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DCRC Regular Club Meeting
Friday April 21, 2005 8 PM
County Council Building Meeting Room
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Rockville, MD 20850
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3 free raffle tickets

Meeting Program
Awards,

By-Laws Change vote

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Did you know that any airplane brought in to the model shop will receive 3 free raffle tickets. Bring in your models each month for your free tickets, and to share ideas.

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Luis and his new 2.6 Meter YAK

The Weak Signals

R/C Club Presents!

52nd R/C Expo



David Garrison/ RCShowcase.com



Dewey Davenport, F-18



Danny Recine, Genesis Aircraft



Mike Barbee 33% Waco



RC Showcase Back up team



Dave Platts' Newest model HE-282



Greg Hahn and Dave Platt, 2 world class scale builders, talk it over



Largest plane at Toledo 66% scale J-3 cub

Board Meeting Minutes

BY MIKE PEIZER



The meeting, held at the home of Kevin Jackson, was called to order by president Walt Gallagher at 7:07 PM. In attendance were Walt Gallagher, Andy Kane, Kevin Jackson, Allan Hoffman, Jim McDaniel, Scott Davies, Mike Dooley, Andy Finizio and Michael Peizer.

Walt opened the meeting by asking for clarification of Article II, Section 5, item D of the By-Laws and constitution of DCRC. (Financial reporting to the membership at the next regular club meeting) The ensuing discussion helped the Board to clarify how to comply with Item D. Jim McDaniel said the Board should resume doing a budget/financial report at the annual meeting each November to satisfy the rules in the by-laws. For this year, a budget/financial report will be given at the April general meeting. The club Treasurer, Scott Davies, will also report any one-time expenditure over \$100.00 at every general meeting.

Scott Davies went through the proposed budget increase presentation for the Board to help clarify any issues and difficult to understand points. The Board members made some input to help make the presentation more understandable. After lengthy discussion and line-by-line review the Board was satisfied with Scott's presentation.

The procedure for the vote to amend the by-laws at the April meeting was discussed. According to the by-laws eighteen percent of the total number of members must be present to constitute a quorum. A two-thirds majority is needed to carry a motion to amend the by-laws. A Board member and a club member will administer the vote.

In addition, at the April meeting, the members will vote on whether to move the start time of the general meeting from 8:00pm to 7:30pm.

According to Walt, Ron Bozonetti suggested we move the model shop to the beginning of the meeting so it doesn't get left out when we run short on time. The Board discussed the order of business for future general meetings in an attempt to streamline

the process and create more time for the entertaining and instructive aspects of the general meeting.

Awards & Field Improvement: Allan Hoffman reported that he would like a few more awards given at the Award's Program in April. If anyone has an idea, please come forward.

Community & Public Relations & County Liaison: Jim McDaniel said he would contact the Cub Scouts to discuss doing a demo for them.

Next, Jim mentioned that since they lost their field, a few members from the Frederick R/C club have come down to join DCRC. Walt will contact the president of the Frederick R/C Club with a formal invitation for its members to join DCRC so they, once again, can have a place to fly.

A small DCRC contingent has met with Jim McMahan of Park and Planning to discuss long range planning for the field. Some of the items covered in the discussion were paving the gravel driveway between the parking lot and Schaeffer Road, a real toilet facility and supplying electricity to the field. The DCRC field was a budget item until 2003, when, somehow, it was dropped from the budget. Mr. McMahan remarked that since DCRC was once a budget item on the Capital Improvement Plan, it should not be difficult to get back on the CIP.

Other items that were discussed were the swale at the southern end of the runway, and remediating some of the water soaked spots near the gazebo. Jim is happy to report that, as of this week, a pipe has been placed where the swale used to be. In addition, Park and Planning has dug a dry well to absorb the runoff that used to come down the parking lot and pool near the gazebo. The area between the shed and the helicopter fence that had been torn up when they were planting trees has been turned into a gravel roadway. Lastly, Park and Planning has placed two rather large boulders on either side of the runway near the south end, so be careful you don't let your airplane hit one of them.

In June Park and Planning is scheduled to place a topcoat on the paved runway. It will be about an inch and a half thick.

