob Ingram reported that we now have 61 adult members and 5 youth members. Let's be sure to make them feel welcome at the field!

Guests

There were no guests in attendance.

Old Business

Field Maintenance

Members are reminded that mowing typically takes place on Thursdays and that the mower (whenever they decide to mow) has the right of way to the field.

1st Annual Swap Meet

FOD held a swap meet on Saturday October 2nd and it was a success! While there were definitely more sellers than buyers the club made a little over \$116 from the 10% fees on sales and \$400 from the sale of a donated DX9 transmitter. The club would like to make this an annual event but discussed the possibility to hold the event earlier in the year next year.

Canopy Removal

President Bob Ingram will be sending out an email to the membership stating when the shade canopies will be removed for the Winter. Keep an eye out and come out to lend a hand. With a few guys it only takes about 15 minutes per shade structure to remove them.

Float Fly at Haystack Reservoir

This year's fall float fly was very lightly attended. The problem was the low water level resulting in a long walk to get to the water's edge. Hoping next year we will have more water and more attendance.

Safety Review Meeting (SRM)

The club is still waiting to learn where we are on the list of clubs to be reviewed by the FAA. This is the meeting where the FAA will review our flight altitudes and make a long-term decision on our flight operations. We anticipate this will occur just after the 1st of the year but as of now we have no firm dates.

Bottles & Can's Fundraiser

The club has begin collecting bottles and cans that can be recycled. The recycling company provides bags with a bar code on them so that all the bottles and cans submitted in these bags will be credited to the club. There was a discussion about the potential to get the club listed as a charity on the bottle shop's computer so members who take recyclables to the Bottle shop could choose to donate to the club there as opposed to bringing their bottles to the club.

BAM club Shaub Lake Outing

It was mentioned that the BAM club is traveling out to Shaub lakebed this Saturday for a day of flying and wanted to invite the FOD members to join in. The meet up is at Gordy's truck stop at 7AM on Saturday morning for breakfast then caravan out to the lake bed.

Water Valve Needs Replacement

Richard mentioned that there is yet another leaking water valve that needs to be replaced. The current plan is to replace that in the Spring when the water is turned back on.

New Business

Balloon Launching at Field of Dreams

With the upcoming SRM and in generally looking at our liability the club has become concerned with our liability from the balloon launch activities occurring on our field. While we do have liability insurance and the balloon operator also has liability insurance the club just wants to be sure we aren't held responsible for any incidents occurring from balloon operations. Toward that objective we have asked the balloon operator to cease operations until we get this situation resolved. Richard will take the lead interfacing with both the balloon operator and RAPRD. Our objective is to get the balloon operator to be granted permission to operate from RAPRD directly, so FOD doesn't have any liability with regard to balloon operations. Thanks Richard!

2022 Float Fly's

The club members in attendance voiced strong support for holding the traditional two float fly's next year hoping the water levels will be somewhat improved. The exact dates will be determined very soon as it was noted that reservations are going fast at the campgrounds. Keep an eye out for these dates to be announced as soon as they are finalized. Member Charles Bates has offered to donate the camping fee for one of the Haystack reservoir weekends. THANK YOU CHUCK!

2022 Calendar of Events

The club officers are currently putting together a calendar for next year. The club has received requests from the pattern guys to hold two events at our field this year. They are thinking they would like to hold both a judging seminar as well as their pattern event (which may be their championship event). Also already on the calendar is the 2022 Scale meet which is scheduled June 24th thru the 26th. Stay tuned for a full club 2022 calendar of events as soon as we can nail down some more dates.

Upcoming Meetings

It was noted that the October meeting is the last "official" meeting until the January 1st Polar Bear event. Meetings will continue to occur in November, December, February and March but these are social meetings where we discuss what we are working on etc.

Dues Discussion

The possibility of raising dues was discussed. It was noted that the dues have not been raised in many years. The officers will be developing a new budget in the upcoming weeks with an objective to define a method of capital depreciation that will allow us to set aside funds toward the repair and replacement of our lawn mowers and other needed field equipment. Once determined we will have a much better idea of where we stand in getting that funded and if a dues increase is needed. More to follow as the financial modeling is completed.

