

Newsletter

FROM THE PRESIDENT

I received notice from Jeff Lovitt that we will once again be hosting the USSMA Championships in 2016. Way to go, Jeff! Jeff also plans to do the 49er Qualifier again this year, tentative date May 14th and 15th. The Championship dates will be after the Helicopter Scale Masters.

Most if not all club officer positions are open for nominations. I feel it is time for me to step down as President. I have appreciated the confidence the club has placed in me while I have been President, but it should not be a permanent position. One board



position is also open, it is a one year term according to Mike O'Kane's determination from past minutes.

On the 22nd of October I was out and the field and took a few pictures of Mike Murphy's Cougar while he was flying it (quite well, I would say). I also test flew my most recent completion, a Chaplaskie Thunder Bird. While it has a fearsome name, it is a 45 inch span Cox reed valve powered old timer and flies quite gently. All up weight is 15 ounces.

The AMA has changed how renewals are done and many clubs are left wondering how we are going to deal with it. I have been in contact with Lawrence Tougas, our district VP, and Shawn Grubbs, the AMA



Membership Director (and IT Manager) and these are final rules. They feel it will help keep membership numbers up. The new rules are that people can join at any time, and their membership is good for one year, whatever month that falls in. It is possible to renew again on January 1st through December 31st if you have a membership that ends at a different date but that has to be done via a phone call to AMA, it is not possible on the web site. I am in favor of having a club policy that everyone has to renew in December,

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THIS MONTH

Meeting Minutes..... Mike O'Kane
WDA Calendar

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 9TH, 2015

Members present: Ed Morgan, X John
Eaton, X Jim MacDonald, X Mike O'Kane,
X Jeff Lovitt, Rich Geertson X Doug
Barton _ _ Randy Sizemore X Chris Dellinger

Meeting called to order by John Eaton.

Last month's minutes reviewed, motion for approval,
2nd, and passed unanimously.

Recognition of guests and new members.

Officer reports:

President: John commented he will not be running
for the President position

Vice President: John recapped the Board Minutes
listed in the Board meeting.

Treasurer: Jim MacDonald reported on Club
account.

Secretary: None

Chair Reports:

Membership: Monte Pate, kick off renewal next
month, cards will be available. Dues will remain
the same for 2016.

Safety: John Lett is not present

Field Chair: Bill and Art present, some minor
mechanical issues

News Letter: Glen Spaulding is not present

Points Chair: Points are posted, WEB site is current

WEB PAGE: WEB page is current

Events Reports: Indoor flying event morning,
Forrest will try to set up a Saturday event if
possible.

Float Fly: 15 entries, windy on Saturday, Sunday
great Day to fly. Randy has set the dates for next
year. Saturday night BBQ.

Old Business: Toys for Tots, Chilly -n-Chili

BOARD MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 9TH, 2015

Members present: Ed Morgan, X John Eaton, X
Jim MacDonald, X Mike O'Kane,
X Jeff Lovitt, _ Rich Geertson, Randy
Sizemore X Doug Barton, X Chris
Dellinger

Meeting called to order by Mike O'Kane

Meeting agenda as posted on the Club forum with
any following additions.

OLD Business
None

NEW BUSINESS

Picnic Table: Repair existing tables and add three
additional tables. Jim and Mike working on
parts list and pricing

Snack Shack: Need to make changes to improve
the sanitary features in the Club, pressure
water system

Original Scale Masters: Does WDA want to do it
again. Motion to approach the Scale Masters
Association. Acknowledge to the Association,
WDA is willing to host the 2016 or later dates.

49ers Qualifier after the middle of May.

Helicopter Scale Masters end of September or the
first two weekends in October



WDA 2015 Events Calendar	
<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Nov 7	Toys for Tots
Dec 5	WDA Indoor Fun Fly
Jan 1	Chilly n' Chili Fun Fly & Pot Luck

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whatever the method, so it will be possible to police AMA membership by changing the gate combination as we have been each year. Otherwise the only alternative I can see will be a lot of checking at the field and that is bound to cause problems and hard feelings. Perhaps we can get the AMA to issue cards with chips that we can have a reader at the gate check. Then, if your card is not current all your transmitters will be made to self destruct as you pass the gate.

Forrest has been working on getting a different time to do the indoor flying and has succeeded in getting Saturday evening on the 5th of December, time to be determined. Come on out and have some fun. We always have extra Vapors to fly.

Rumor has it that there will be a glider trip to Marin in the near future. Perhaps we can work on that at the meeting.

Doug and Forrest Barton, Paul Torgerson, and I went to the Bayside Auction in Fremont and had some fun. Good stuff and junk in a big room. It was fun to watch people bid on stuff and the auctioneers did a good job I thought, equal parts entertainment and keeping things moving along. It is a fund raiser for the club. I bought a twin plug Super Cyclone ignition engine. I also purchased a built Sig Astro Hog for the princely sum of \$25.00, with some good servos in it but no propulsion unit present. It was calling to me all day and came up for bid nearly at the end. It seems happy to be with me.



The January and February meeting dates fall on Federal Holidays so the library meeting room will not be open. We will have to change the dates, I would assume, so keep an eye out for that notice. November and December are as usual.

Upcoming Events:

Nov 7	WDA Toys for Tots
December 5th	(Saturday Evening) WDA indoor Fun Fly
1 Jan 2016	Chilly and Chile fun fly

See you at the meeting. Woodland Public Library, Leake Room, November 9th. Board Meeting at 6 and General meeting at 7 PM.

- John

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Next Meeting: Monday, November 9th, 7:00PM
 Meeting held at Woodland Library @ 250 First Street



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