The Park and Planning people are very happy with DCRC's custodi-

anship of the field, and they are willing to help us out when and where they can.

Sound & Safety: Kevin asked for clarification about the proposed changes to the sound rules. Walt replied that Nir is still tweaking the language. The bottom line is all planes flown at the field must never exceed 73dB in the air when measured from a specific point at the field. More sound testing would probably be carried out soon. Then the changes will be published.

Flight Instruction: Michael Peizer reported that the 2006 flight-training schedule has been finalized, and published on the DCRC website.

Events: Jim McDaniel said the demo team would probably perform for the July 4th event at The Plains, VA again this year. He said last years celebration was a blast.

Treasurer: Scott Davies reported that by the next meeting he would have submitted the annual tax information to the proper authorities.

Membership & Newsletter: Andy Kane reported he has renewed the club charter with AMA.

Web Master: Kevin Jackson mentioned that notification of Ed Leibolt's R/C camp is on the website.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:37pm.

THE GOOD STUFF

By Don Gray



It is so nice to be back on daylight savings time. We all dread the morning after it starts, but most quickly forget the one less hour of sleep and look forward to those evening flying sessions which can extend until after 9 PM as the summer solstice in June gets closer.

As mentioned in last month's newsletter, there are two proposed amendments to the club Bi-Laws that will be voted on at this month's club meeting, Friday April 21st at 8 PM. The first proposal is to change the starting time of the monthly meetings from 8 PM to 7:30 PM. The second proposal is to increase the annual dues by 50% from \$52 to \$78 for members, \$12 for junior members and a maximum family membership no greater than \$90. The former will primarily affect those who regularly attend the monthly meetings. However the latter will affect all club members. Amendments to the club's Constitution and Bi-Laws are few and far between, but are very important



since they are the written rules that the club is run by. So I encourage each one of you to attend and vote your preference on both of these issues. Don't leave it up to others to decide for you. This is your club and your vote is needed so that the results reflect the majority of the club members.

I did recently get out to the field and was able to catch a few of you flying. Frank Hernandez is a new member of the club, joining about a month ago. He has a 40-size trainer but is first learning to fly a couple of electrics, a J-3 Cub and a Commander II, both produced by Parkzone. Both come with a full range three-channel FM radio in-



cluding dual rates and operate on one of the five 27 MHz channels. The power consists of a 7-cell 950 NI-HD pack, which can be charged with a peak charger also included. He handles both models very well for a low-time pilot with no simulator time.



Luis Gavignano is also a relatively new member, joining the club about a year ago. His 35% Yak by Composite-Arf has a beautiful Red Bull paint scheme as you can see. Luis is using a ZDZ 100 twin for power and a JR10X radio with 8411 digital servos. The engine appears to be very quiet.

I have seen Ernie Falke at the field several times and finally got a chance to chat with him. This time out he was flying a Hanger 9 Super Stick 40. Ernie is using an Evolution 46 for power and a JR 6102 radio.

For those of you who did not make it to the NVRC auction last month you missed out on some great steals. I don't recall models, engines and radios going for such low prices in the past. Save up your money for the one next fall. I hope all of you who went to Toledo earlier this month had a great time.

Don't forget to come to the April meeting on the 21st and Opening Day on the 22nd. And bring at least one model to both. Until next month.

Club Meeting Minutes

BY MIKE PEIZER



The meeting was called to order by vice president Kevin Jackson at 8:02 PM. DCRC president Walt Gallagher was unable to attend.

Visitors: Beppe Fascione, a friend of Don Gray, has been a modeler for fifty years since the age of nine. He is co-hosting tonight's program with Don. Dave Palmer, another friend of Don Gray's, came to see the program.

Membership and Newsletter: Jim McDaniel reported that he talked to Andy Kane, who is vacationing in Florida and the newsletter is not done yet. The newsletter is mostly done but it has not been posted to the website yet. He should be back in a few days. Andy apologizes for any inconvenience.

Sound & Safety: Nir Schweizer asked Jim to mention that the Board will be tweaking the sound and safety rules, and making some additional sound measurements in the near future.