Youth Dues Discussion

It was brought to the attention of the club that the AMA gives free memberships through age 18 but FOD only did so through age 16. A motion was made, seconded and passed by a majority of the members in attendance to increase the age of free membership in FOD to age 18 to match the AMA program.

A motion was made, seconded and passed by a majority of the members in attendance to adjourn the meeting at 8:20PM

Field of Dreams Monthly Meeting September 7th 2021

Field of Dreams August meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Bob Ingram

There were 14 members in attendance.

Treasurer's Report

There was no treasurer's report given.

Safety Officer's Report

Safety officer Bruce Burgess addressed the club members in attendance about the importance of remaining aware of the deadline and other hikers and bikers in the general area. Bruce also reminded members of our 400' ceiling and warned pilots that the current smoke in the area could limit the visibility of your aircraft so be careful. As always keep an eye out when you are not flying and notify those who are flying about any full-sized aircraft approaching the area!

Instructor's Report

Richard Butler reported helping two young people that came out the field with advanced aircraft. Richard talked them into trying his Kingfisher first and gave them an instructional flight. We are hopeful this will lead to a few new members for the club. Great Job Richard!

President Bob Ingram reported that we now have 64 adult members and 7 youth members. Let's be sure to make them feel welcome at the field!

Guests

Welcome to Alex and Clayton who visited our meeting last night. A special welcome to Peter who recently joined our club and is looking to get back into RC after a long layoff. If you see these guys at the field or at a meeting, let's make them feel welcome!

Old Business

Field Maintenance

Members are reminded that mowing take place on Thursdays and that the mower (whenever they decide to mow) has the right of way to the field.

Scale Meet August 6th – 8th

Tom Rainwater gave a brief overview of the event which brought in about \$1400 to the club. This amount was augmented by significant donations to the event and a significant number of hours volunteered by the members of the club. The event simply could not happen without this level of support by our members so a special THANK YOU to all who worked so hard to make this event a success.

Scale Regional Championship

The final scale event of the 2020 calendar was held in Wenatchee Washington the last weekend in August and a number of Field of Dreams members made the trip to participate. Bob Ingram, Dana Dinius, Sean Wilson and Tom Rainwater all competed in the event from the FOD club. Sean Wilson won 2nd place in Pro Am / Unlimited and Tom Rainwater won 1st place in Pro Am / Sportsman. Tom Rainwater will now advance to the Pro Am / Pro class where he will face more experienced pilots.

Fall Float Fly

The membership was reminded that we have reserved the Cottonwood campground at Haystack reservoir again this fall for a float fly weekend September 17th thru 20th. The water levels at Haystack reservoir are VERY low. Unless more water is added before our event it is likely to be cancelled. Please stay tuned for last minute updates on the event. Update: Richard will trek out to Haystack and determine if it has dried enough to walk out the water and report back. Look for a special email about this event in the next few days.

FAA TRUST Testing

Members are once again made aware of the requirement to take this online knowledge test about airspace and where and when it is OK to fly your remote-controlled aircraft. The test is being administered through the AMA so you can find a link to the test on their page. Again, once you have passed the test take a picture of the screen or print your page indicating you have completed and passed the exam as no other record of you having taken it or having passed it is kept by anyone else. The FOD will not be inspecting for or enforcing this requirement, but it remains the responsibility of the pilot of the aircraft. Be aware be safe!

Club Swap Meet

The Field of Dreams club will be hosting a swap meet on Saturday October 2nd at the FOD field. Bring your own tables and setup beginning at 8AM. Swapping starts at 9AM through 1PM with a suggested 10% of sales donated to the club for holding the event. Hope to see you there.

New Business

Club merchandise

Bob Ingram has recently ordered a number of hats and shirts with the club logo embroidered on them. They are high quality and reasonably priced. If you want any of these please see Bob Ingram. Update: Bob mentioned there was a small error on a previous order and that other orders are in transit so if you are waiting for an item, it is likely on the way.

