

The Aerogramme

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September 7, 2017 Minutes from the Aug meeting held on Aug 6, 2017

AMA Club #187



Officers:

President:

Rich Pierce

Vice President:

Bill Tripp

Secretary:

Ron Vernier III

Treasurer:

Gary Warzocha

Instructors:

Aero/Glider

Billy G. 860-429-1046

Ron V. 860-205-3277

Aero/Heli/

Multicopter:

Greg W. 860-508-2394

Rich P. 860-614-3915

Aero:

Matt D. 860-228-2059

Introductory Pilots:

Rich P.

Ron V.

Field Marshals:

Don M.

Ray B.

The meeting commenced at 7:01pm with 17 members present.

Treasurer's Report: is as follows and accepted by the attendance at the meeting.

Income	\$273.00
Donation	\$12.00
Dues	\$96.00
Landing Fees	\$140.00
Raffle	\$25.00
Expenses	\$2.75
Postage	\$2.75
Net Income	270.25

New Members: Roger Gallic (not present)

Old Business:

- The club has not received PortaJon bills for the following: May Float Fly; July Float Fly; May Coventry; July Coventry

- Rich P has sent The Chronicle Newspaper Article and Video clip of Cable TV interview to Tom Rushlow of AMA

- The new sign is to remain hidden in the woods near the "open" side of the gate in a dark trash bag. Members are requested to set it out at the road when they arrive at the field and return it when the gate is closed.

- Rich P reintroduced the "aggressive helicopter flying" issue which was first raised in the previous meeting in his absence. Club safety officers and several other members discussed helicopter flying at the field as unsafe and too loud. Their stated concerns were to avoid mishaps and noise complaints from neighbors. After lively discussion it came to light that the last noise complaint specifically regarding helis was about 7 years ago. Furthermore no one could cite a past safety violation involving helis (personal injury or unsafe practice such as flying into pit area), but the potential for mechanical failure remained a concern. It was agreed that heli pilots will request permission to fly from any pilot currently flying and/or they will wait until all airborne craft are safely landed before flying. Fixed wing pilots who are not comfortable flying with helis are encouraged to wait until the heli flight is over.

New Business:

- Mowing is needed at Mansfield

- As of August 15 we can fly on all 5 weekdays at Coventry, we are still restricted to even weekend days.

- Be aware that if you need to go into the vegetation at Coventry you are at risk for tick exposure. They seem particularly abundant this year.

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- Pete Hathaway's wife has donated much of his R/C collection to NEDs club members. George H. has facilitated this and Curt G. used his truck for transportation. It seems a fitting way to remember Pete as his old planes and equipment find their way back into the skies. Much thanks to Mrs. Hathaway, George H. and Curt G.

- The current Treasurer, Gary W., and the current Secretary, Ron V., have both stated they will step down after this term. Bill T. has expressed an interest in the Secretary position which will leave his current position of Vice President vacant. Please consider stepping up and volunteering. Also, Gary and Ron both deserve many thanks for their YEARS of service to the club.

- Bill G. is coordinating the next Fun Fly (date and time below). Contests to include Taxi, Long Glide, Limbo and Spot Landing. The club has voted to provide Pizza and soda. Many thanks to Bill.

- There was no raffle as the meeting ran until dark.

Upcoming NEDS events:

NEDS Fun Fly:

Saturday, August 26, 2017 at Coventry Flying field at 10:00am

NEDS September Meeting:

Thursday, September 7, 2017 at Coventry Flying Field at 7:00pm.

NEDS Float Fly:

Sunday, September 17, 2017 at 9:30am, at the Mansfield Float Fly Area.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35.

Recorded by Bill T.