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AMA Club #187



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Rich P.

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Don M.

Ray B.

Minutes of the NEDS meeting of April 2, 2015

The meeting was held at the Buchanan Center in Mansfield at 7 pm with 21 members and 2 guests present.

Treasurer's Report for February/March, 2015:

Income (dues)	\$642.00
Expenses	\$227.89
AMA renewal	96.00
Polar Bear Funfly	46.25
Postage	11.20
Porta John	74.44
Net income	\$414.11
Cash and Checking	\$1415.06
Investment Account	\$4023.92

Announcements and Business:

- Treasurer Gary W. reported that the club has received its renewed DEEP permits for both fields. He also got permission for three float fly dates this year: June 6, July 19 and September 13.

- President Curt Gould proposed that the club apply for one of the AMA Leader Club Awards. He said that we already satisfy many of the requirements. Secretary Knox suggested that the outreach/public service electives could be met by flying demonstrations at the Webster Boy Scout camp and Hole-in-the-Wall camp on Rt. 44 in Ashford.

- Rich P. mentioned that the AMA has a program to introduce interested people to flying. It is also a way to bring in new members. He volunteered to help the club begin the program.

- The upcoming Building Contest in May was discussed. It was decided that instead of plaque awards, we would give 4 gift certificates totaling \$150 to Hog Heaven. Two categories would be used: scratch/kit and ARF, with \$50 and \$25 awards in each.

- A invitation to the Propbusters club in Salem was proposed again for this year. George Hovey, a member there, will ask them about their interest in a joint float fly in Mansfield.

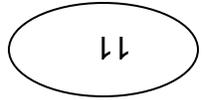
- Don M. gave a field report about conditions at Coventry and reminded everyone that black lock on the gate is the NEDS lock.

Swap shop and tag sale. The annual swap shop had about 7 participants who wanted to clean out their garage or basement. Items included 6 planes, 3 wings, a few radios, electric motors, props and electronic gear. All at rock bottom prices!

NEDS Web site. Members were reminded to send any news, photos or items of interest to Ron Vernier for inclusion on the club's web site at FlyNEDSRC.org.

Raffle. VP Matt D's raffle prize was an air speed sensor made by Eagletree.

Coffee: Curt invited everyone to coffee on Tuesday mornings at the Dunkin Donuts in Coventry (Rt31 and 44) at 10 AM.



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Upcoming Events:

- Float Fly dates at Mansfield Hollow are: June 7, July 19, and September 13.
- Building Contest at May meeting in Mansfield.

Recorder: Jim Knox

Coventry Field Updates:

- Coventry Gate Combination Changed.

We've changed the combination to the gate lock at Coventry. There have been some fears that people who are no longer members might be going out and flying at the field during non-fly days and evenings. Those who have renewed their membership for 2015 have been given the new combination. Others will be given it as they renew. Please keep the combination secure, do not share it with any non-current member.

- Flight Restrictions at Coventry

After talking with a neighbor at our Coventry field, and running some flight tests to see how close we are getting to the woods separating us from the houses, and how loud the noise is there, we are asking all flyers to further restrict flying on the south side of the field near the houses. Please turn away from the houses at or about the south end of the runway. We will discuss this and noise reduction options at our next meeting.