Awards & Field Improvement: Allan Hoffman reported there has been a management change at Park and Planning. Jim McMahan, who oversees our facility, has a new supervisor. Mr. McMahan will be introducing Jim McDaniel, the DCRC County Liaison, to his new boss in the near future.

You may notice that the south end of the runway has changed. A buried drainage pipe has replaced the swale, so the ground is now level at the end of the runway. In addition, a French drain has been installed between the gazebo and the shed to mitigate pooling of water. It is the first attempt to solve the problem. The excess gravel was used to make a short drive from the shed to the helicopter safety fence. The drainage problem between the shelter and the field is going to be remedied as

well.

All this came about as a result of a meeting between Jim and Allan and Park and Planning at the beginning of March. At the meeting they mentioned the issues, which are being dealt with, as well as some more extensive projects like paving the gravel drive to the street, and supplying electricity and water to the field. The aprons at either end of the runway were discussed as well.

DCRC was in the 2003 Capital Improvement Plan budget, and subsequently dropped. We need to get back on the CIP, which, hopefully, won't be too hard. Getting funding for the big-ticket items will be more difficult.

The county has scheduled the application of a topcoat to the runway in June. The topcoat would raise the runway about an inch or so, and might make it difficult for airplanes to transition between the runway and the ramp to the pits. Jim will check around and ask experts about what should be done and see if the money might be put toward something else on our list. Stay tuned, there's more to come.

Park and Planning is pleased at how we have taken care of the field and they are inclined to help us out when and where they can.

Lastly, the survey stake that appeared at the field is, in deed, part of the GIS system.

Events: Jim gave the report for Andy Finizio, who was unable to attend. Opening Day is Saturday, April 22nd. It's low key, with flying, pizza and fun. Bring an airplane and join in.

Flight Instruction: Michael Peizer reported the flight-training schedule has been finalized and is posted on the web site. The first flight training session is Saturday, April 15th.

Treasurer: Scott Davies reported that the reason why the treasurer's report was no longer given at the meeting was because when it became part of the minutes it was

also published on the Internet. It was decided that the financial information for the club should not be so public. The Board will discuss the treasurer's report at its next meeting and devise a procedure, which keeps the members informed. Any member who has a question about the club's finances is welcome to contact Scott and he will provide a timely answer.

Scott reported one expenditure over \$100.00 this month to Minute-man Press for printing the DCRC newsletter.

Old Business: Ed Leibolt reported that, so far, two people have signed up for the summer camp.

Don Gray asked about the proposal to change the start time of the general meeting. Allan said that it would be voted upon at the June meeting, in all probability.

Program: Don Gray gave a presentation on radio control equipment and it's evolution over the years. He introduced Beppe from the NVRC club who came over to help out Don with the presentation. It's hard to imagine how far R/C has come in the past fifty years, and it's amazing to see how resourceful the early R/C enthusiasts were. Don and Beppe put on a fascinating presentation.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:51 PM.

2006 AWARDS

During April's general membership meeting, we will continue our tradition of presenting annual awards to members of DCRC who have demonstrated achievement in various club activities. The awards presented can be for a body of work over many years or those recognized for an individual accomplishment.

Proposal to change the DCRC Club By- Laws
Submitted by Andy Kane
To the DCRC Board of Directors
January 25, 2006

I would propose that the DCRC Club By-Laws be changed to better reflect the current expenses of the club as well as planning for future improvements and possible expenses.

The current By-Laws read:

**ARTICLE V
Dues and Fees**

Section 1 - Annual membership dues of the Club shall be \$50.00 for members and \$10.00 for junior members; no family unit shall pay more than \$60.00 for a full year membership. Membership dues are payable prior to December 31 of each year for the ensuing year. Memberships granted after October 1 will be valid for the remainder of that year and all of the following year. A new member is defined as a person who was not a member in the prior calendar year.

Proposed new By-Law Article 5, Section 1:

Section 1 - Annual membership dues of the Club shall be \$78.00 for members and \$12.00 for junior members; no family unit shall pay more than \$90.00 for a full year membership. Membership dues are payable prior to December 31 of each year for the ensuing year. Applications received after October 1 will be valid for the remainder of that year and all of the following year. A new member is defined as a person who was not a member in the prior calendar year.

