

**Lawton Area Fun Flyer's Society**  
Minutes from May 10, 2011 Meeting

**Members in Attendance:**

Howard Bizzell	Brent Brennan	James Brown
Gene Elkins	Corky Fain	Kris Frost
Zach Gill	Ken Isaac	Steve Jakubiszyn
Larry Kruse	Bob McFadden	Donald Pflueger
Bob Robinson	Gene Wallock	Paul Phillips

Guests: Bill and Sharon Holland, Jim Ellis, and Calvin Ellis

President Ken Isaac called the meeting to order 6:12 p.m. and introduced the new AMA District AVP, Bill Holland, who in turn introduced his wife, Sharon, and two additional guests and fellow club members, Jim and Calvin Ellis. The April minutes were approved as presented on a motion by Bob McFadden and a second by Gene Wallock. Brent Brennan presented the treasurer's report showing a balance after payment of bills of \$3354.37. The treasurer's report was approved on a motion by Larry Kruse and a second by Corky Fain.

**Old Business:**

1. *Spring fun-fly*—In the absence of Ron Hipp, President Isaac reminded everyone that the date for the event had been moved to May 21 to avoid the original conflict with Easter weekend. Starting time will be 8:00 a.m. to allow plenty of time for the scheduled events and open flying. Plans are for each flyer to get a raffle ticket after each flight with drawings held throughout the day and the drawing for the grand prize held at the end. To the disappointment of all, President Isaac announced that Ken Reitsma would not be available to cook on the newly selected date. A noon meal will be provided, however, and Ken and Ron have volunteered to bring their grills.
2. *Tipton Children's Home*—President Isaac briefly reviewed his further contacts with the staff at the Tipton Children's Home, with the flight training set to take place during the week of June 13. By a show of hands, those who would be able to participate were asked to meet after the conclusion of the meeting to determine the length, duration, and type of activities to plan. At this time, it appears that the club will be working with 6<sup>th</sup> graders and above.

**New Business:**

1. *Spring field clean-up*—President Isaac reminded everyone that the Spring clean-up date to get the field ready for the fun-fly. In addition to mowing, some repair of the prop strikes and patches in the runway will need to be made.
2. *A message from the new AVP*—Bill Holland, the new AMA AVP from Oklahoma was introduced, and spoke to the group about his background, news from the

AMA national headquarters, and developments relative to the FAA's rules-making that might impact modeling. He announced that Dave Matthewson had just been named the new Executive Director of the AMA, filling a vacancy left with the departure of Jim Cherry. His view of the new FAA regs is that it is for the most part positive toward modeling, but until the proposed regs are printed in the Federal Register and there is an opportunity to respond to them, all modelers need to be watchful. Bill said he looks forward to functioning as the liaison between modelers and the AMA, particularly in situations such as the current rules-making proposals that may impact the future of modeling. He concluded by discussing several local issues and urged club participation in programs such as AMA's "Take-off and Grow" (TAG) effort aimed at involving youth in the hobby.

**Show and Tell:**

Larry Kruse brought his new twin-engined Hobbico "Twinstar" ARF to show. The model is powered by two OS .25s running on separate tanks in each nacelle, each with their own servo. Common throttle control is by way of a Y-harness running on the usual throttle channel. Each engine has a significant amount of thrust off-set, both to the respective outside wings to provide a useful flight envelope, even in the case of losing an engine. Larry said he had broken-in both engines and had them tuned within 100 rpms of each other. First flight of the ship awaits some calmer conditions.

**Raffle winners:**

This month's raffle winners were:

Kris Frost—Sixty-size engine (Gene Elkins donation)

Bob McFadden—jeweler's files

Corky Fain—mini-flashlights

Gene Wallock—hemostat

Howard Bizzell—glowplug caddy.

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m. The next scheduled club meeting is June 7 at 6:00 p.m. at the Lawton Public Library.