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AMA Club #187



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Rich P.

Ron V.

Field Marshals:

Don M.

Ray B.

NEDS Meeting Minutes 4/6/17

Meeting called to order at 7:10P.

14 in attendance including 3 officers

Treasury report by Gary W - passed unanimously

Old Business

- Club dues were due by today. 32 paid members to date, there are 50 members according to the AMA Roster.

- Pete Hathaway's passing was noted and the club's donation in his honor to Juvenile Diabetes Association was decided.

New Business

- The email from Ron V requesting stories from members as to what got them started in RC Flying was discussed. Members were encouraged to respond if they had not already.

- Rich P will amend the AMA club roster to remove those who have not been paid club members in a while.

- Members agreed to read and review AMA safety rules on their own.

- The club's continued status as AMA leader club was discussed. To that end, community involvement was also discussed. Possible ideas were

- Demonstrations at Boy Scout Camp

- Open House at the Coventry field

- Booth at Coventry Fest

- Booth at Cruisin' on Main (Manchester)

- The open house idea was voted on and passed with 12 votes. July 22nd was selected with a rain date of July 30. 13 or 14 members need to work the event. Jobs include flying, spotting, crowd management, parking, snack sales.

- Advertising for the open house will be via flyers, newspaper, Coventry monthly newsletter.

- The creation of a free-standing sign for temporary use at the gate was discussed. Rich P is to price out the creation of a plastic sandwich board sign.

- Volunteers are needed to mow the Coventry field. 2 or 3 members indicated they were available.

- The annual donation to the Mansfield Public Library was voted on and passed unanimously.

- Rich P and Bill G spoke about using caution at the field as skills may have become rusty over the long non-flying season.

- It was noted that Hog Heaven Hobby shop has started "club Days" with June 17th being "NEDs Saturday" where your NEDs ID will earn you {unknown how much} a discount.

- The annual build contest scheduled tonight included no "ARFs". Accordingly, the rules were changed to scratch build only 1st, 2nd and 3rd places, each member gets one ticket to vote on the project they like most.

- Meeting adjourned at 7:53p

- Raffle was a Robart plane stand won by [Rich L's buddy]

Recorded by Bill T.

Build Contest:

Jim showed a Fokker Tri-plane he purchased used and damaged and restored.

Curt showed a P-17 kit he built from and Alien Aircraft kit (also, an airboat not in contest)

Gary W showed a 4-meter Discus glider and a Jaw Hawk rocket powered glider

George H showed a scratch build Patriot he built for a friend a while ago. He recently received it back and rebuilt it.

Bill G showed a lifting-body balsa and styro blimp he built

Bill T showed an unfinished Super Stearman

Voting revealed Curt's Pt-17 and Gary's Glider tied for 1st place with 4 votes each, George's Patriot and Bill T's Stearman tied for 2nd place with 2 votes each and Jim's Fokker in third with 1 vote. 2 tie breakers were decided. A vote on the 1st place tie with the winner and loser being Contest 1st and 2nd respectively. And, a vote on the 2nd place tie deciding contest 3rd and 4th.