Club Fund Raiser

During the recent Scale event at the field some of the volunteer's took it upon themselves to separate and keep the water bottles and soda cans to be turned in for a deposit refund. That effort resulted in the club getting an additional \$37.50 in deposit refunds. This has sparked a discussion about the possibility of asking club members to begin to collect and donate bottles and cans to the club. It is easy to do the math on how many bottled and cans could be collected if all members contributed but suffice it to say it could easily make up for the loss of an event or two and it also does not reserve the field from our members as events do. A corporate account has been setup with the recycler for our club so we don't need to poke bottles through a hole at the bottle drop we simply put them in the bags provided, turn them in and they deposit the money in our account. Please consider hanging onto your deposit bearing containers for the club. Thank you!

2022 Scale Meet Dates

The membership discussed potential dates for the 2022 Field of Dreams Scale event and a motion was made, seconded, and passed by a majority of the members in attendance to hold the event on June 24th through the 26th of this next year. Mark your calendars and come fly with us at the event! It's fun!

Donation

Richard Butler advised the club that Harold Lawrence has donated a new in the box Spektrum DX9 transmitter and receiver to the club. There was some brief discussion about keeping it for an upcoming raffle at an event or putting it up for sale at the upcoming swap meet on October 2nd. No final determination was made.

Notice

The Bend Aero Modelers are organizing a one day event out at Shaub lake bed near Fort Rock Oregon. The date is still a bit uncertain but Saturday the 9th of October is the most likely. The lake bed is a large wide open flat area where you can take off and land in any direction you need to. Often guys also bring land-sailor's out there to run around if the wind comes up.

A motion was made, seconded and passed by a majority of the members in attendance to adjourn the meeting at 7:46PM

Field of Dreams Monthly Meeting August 3rd 2021

Field of Dreams August meeting was called to order at 6:59 PM by President Bob Ingram

There were 18 members in attendance.

Treasurer's Report

The club Treasurer reported total assets slightly over \$3,900 but we have a little over \$1,500 in committed-approved expenditures that have not yet occurred. That only leaves us with a limited amount to run the remainder of the year.

Safety Officer's Report

Safety officer Bruce Burgess addressed the club members in attendance about the importance of our current 400' AGL agreement with the FAA. The club members were also reminded that with the warmer weather comes hikers in the area so be aware! Also, there have been a larger than usual number of fire fighting aircraft flying low and slow around our airspace. Keep an eye out when you are not flying and notify those who are flying about any full sized aircraft approaching the area!

Instructor's Report

No current instruction was reported

President Bob Ingram reported that we now have 60 members and 5 of those are youth members. Let's be sure to make them feel welcome at the field!

Old Business

Field Maintenance

Bob Mowlds donated wood to replace one of the bench tops on the bleachers near the club house.

Thank you Bob and Richard for fixing that bench!

Richard Butler and his crew replaced the orange safety fencing and it looks GREAT! Thank you to Richard and to those that helped on this project.

Members are reminded that mowing takes place on Thursdays and that the mower (whenever they decide to mow) has the right of way to the field.

Scale Meet August 6th – 8th

President Bob Ingram reminded the club that this coming weekend is the Scale event at our club. Out of town pilots will begin arriving on Wednesday. Open flying is available for all club members through Friday. Saturday and Sunday the field will be closed for the Scale event until 5PM each day. The club will be serving lunches Saturday and Sunday and will be serving a dinner Saturday night.

FAA TRUST Test

The new TRUST test is now available to be taken online. Everyone flying will be responsible to having passed this test. Please keep your passing certificate or picture of same with you as there are no other records of your having taken or passed the test.

New Business

Club merchandise

Bob Ingram has recently ordered a number of hats and shirts with the club logo embroidered on them. They are high quality and reasonably priced. If you want any of these please see Bob Ingram.

Pattern & IMAC Events

The CD's for the pattern and IMAC contests have been informed that we can once again accommodate them now that we have authorization for higher altitudes for events. However, that had already made other plans so we are unsure if they are planning to hold any events at our field this year.

