

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