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Ken's Corner Club President

Well the last couple of months have been exciting to say the least. With several major winter storms blowing through Oklahoma it was hard to think about our hobby as everybody spent time ensuring that they were safe and warm. Now that the storms are history I am glad to see that everybody made it through them safely.



On the 22nd of March several members of LAFSS visited one of Elgin's Boy Scout Troops (see article below). We did this in order to introduce the boys to our hobby and to also help them possibly get one of their merit badges. The classroom was just the first half of what we have planned for them, and we're planning on getting them out to the field for some time in the air on trainers using buddy boxes. This is currently planned for the 17th of April. We could use all the members possible to help out on that day. Currently we have 4 trainers with buddy boxes lined up, but one or two more would really help out. And even if you don't have a trainer there is still plenty to do for everybody. That would range from helping out keeping the field safe to help explaining what's going on to many other tasks. I'm hoping we can get a good turn out of members to help out. I'll send an email when the date is firmly set.

Last week I received a call saying the gate at the field was wide open and the chain and lock was missing. We searched the weeds and the entire field for the chain and lock were never found. A replacement has been purchased but I just wanted to give a quick reminder that security of our field falls on all of us to make sure it's locked when we leave the field. Always do a check if you are the last one out to make sure the gate is securely locked.

With spring here we are going to need to set a spring cleanup date. So let's get out those work gloves and plan on hitting the field to get it ready for the upcoming flying season.

It was an evening when crashing was a lot of fun, as more than a dozen Boy Scouts from Elgin, OK tried their hands flying a flight simulator. On Monday, March 22, 2010, a bunch of us from LAFSS put on an exciting program on RC flying that included opening remarks by Chip Gibson, who had arranged the whole evening. Then president Ken Isaac explained why RC flying was so much fun and what LAFSS was all about. Clem Wehner then presented a short program on some history of radio control and showed them how even a brief encounter with RC can lead to a lifetime of fun. Larry Kruse was up next with a demonstration of how lift is created by having each scout blow across a strip of paper to show how pressure differences can lift a wing. He then flew his little walk-along glider and caused it to rise and turn as he chased the plane across the room with a large piece of cardboard. This helped the scouts understand that airplanes fly in the air mass and are affected by changing pressures. Then Larry did the impossible by gently tossing his glider and having it land in a perfect sliding touchdown on a tiny table way

An RC Adventure For Boy Scouts By Clem Wehner



Chip and Owen Gibson explain the basics of RC planes to the Boy Scouts

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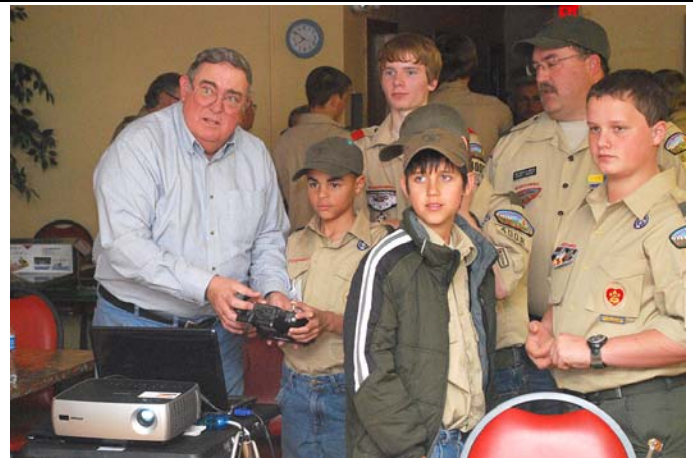
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across the room. I'm sure it was his years of experience that enabled him to perform such an amazing feat which drew rounds of applause. Maybe we can get him to demonstrate his technique at the next meeting!

We then had some hands-on time with the scouts touching the airplanes and wagging the control sticks. Ken, Chip, Owen, and Larry brought airplanes including Owen's trainer, Ken's B-25, Larry's sailplane, and several models of different types. They showed the scouts the control surfaces and let them operate the transmitters getting them ready for their big chance to fly the simulator. Clem operated the simulator which ran on a laptop and was connected to a digital projector onto an 8 foot-screen, making it very lifelike. The scouts had a blast, crashed a lot, laughed a lot, and eventually took great pleasure in trying to crash into the SUV parked on the edge of the field in the simulator scene. Even some parents and little brothers and sisters got in on the act when the scouts were done.



Clem Wehner works with the boys on Real Flight

This was a fun evening for the audience and for us. Next month, we'll have them come to our flying field and with the help of buddy boxes give them some real stick time. Who knows, we may have sparked some interest that will last long after we are



Larry explains the principals of silent flight



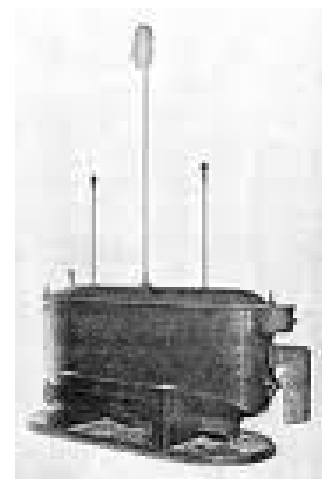
Several planes were on display for the Scouts



The Way It Was

By Clem Wehner

In 1898, Nicola Tesla, a great inventor who created such things as alternating current, electric motors, and artificial lightning demonstrated his radio-controlled boat to the public in Madison Square Garden in New York City. It was about 6 feet long, painted black, and looked a lot like a floating bathtub with a big antenna sticking up. He announced that the boat could obey voice commands from the audience. When he had someone shout out "turn left" or "turn right", the boat would turn. Of course, it was Tesla who was sending a radio signal to the boat to make it respond. Some people thought it was a scientific marvel, some thought it was witchcraft, and some thought it was a trained monkey steering the boat. None-the-less, Radio control modeling had begun!