Fall Float Fly

The membership was reminded that we have reserved the Cottonwood campground at Haystack reservoir again this fall for a float fly weekend September 17th thru 20th. The water levels at Haystack reservoir are VERY low. Unless more water is added before our event it is likely to be cancelled. Please stay tuned for last minute updates on the event.

Next meeting will be held at Pappy's Pizza on Tuesday September 7th at 7:00PM

Show & Tell

Nothing was presented for Show & Tell

A motion was made, seconded and passed by a majority of the members in attendance to adjourn the meeting at 7:50PM

Field of Dreams Monthly Meeting May 4th 2021

Field of Dreams May Meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by President Bob Ingram

There were 16 members in attendance.

Treasurer's Report

The club Treasurer reported total assets slightly over \$5,300 after gravel road work was funded.

Safety Officer's Report

Safety officer Bruce Burgess addressed the club members in attendance about the importance of our current 400' AGL agreement with the FAA. The club members were also reminded that with the warmer weather comes hikers in the area so be aware!

The membership discusses the no maiden rules that were discussed at the April meeting and decided to just make a gentleman's agreement that we should avoid flying maiden flights or any flight with any known issues when either the soccer field closest to the runway or the BMX track is in use.

Instructor's Report

Richard Butler reported flying with one perspective youth member and his father.

Old Business

Gate Lock Protocol

If you open the gate, please be sure to secure both the chain and the lock so it cannot be taken while the gate is open. Also, PLEASE rotate the tumblers on the lock so the actual combination is not showing on the dial after you open it. THANK YOU!

Field Maintenance

There are two main projects that need to be handled this spring at the field:

New plastic netting material have been purchased and are ready to install. Before that can happen the end posts need to be repaired as they are loose in the ground and giving way. Richard butler discussed the potential solutions but this will be handled in two projects. The first, is to re-anchor the end posts and secure them from rotation and leaning. The second project will be to hang the new netting on the fence. Please keep and eye out for an email announcing when these repairs will take place and pitch in to keep your field in good condition.

The second project will be to repair and repaint the field benches and tables. Again, keep and eye out for the schedule of these work parties and PITCH IN!

Future Meetings

Until the Oregon government allows indoor gatherings we will continue to meet at the Field of Dreams at 6:30PM on the first Tuesday of the month. Please feel free to come early and fly before (and after) the meeting.

LOA

President Bob Ingram gave an update to the members on the Safety Review Meeting (SRM) that we are awaiting to seek permission to fly higher than 400' AGL. We have moved from 19th to 15th on the list to be reviewed and we have learned the FAA has added another team doing these reviews so our hope is that they can now do about 4 per month.

New Business

2021 Event Calendar

August 5 – 8 Scale Event

September Pattern Event possibly if we can get authorization for higher altitudes

Tom Rainwater gave a brief update on the planning for the upcoming scale event. He noted that we are still in need of a photographer and a raffle director. If you have that weekend available, we sure could use some help in these two areas! Please contact Tom Rainwater 858-527-8627 THANK YOU!

Club Officer Nominations

No new club officers were nominated for the 2021/2022 year. After soliciting approval from all existing officers a motion was made, seconded and passed by a majority of members in attendance to retain the all the current club officers for the following year. Tom Rainwater and Bob Ingram made note that this next year would be their final year in their current positions.

Show & Tell

Bruce Burgess brought in a new Super Kaos that he has just started working on. Richard discussed his new Afordaplane that did not quite have enough power to secure flight. Back to the drawing board for some more power!

A motion was made, seconded and passed by a majority of the members in attendance to adjourn the annual corporate meeting at 7:05PM

Field of Dreams Monthly Meeting April 6th 2021

Field of Dreams August Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Bob Ingram

There were 13 members and 2 guests in attendance.

Welcome to Doug Devereaux who recently relocated to Oregon from Arizona and Wayne McCloud who also recently relocated here from Calaveras county CA! Hope to see you guys at the field this summer!

Treasurer's Report

The club Treasurer was not in attendance, but the club reported total assets just the treasurer's reported club assets currently slightly over \$6,500 with some 2021 dues checks yet to be deposited.