The final results were

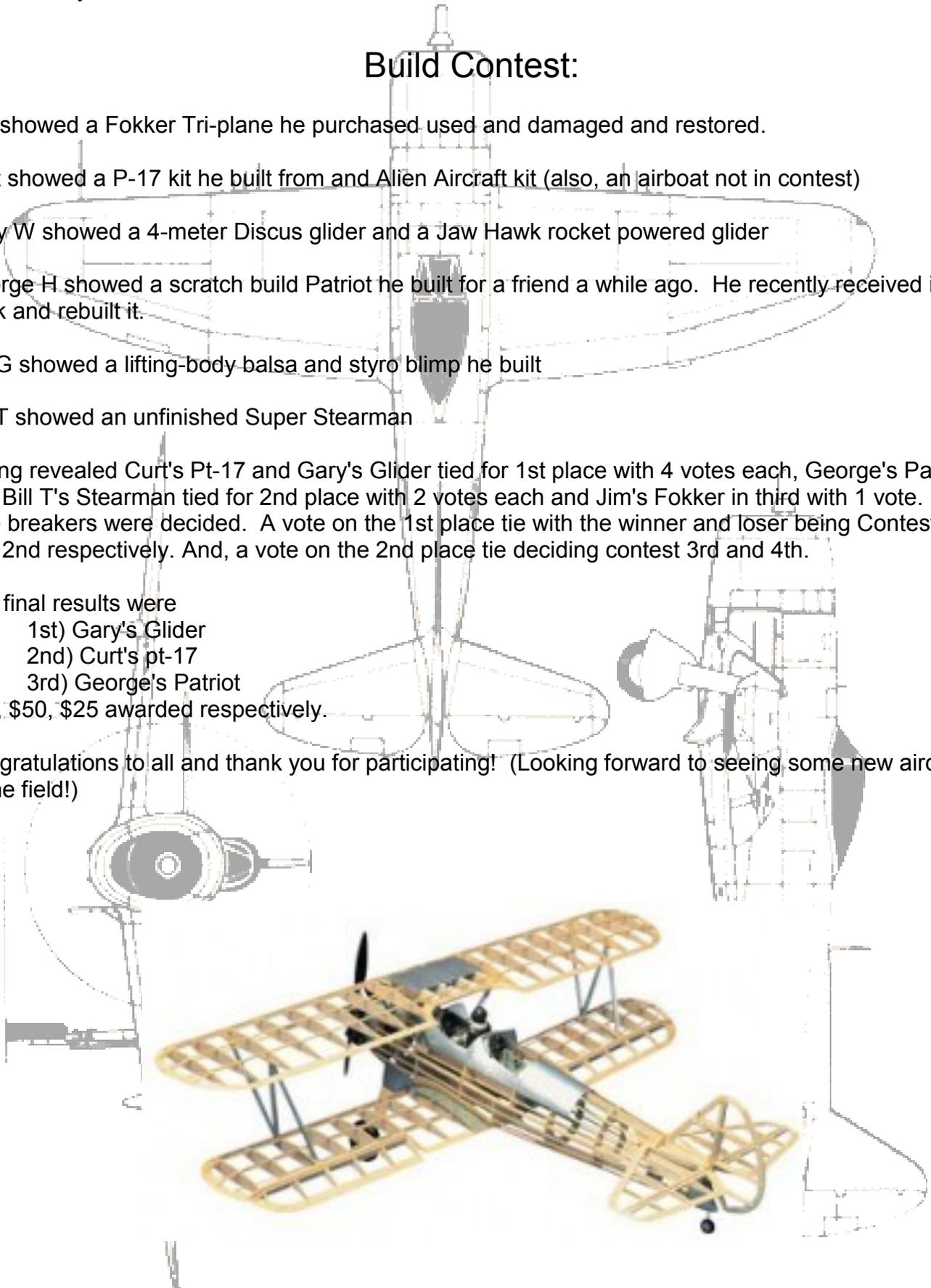
1st) Gary's Glider

2nd) Curt's pt-17

3rd) George's Patriot

\$75, \$50, \$25 awarded respectively.

Congratulations to all and thank you for participating! (Looking forward to seeing some new aircraft at the field!)



What Got You into RC?

Cliff M.

I used to fly control line long ago. When I retired I put RC on my "bucket list" and it's still here. I am still dreaming about flying the Carbon Z Cub that's up in my barn when I gain enough confidence. I also want to fly a Biplane some time.

Mike S.

It all started in 1965 when I was 5 years old. My father and I would go see my uncle pylon race at the Granby field (aka NCRCC) he was one of the founders of the club. So ever since that time I always said someday I want to fly a rc airplane. So here I am 51 years later with a fleet of 32 airplanes, helicopters...etc, and yep.....flying!!!!!! This is a contagious fever!!!!

Curt G.

About 35 years ago I saw a guy flying a fast RC plane from a beach and out over a lake. That was the catalyst to my interest.

What is your dream aircraft to fly? Whatever I am going to build next.

Rich P.

I think what got me into RC was an overall fascination with aviation in general. That and I've always been fascinated with miniature versions of planes, cars, boats and trains. I built models of all of them as a kid.

I started in RC aircraft in 1980 with a Sig Cadet after playing around with some control line planes.

My dream RC to fly would be a B17 with about a 12' wingspan and "Geronimo" painted on the nose.

Dave M.

What got you into RC? In 1985, I purchased a Guillows Hellcat F-6F balsa and tissue paper kit for my son. When I realized it would be too difficult for him Santa gave it to me. After assembly, I consulted with an RC friend in the hobby about an engine for it. He recommended I hang it up as a display model and buy a Sig Kadet LT 40 Trainer to get into RC flying.

What is your dream aircraft to fly? On my bucket list is some stick time in a Supermarine Spitfire trainer (with the two cockpit layout). There is one in Colorado and it only costs \$3,500 for a half hour....

Fred M.

I started building Guillows kits in 1940 at age 6 & bought my first O&R 23 in 1942 for a Comet Zipper. Free flight. I joined the RC Propbusters in 1942 & have competed in FF & Control Line Stunt, CI A speed & Combat. I soloed in a full scale J2 Cub on floats on the Thames River in 1950, flew my first RC model (rudder only) in 1951, was an AF MATS Navigator from 54-58, took a holiday from the hobby from 58-94 to get a BSEE & MSEE, pursued a career in Aerospace & Semiconductors, & have been an avid RC guy ever since 94.

I like to fly any kind of RC Plane, especially my 1/4 scale Proctor Nieuport 28 C1 but for full scale it would be the SR-71.

NEDS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

1. Complete form, include a photocopy of your AMA membership ID card and return to Treasurer.
2. Dues are \$24 per year if you are under 18, otherwise the cost will be \$48.

NAME: _____

STREET: _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____

E-MAIL: _____

Applicant Certification: I agree to abide by the club rules, by-laws and AMA Safety Code.

SIGNATURE: _____

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