Tesla's Boar

Minutes from March 2, 2010 Meeting

Compiled and presented by Club Secretary—Larry Kruse

Members in Attendance:

Guests: Mike Fletcher and Dominic Jakubiszyn

Howard Bizzell	Brent Brennan	Gene Elkins	Corky Fain	Colin Fletcher
Gary Fletcher	Ron Hipp	Scott Hottois	Ken Isaac	Steve Jakubiszyn
Larry Kruse	Mike Light	Bob McFadden	Jack McGinnis	Dan Nicar
Don Pfleuger	Paul Phillips	Gene Wallock	Clem Wehner	

President Ken Isaac called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. and carried over the agenda from the February meeting which was cancelled due to inclement weather. The minutes from the January meeting were approved on a motion by Mike Light, seconded by Gene Wallock. Treasurer Brent Brennan gave the treasurer's report indicating that there was a balance of \$2672.95; however, there were some small expenditures and small amounts of income not in the report. Gene Wallock moved to approve the report and Jack McGinnis seconded the motion, followed by unanimous consent.

Old Business:

1. *Shade shelter repair*—As a carry-over from last month, President Isaac reported on the damage to the shelter from the Christmas blizzard and the subsequent damage from the ice storm. The consensus was to effect repairs as soon as it was practical. In the meantime, Brent Brennan indicated he would continue to try to make contact with the installer. President Isaac reported that Scott Hottois had secured the needed steel screws to attach new sheeting to the roof and that obtaining replacement roof materials was being explored.
2. *TAG event*—President Isaac indicated that plans were being formulated to work with the Elgin Scout Troop and that more information would be forthcoming when Vice-President Chip Gibson was back in town. The general framework of the "Take Off and Grow" event is to have one introductory session for the Scouts and then a flying session later on when the weather turned better. There will be approximately 10-12 Scouts involved. Larry Kruse reported that he had explored the possibility of seeking matching funds from the AMA for the activity, but that in his judgment there was not enough need for funds to justify the paperwork and the required follow-up, given the low-key approach the club was taking.
3. *Club Flying Activities*—Discussion continued regarding an activities schedule for the up-coming flying season. The consensus was that since we had selected a club fly-in as the initial activity that should be conducted first and then any other activities could be added based on that event's success.
4. *Constitution and By-Laws review*—Larry Kruse indicated that he had finished reviewing the club's Constitution and By-Laws for technical errors and typos as per President Isaac's request, and that only minor, non-substantive changes needed to be made. He reviewed those findings, which are included with these minutes. The agreement to correct these minor errors was unanimous.

New Business:

1. *Annual audit*—in accord with President Isaac's request, Clem Wehner performed the required annual audit of the club's finances and indicated that record keeping was generally adequate; all income appeared to be accounted for and deposited; deposits were made in a reasonable amount of time; expenditures were appropriate to the purposes of the LAFFS organization and charter; and management of the bank account was satisfactory.
2. *Club fly-in*—Ron Hipp agreed to take on the responsibility of managing the club fly-in scheduled as the first activity of the new outdoor flying season. Ron said that he had scheduled 10 events so far centered around basic maneuvers so that any flyer could be comfortable in participating. The date for the event is set for June 12 at this time. Ron offered to secure items necessary to the fun-fly such as balloon, helium, etc., and would submit a bill for reimbursement. President Isaac said he would check with Ken Reitsma about food needs and what would be required for having lunch on the field. Ron also said he would like to have some demonstration flying during the noon hour. President Isaac volunteered his B-25, Brent Brennan offered to bring his turbine, and Scott Hottois was drafted to fly 3D maneuvers.
3. *Miscellaneous*—Clem Wehner brought forward the idea that old modeling magazines could be put to good use by offering them to doctor's waiting rooms, hospital waiting rooms, an/or any other place of business where people have time to read magazines. Everyone agreed that was a very good idea with several volunteering to implement it immediately. Larry Kruse passed around a flyer concerning the annual Edmond R/C club swap meet on March 6. Several club members indicated an interest in attending.

Raffle winners and adjournment:

This month's raffle winners were:

Bob McFadden—Epoxy paste (club purchase)

Jack McGinnis—Field box with power panel (Kruse donation)

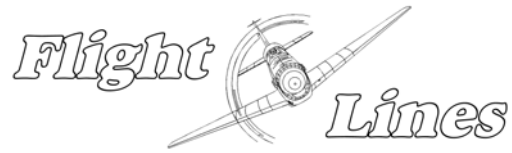
Gene Wallock—On-field spray bottle and towel holder (club purchase) Gene immediately gave his prize to Larry Kruse for his between-flight cleaning regimen.

Gene Elkins—blades and tools (club purchase)

Adjournment followed close on the heels of the raffle on a motion by someone, a second by someone else, and everyone getting up and leaving. The next scheduled meeting is April 6 at 6:00 p.m. at the Lawton Public Library.



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Upcoming Events

April Club Meeting
April 6, 2010. 6 P.M.
Lawton Public Library,
Meeting Room #1
110 SW 4th St. Lawton, Ok 73501

Elgin Boy Scouts
Buddy Box Flying Day
April 17, 2010

Date is tentative and more de-
tails will follow as date is con-
firmed.

April Indoor Flying
April 3, 2010. 6 – 10 P.M.
Cameron Student Fitness Center

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