**ARTICLE X
Amendments**

This Constitution and the By-Laws may be amended only at a regular meeting of the Club at which a quorum exists, and which follows by a period of at least thirty days a regular meeting at which the proposed amendment to the Constitution or the By-Laws has been presented to the membership by a representative of the Board. In addition, copies of any proposed amendment shall have been provided to the membership prior to the meeting at which the vote is taken. The proposed amendment must receive the favorable vote of two-thirds of the members present in order to be accepted. Any proposed amendment to this Constitution or to the By-Laws shall be delivered in writing to the Board of Directors. The Board shall deliberate on the provisions of the amendment and give its recommendations at the regular Club meeting at which the amendment is presented.

Quorum definition:

Eighteen percent of the membership shall constitute a quorum at the annual and regular meeting of the Club. Absentee ballots shall be included in the quorum count for the meeting.

Andy Kane
DCRC Membership Secretary.

Please be prepared to vote on this topic at the April Club Meeting.

Proposal to the DCRC Club By-Laws
Submitted by Allan Hoffman
To the DCRC Membership
October.....

I would propose that the DCRC Club By-Laws be changed to allow the start time of the regular monthly meeting of the Club be changed.

**ARTICLE IV
Meetings**

Section 2 – The regular monthly meeting of the Club shall be held on the third Friday of each month at 8:00 p.m. Due notice of any changes in or canceling of the regular meeting shall be given to all members.

**Proposed new By-Law Article 4,
Section 2:**

Section 2 – The Regular monthly meeting of the Club shall be held on the third Friday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Due notice of any changes in or canceling of the regular meeting shall be given to all members.

Please note ARTICLE X –
Amendments as to the necessary
procedures for a vote on this
By-Law change.

Calendar of Events

April

- 1-2 IMAC In Venice FL
- 8-9 Toledo Trade Show, Ohio
- 15 DCRC Training
- 21 DCRC Club Meeting/ A.Finizio
- 22 DCRC Opening Day Fun Fly
- 26-30 Top Gun, Lakeland FL
- 29 DCRC Training, Germantown, MD
- 29 Bay Area Giant scale's IMAA Williamsburg, VA

May

- 13 DCRC Training, Germantown, MD
- 17-20 Joe Nall, Greenville SC
- 18-21 Mississippi Afterburner Jet Rally
- 19 DCRC Club Meeting/N. Schweizer
- 20 Lums Pond Electric fun fly DE
- 24 DCRC Board Meeting/ N. Schweizer
- 25-28 IMAA Rally of the Giants, Atwater CA
- 27 DCRC Training, Germantown, MD

June

- 10 DCRC Training, Germantown, MD
- 16 DCRC Club Meeting/A. Hoffman
- 17 DCRC County Appreciation Day
- 21 DCRC Board Meeting/A. Hoffman
- 24-25 IMAC Easton PA, Joe BoBeck
- 24 DCRC Training, Germantown, MD
- 24 Airplanes of the World, Freestate Club, Laurel, MD

July

- 4 Great Meadows Fireworks
- 4-7 IMAC Nationals Muncie IN
- 8 DCRC Training, Germantown, MD
- 14-16 Warbirds over Delaware Lums Pond, Delaware
- 19-23 Windy City Jets St Charles, IL
- 21 DCRC Club Meeting/M.Dooley
- 22 DCRC Training, Germantown, MD
- 22 Electric fly in Loudon County VA

August

- 4-6 Wings over Piper. Lock Haven, PA
- 5-7 Liberty Jet Rally Lebanon PA
- 12 DCRC Training, Germantown, MD
- 18 DCRC Club Meeting/A. Kane
- 23 DCRC Board Meeting/A. Kane
- 26 DCRC Training, Germantown, MD

September

- 8-10 Bealeton IMAA, Virginia
- 15 DCRC Club Meeting/J.McDaniel
- 16 DCRC Training, Germantown, MD
- 20 DCRC Board Meeting/J.McDaniel
- 23 DCRC Oktoberfest



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