

## Lawton Area Fun Flyer's Society

Minutes for Feb.3, 2009 Meeting

### Members in Attendance:

Howard Bizzell	Jerry Chinnow	Gene Elkins
Corky Fain	Gary Fletcher	Kris Frost
Pete Gonzales	Ken Issac	Steve Jakubiszyn
Larry Kruse	Jack McKinnis	Dan Nicar
Paul Phillips	Gene Wallock	Clem Wehner

President Ken Isaac opened the meeting at 6:10 p.m. and introduced a guest, Frank LePine, who had formerly flown R/C and is thinking about getting back into the hobby. The minutes from the Jan. 6, 2009 meeting were reviewed with the correction of adding Colin Fletcher's name to the raffle winner's list. Minutes were approved on a motion by Corky Fain, seconded by Gene Wallock. President Isaac announced that Treasurer Brent Brennan would be absent due to business/family commitments and that the Brennan's had welcomed a new son into their family of modelers-to-be. In Brent's absence, President Isaac gave the Treasurer's Report noting that the club had a total of \$2358.06 in the bank with some small bills outstanding. Larry Kruse noted that \$20.00 was being held in reserve from the previous month's indoor fun fly to cover anticipated rental costs for the February flying session, since several regulars would be not be able to be there.

### Old Business:

1. *Dues*—President Isaac reminded everyone that annual club dues were now past due with a total of 24 members having re-joined the club for the 2009 year. Mention was made of one or two other possibilities of other modelers joining, but no commitments had been made.
2. *Membership drive*—Discussion continued from the previous month regarding possible membership drive activities, several of which will be appearing within the next few months. Included were such things as club meeting announcements in the *Constitution*, stories in the *Constitution*, *Cameron Collegian*, and the *Cannoneer*, and television video clips. Paul Phillips was pressed into service regarding possible video footage, and Larry Kruse volunteered to do stories for the newspapers and an article to be submitted to *Model Aviation* magazine.
3. *Mall show*—Progress toward putting together a mall show at Central Mall has been made, with April 18 or 25 as possible dates. Since the mall requires a Certificate of Insurance, Larry Kruse asked the club to authorize the purchase of same from the AMA. Gene Wallock moved that the purchase be authorized, and Clem Wehner seconded the motion. Cost for the required \$2,500,000 liability insurance will be \$20 for the single day. Contracts are expected to be signed with Central Mall by the March club meeting.

4. *Crosswind runway*—Discussion continued on the feasibility of a crosswind runway, possibly on the south end of the existing runway and running east and west, for days when the wind comes from either of those two directions, instead of the predominant north/south breezes. Consensus was reached to wait until there has been some spring moisture before committing to any selection of the appropriate area or doing any grading or leveling. Again, the consensus was to do the dirt work and then decide on a type of covering, if any, all subject to the weather.

### **New Business:**

President Isaac announced that he had purposely left new business off the agenda in order to concentrate on some of the on-going old business items. There was, however, some discussion and an announcement that Action Hobbies in Wichita Falls was re-opening and was now offering supplies and materials just for airplanes, and not cars and boats as in the past. The custom laser cutting services will apparently still continue.

### **Show and Tell:**

Gene Wallock and Larry Kruse provided the show and tell for this month. Gene brought a newly completed free flight rubber powered *Clodhopper*, originally designed in 1938, which he had built for this year's SAM Champs to be held in Nevada. The plane featured tissue and Poly Span covering, and a beautifully carved folding prop. Many members had questions about the construction techniques and the prop carving process.

Larry brought and demonstrated a “walk-along” glider which is flown indoors by riding the wake of a baffle board held under and in front of the glider. It is, in effect, an indoor slope soarer, riding the up-draft provided by the board moving along in front of it. The principle was patented by Tyler McCready, whose father, Paul McCready designed and built the *Gossamer Condor* and the *Gossamer Albatross*, both of which won prizes for man-powered flight over prescribed courses. Larry also handed out full-size plans for the *Club Racer* that he was flying.

At the end of Gene and Larry's demonstrations, President Isaac announced that he would do a demonstration of using heat shrink covering for creating color schemes as the March show and tell.

### **Raffle Winners:**

The evening raffle winners were:

Gary Fletcher—CA glue selection (Club donation)

Dan Nicar—Slot machine (Gene Elkins donation)

Gene Wallock—Dremel cut-off wheels (Club donation)

Jerry Chinnow—Dremel tool (Club donation)

Larry Kruse—Transmitter case (Club donation)

**Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at an undetermined time on a motion by Paul Phillips and a second by Dan Nicar. The March club meeting is set for March 10 at 6:00 p.m., the second Tuesday of the month, due to a conflict in the Library's booking schedule.