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UNOFFICIAL FEBRUARY MEETING MINUTES

Members In Attendance: John Gardiner, Mike Hunter, Chet Thayer, Frank Donnelly, Elliot Smith, Mike Sobieski, Charlie Hruska, Bob Cyr

Minutes:

Call to Order:

- President Chet Thayer called the meeting to order at 7:33 P.M.

Reading of the Minutes:

- Mike Hunter summarized the minutes from the January meeting. They were accepted as summarized by unanimous vote.

COMMITTEE Reports:

- **Treasury Report:** As of 1/31/2011 the club had cash in checking and savings of \$xx.xx. This compares to a cash balance of \$xx.xx as of January 3, 2010 and \$xx.xx as of December 31, 2010. Dues collected for 2010 total \$xx.xx. The club currently has 18 regular and 15 senior members. Receipts for the one month of 2011 total \$xx.xx. This is composed of membership dues and \$0.04 interest earned. Disbursements for the one month of 2011 total \$315.00. The disbursements were \$25.00 for Delaware Corporation Fees, \$90.00 for AMA Membership Fees and \$200.00 donation to the Friends of Bellanca Airfield. Five members from last year have not paid their dues. They have been notified.
- **Safety Report:** There was no safety report.
- **Field Report:** There was no field report. However there was discussion regarding the pit protection and a work party to build the three new safety benches. Please contact Bob Cyr if you would like to help build the new safety benches. The work team will build the benches at Bob's house given he has tools, power and suitable work area to do the construction. Bob also brought in a picture of a PCV barrier for the pits that he thought we could construct at minimal cost. However it was decided that the grass barriers that we have used in the past are adequate if we reduce the entry point to the pits from the field and maintain them with proper cutting. During the April work party the current barrier will be mowed and then instructions developed for maintaining the barriers in the future.

MINUTES CONTINUED...

OLD Business

- **Calendar of Events for 2011:** Chet Thayer requested that the scheduled of FOBA Flying dates for 2011 be added to the calendar of events for 2011.
- **Need for a Shade Canopy:** Frank Donnelly proposed that we buy a shade canopy from Harbor Freight for \$59.99 and store it in the shed. This will give us ready sun protection for picnics, fun-flys and other activities if needed. The proposal was seconded and accepted unanimously. Frank will purchase the shade canopy and submit the receipt for reimbursement.
- **Boys and Girls Club of Delaware:** Frank Donnelly reported that he and Mike Sobieski meet with representatives from the Boys and Girls Club of Delaware on Daryl Road regarding the possibility that we might be able to fly indoor in their gym. Frank reported that the meeting went well and that he will work with their representatives to see how best to move forward.
- **Fuel Order:** Chet Thayer reported that Ron Becker contacted S&W regarding a possible fuel order. It appears that we can again get a reasonable price (\$16.00 per Gallon) of 15% nitro fuel from them. Please contact John Gardiner regarding the amount of fuel you might want to purchase. We would like to have all orders and payments in by the next meeting (March 21st) so that we have the cash to make the payment at pick-up from S&W. We were not able to negotiate a better deal with G-Force Hobbies because of the high shipping costs they have to impose on each gallon.

New Business

There was no new business.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:11 pm.



Respectfully Submitted,
Mike Hunter
Secretary
First State R/C Club

FEBRUARY'S MYSTERY AIRCRAFT



The S-Wing (pronounced swing) is a high-wing Light Sport Aircraft that has been flying in Europe for a few years and is fully approved as an S-LSA in the United States. This remarkable airplane has surprising performance and payload with equally surprising economy of operation. This is possible by building the airplane according to classic principles with advanced German and Swiss technology. Using a vacuum sandwich procedure, the airplane is made entirely from plastic materials approved for use in aviation.

Specifications

Top speed: 132 mph

Cruise: 75-108 mph (typical 100 mph)

Stall: 43.5 mph

Gross weight: 1320 lb

Maximum crew weight: 490 lb

Range: 500 mi

Economy: 4-5 gph

Fuel capacity: 15.8 gal

Cabin width: 51.95 inches

Cabin height: 42.52 inches

Wing span: 33.5 ft

Engine: Rotax 912 ULS 100 hp

The extensive list of standard equipment on the S-Wing includes:

- Rotax 912 ULS 2 100-HP engine
- Two-blade ground adjustable composite propeller
- Electric flaps
- Electric trim
- Dual controls (yoke)
- Four-point seat belts
- Cabin heat
- Cabin fresh air
- Dual hydraulic disc brakes
- Upholstered seats
- Upholstered cockpit and baggage area
- Keyed door locks
- Perspex® smoked glass (3 mm)
- 12 volt electrical system
- Navigation lights
- Strobe lights
- Landing light
- Wheel pants

FEBRUARY'S RC MYSTERY AIRCRAFT



The standard instrumentation package includes:

- Altimeter
- Airspeed indicator
- Vertical speed indicator
- Compass
- FLYDAT electronic engine monitoring system
- Slip/skid indicator

Source: <http://www.s-wing-usa.com/index.html>



Simple Flying...

Until next month,

Tim Mihalski, Editor

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MARCH'S RC MYSTERY AIRCRAFT

A mystery RC aircraft for you to ponder... you can read all about this mystery ship in April's issue of Contact...

IMPORTANT REMINDERS...

Monday 07:30 P.M. 03/21/11 Club Meeting @ Stahl American Legion Post

Saturday 09:00 A.M. 04/09/11 Club Spring Field Cleanup Day

Saturday 09:00 A.M. 04/16/11 Club Spring Field Cleanup Day (Raindate)

Monday 07:30 P.M. 04/18/11 Club Meeting @ Stahl American Legion Post

Monday 07:30 P.M. 05/16/11 Club Meeting @ Stahl American Legion Post

Saturday 10:00 A.M. 05/21/11 Fuel/Electric Fun Fly at Field.-Contact: Ron Becker

Saturday 10:00 A.M. 05/28/11 Fuel/Electric Fun Fly at Field. (Raindate)-Contact: Ron Becker



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