

Lawton Area Fun Flyer's Society

Minutes for March 10, Meeting

Members in Attendance:

Howard Bizzell	Brent Brennan	Jerry Chinnow
Gene Elkins	Corky Fain	Durwin Fletcher
Gary Fletcher	Kris Frost	Pete Gonzales
Ken Isaac	Steve Jakubiszyn	Jerry Knight
Paul Phillips	Gene Wallock	

Guests: Walter Truex, Richard Doye, Don Copeland, and the Minear brothers

President Ken Isaac called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. and introduced the guests listed above, welcoming all of them and expressing appreciation for them taking time to be in attendance. Minutes were approved on a motion by Gene Wallock and a second by Gary Fletcher. Treasurer Brent Brennan reported that there was a current balance in the treasury of \$2482.90, including new receipts for membership dues, the previous month's raffle, and indoor flying proceeds. The treasurer's report was approved on a motion by Gene Wallock and a second by Howard Bizzell.

President Isaac announced that "New Business" items would be limited to a continuing discussion of ideas to improve and grow the club, in deference to the two "Old Business" items that would take up quite a bit of the meeting time.

Old Business:

1. *Mall show, April 18*—Larry Kruse reported that the Certificate of Insurance had been received from AMA and presented to Central Mall management. The show is set for April 18, from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. Planes may be moved in at 9:00 a.m. in order to be in place when the mall opens. The location will be on the north side of Dillard's in the open area that serves as part of the food court. Mall show give-away materials have also been received from AMA. Additionally, Gary Fletcher and Ken Isaac will have simulators set up for the public to use. A work schedule sign-up sheet and sign-up sheet to bring planes was passed around. At this time, 18 airplanes have been volunteered for display and the work schedule has only a few open slots available. Detailed and finalized information will be presented at the April 7 regular meeting.
2. *Club shirts*—Larry Kruse reported that polo shirts with the club logo could be made by All Things Embroidered, if there was interest. Club members expressed and overwhelming interest in purchasing shirts and authorized a logo set-up charge from the club treasury in the amount of \$60. In all, 27 shirts were ordered and should be available by the April club meeting. A list of those ordering shirts and the cost for each individual will be sent out prior to the April meeting so payment can be made ready and the shirts picked up then. The shirts will be

“Ultra-marine blue” in color with an embroidered 4-color club logo and “LAFFS” embroidered in white under the logo.

New Business:

Discussion continued regarding a list of possible activities to make the club more visible and grow the membership. That discussion will be on-going for a period of time.

Show and Tell:

President Ken Isaac conducted a demonstration of applying Monokote over Monokote for markings and decorations. Ken said the biggest problem that anyone would encounter in laying one layer of Monokote over another was the presence of unsightly air bubbles after the two surfaces set up and dried. He emphasized that the method he was demonstrating would work only with Monokote covering and not other iron-on brands and that Windex was the only liquid that seemed to activate the Monokote adhesive.

One of the tips he offered was buying a large, cheap mirror at Wal-Mart or a similar store and using it to lay out the Monokote patterns and cut them to size. Spraying the mirror with Windex provided a surface that would let the Monokote adhere and stay in place while it was cut to shape, but then it could be lifted from the surface. One of the neatest tricks he demonstrated was using Glad “Press and Seal” as a carrier sheet placed over the newly cut out markings or decorations in order to lift them into position on the surface to be covered. It was then just a matter of peeling the “Press and Seal” off of the decorations once they were positioned satisfactorily.

After the markings or decorations are cut out, the receiving surface should be thoroughly wet with Windex, making sure that there is a good, wet film of Windex all over the surface. The markings or decorations can then be positioned and the Windex squeegeed out from between the two surfaces. Ken advised using either a commercial plastic squeegee or an old credit card in order to work all of the liquid and air bubbles out from between the two surfaces. Once the whole surface has been pressed down and the bubbles worked out with the squeegee, all that was needed was for the surface to dry overnight.

For further information, Ken recommended the “R/C Universe” on-line magazine for additional tips about covering with Monokote.

Next month Kris Frost will demonstrate how to construct a SPAD model out of coroplast material. SPADs are simple, easily built models that can take an immense amount of punishment and cost very little to build in terms of time or money.

Raffle Winners:

Ken's Monokote demonstration was well-received and a welcome tip for improving either the covering of a kit-built airplane, recovering a damaged ARF, or re-attaching the covering to any model. It was so well received, in fact, that the individual taking notes for the minutes forgot to write down this month's raffle winners. You all know who you are, however, and have already been enjoying your loot.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m. in the aftermath of multiple motions made by several individuals. The next regular monthly meeting will be on April 7, at 6:00 p.m. at the Lawton Public Library.