

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