



MEETING MINUTES AND NEWSLETTER

December 3rd, 2025

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM, 1900 hrs. 23 members – quorum present

Minutes of the last meeting were approved.

Guests/new members – Ivan Morales new member

Club President Mark Carey invited Ivan Morales to say hello to the club. Ivan has just started flying RC aircraft and does very well. He credits his time flying simulator programs with the reason for his fast advancement.

Opening remarks – Mark welcomed Skip McConnell to the meeting, as all club members were happy to see Skip in good health. Mark reminded all that it is membership renewal time. Members can renew at a meeting by cash or check. Online renewals are also available with a small service fee. Everyone should renew before February 1st.

OFFICER REPORTS

Safety – Gene No incidents at the field.

Activities - Jake reported on the annual Turkey Shoot at the flying field. There were 13 competitors at the event. The club actually made money at the event and even though the weather was cool, everyone had a fun time. Winners were: Will Qualey first place, Cameron Crowell second place, and Ivan Morales placed third.

Vice President – Josh remarked that the Turkey Shoot was a fun event and an enjoyable part of club membership.

Secretary - Randy noted that memberships were coming in online and at the meetings.

Finance - Duane – As expected membership dues are coming in to increase our account balances, while the club did not experience any major expenses. Duane said the investment account continues to do well. Please see Duane for complete details. There was a short discussion on the regular field maintenance items that may need to be financed by the club. The feeling by many was that the cracks are bad, but the surface of the runway did not show excessive wear or weathering. We definitely need to repair the cracks in the summer of 2026. After the winter, we can check to see how the seal is holding up. It might be worth contacting the sealing contractor for his opinion on the status of the surface.

Cameron and others mentioned that the club should consider applying for another AMA grant. The past success of the club in obtaining a grant is a reason for the club to be optimistic about a future grant.

ELECTIONS

Mark opened the election of officers at the conclusion of the officer reports.

Cameron Crowell was nominated for president and confirmed by voice vote of the membership.

Josh, Randy and Duane volunteered to continue in their present positions without objection.

Jake has done a great job planning and organizing the many club events over the past five years and is stepping down. The leadership of the activities program was discussed with the possibility of having an activities committee or group to be responsible for the program.

Gene is passing on the responsibilities of the Safety Officer. Robert Piper will be the new safety officer.

Dan has agreed to take on the newsletter for the club.

After the elections and other club official positions determined, Randy asked the club to support the American Legion raffle by buying \$100 worth of tickets (5). The raffle is for a \$1500 gift card for Butcher Boy meats. Proceeds of the raffle will be used to upgrade the Legion HVAC system. A motion for the purchase and voice vote affirmed the ticket purchase.

SHOW AND TELL

Dan showed his personally designed and built “Winging-It” flying wing type aircraft. The airplane was very clean, as Dan wanted to show it before he flew it.



Josh brought his EF1 Racing Shoestring. His battery powered flyer looked like it would fly very fast. Josh thinks it will fly 100mph. He has a bit more work to do before getting out to the airfield with the racer.



Jake brought in a fantastic ¼ scale WWII Wild Cat to show the club. Jake has been working on the revered aircraft for six months and will likely need another month to finish up on the electronics. The aircraft is a beautiful blue and shows a huge amount of detail. Jake put approximately 10,000 rivets and a detailed canopy on the fighter to give it an authentic look. Jake explained that the landing gear for the “real” Wild Cat were hand cranked (28 revolutions) into the fuselage of the aircraft. Pilots gave the name “Grumman elbow” to the sore elbows that they experienced after bringing up the wheels. The Wild Cat RC weighs in at nearly 50 pounds and has an 180cc engine. Jake’s Wild Cat is an incredible model aircraft.



Bob Burnett showed a picture of a lineup of T-34 trainers that many of the club used to fly and a discussion came up about starting another version of the pylon racing that was done “back in the day” with the T-34 RCs. There was a lot of enthusiasm about the prospect of the racing event in the future.

Meeting adjourned 7:50 pm