Safety Officer's Report

Safety officer Bruce Burgess addressed the club members in attendance about the importance of our current 400' AGL agreement with the FAA. The club members were also reminded that with the warmer weather comes hikers in the area so be aware!

A more detailed conversation was had about the potential to change the bylaws of the club to prohibit any maiden flights or flight testing on Saturday's when the soccer fields are densely populated with small children. Since this requires prior notification of the membership, a motion was made, seconded and passed by a majority of the members in attendance to craft and publish to the club members a new bylaw outlining restrictions on maiden flights during times of high activity levels near the field. This will be handled in a separate communication to the club members.

Instructor's Report

Mike reported giving flight lessons to a couple of young men. It was also reported that member John Shaw donated an electric Senior Kadet Sport to the club for primary flight training. THANK YOU JOHN!

Old Business

Field Maintenance

The water valve maintenance mentioned in the fall has now been completed and the water has been turned onto the field for the year. A special thank you to both Richard and Mike for the repair of this valve!

Safety Fencing

The orange safety fencing is in pretty bad shape and there was a discussion on the possible different materials to repair it. There is one option that doesn't last as long for \$50 /roll and another option for material that last longer for \$175 / roll but we were not really sure it would last three and half time longer than the less expensive option. A motion was made, seconded and passed by a majority of the members in attendance to purchase three rolls of the less expensive material.

Spring Spruce up Time

A work party will be called this Spring at a date and time to be determined in the future to spruce up the field. We need to repair and repaint the tables and benches at the field. Look for a special communication about the work party and come lend a hand to keep our field in top shape for 2021. We have previously approved the purchase of gravel to augment our lower road. We are now planning on spending that money and having a truck of aggregate spread on our road. The field Canopy covers will be installed in late April or early May to avoid the early Spring winds that cause so much damage to the covers. A motion was made, seconded and passed by a majority of the members in attendance to not install the canopy cover over the bleachers as the frame needs repair / replacement. The club is still looking for another volunteer mower so if you are interested contact Richard or Mike. The mowers have asked to remove the rough grass patches East of the sprinkler heads to make mowing much easier. If you have any concerns about this process, please see Richard ASAP.

New Business

Club Officer Nominations

The club was reminded that the May meeting will be the opening of nominations for your next year's club officers. Please realize that the folks in these positions are not attached to their positions and would be more than happy to help you take their place. So, if you have the time pitch in and put yourself out there to hold an office.

Meeting Location

Next meeting and future meetings will be held at Pappy's pizza throughout the summer.

LOA Update

President Bob Ingram gave the membership a brief overview of our situation with the FAA and AMA. As most know we are under an agreement with the FAA to fly at or below 400' above the ground. We are awaiting our turn for a safety review where we hope to secure higher flying altitudes. We are currently 19th on the list due to 17 other clubs which were effectively shut down were given priority. We still do not have an estimate when our safety review may be held but we remain hopeful it will occur this year.

2021 Calendar Notes

The proposed calendar for the year was distributed via email in March. You will note there will be no Spring float fly campout as usual due to campsite maintenance. We HAVE a reservation for the fall so stay tuned for details on that campout event.

Three Main Events

While all three of our usual events remain on the calendar with the active 400' AGL height restriction we fear only the Scale event may be able to operate under those limitations. We are holding the dates for the other two events just in case we can schedule our safety review and secure higher flight altitudes.

IMAC July 2 – 4

Scale August 6 – 8

Pattern September (tbd)

Scale Event

Tom Rainwater gave a brief overview of the event and the preparations for the event. He noted that we are still in need of a photographer and a raffle director. If you have that weekend available, we sure could use some help in these two areas! Please contact Tom Rainwater 858-527-8627 THANK YOU!

Show & Tell

Bruce Burgess brought back his completed Yellow Aircraft CAP10B painted in a scale paint scheme by Bruce using Klass Kote epoxy paints. The plane is powered by an RCGF 40 twin gasoline engine. Bruce says it currently weights 14.5lb and is estimating a flight weight of about 16 lbs. Beautiful aircraft Bruce!

A motion was made, seconded and passed by a majority of the members in attendance to adjourn the annual corporate meeting at 8:16PM