

Buc-Le Times

The Official Newsletter of the Buc-Le Aero Sportsmen

Minutes of the Saturday July 24th, 2021 club meeting.

Our President - Travis Moyer called our second club meeting of the year to order at 12:00 AM. Twenty Two club members were in attendance.

Finances:

- Club Treasurer Rich Collemacine provided the financial business report. Hard copies of the report were provided to all club members in attendance. The report recapped our income and operating expenses and highlighted income and expenses since our spring meeting. The finances were approved as presented. Should any additional members wish to see the financial information, please contact Rich or any club officer for assistance.

Field Maintenance:

- Dow Dimension 2EW pre-emergent herbicide has been sprayed on the field. This application used $\frac{3}{4}$ of a gallon. Next year would only need to purchase $\frac{1}{2}$ gal. Price for $\frac{1}{2}$ gal. was \$146.00 at time of purchase.
- 2-4D has also been sprayed on the field to knock down clover and broad leaf weeds.
- The consensus of the members in attendance is to continue with the applications as the field looks great and the mowing crew have identified that the treatments seem to be reducing strain on the mower. We have been borrowing a sprayer from one of Travis's friends and since we intend to continue spraying after this year, the club will need to purchase our own sprayer. Travis described the different sprayers available as well as units available mounted on wheels. Wheeled units do not have as wide of a spray bar so we plan to build a shelf that will mount on the back of the mower to sit a sprayer unit on that has a 10' wide spray bar. Prices average \$420.00 at Tractor Supply. Travis's friend indicated that he would sell the lightly used unit we have been borrowing from him for \$300 representing a cost saving of approx. \$150 over purchasing a new one. This approach would also eliminate any guesswork from the equation as we already know that it performs very well. The consensus of the attendees is to proceed with the purchase and that the used sprayer acquired at discount is the best option.
- Henry Weisel has recently installed a French drain and it seems to be working nicely. It does not address our water concerns at the far north and south ends of the field, but it has made an improvement in the conditions of the parking lot, around the shed, the mid field area around the former hedge row area and the pit areas.
- The pavilion siding needs pressure washing.
- Repairs needed to shed siding and floor . . . It's probably too far gone!
- Metal spectator signs on the fence are potentially in need of replacement.
- Several wooden fence pieces are rotted and need replacement and to be painted.
- PA speakers (2ea.) have been set-up.
- We continued our discussions about erecting a pit area safety barrier fencing that was brought up at the spring meeting by Erik Rudjord. We have decided to move forward and are pursuing several options and hope to have something in place before our next event. The soil is currently very solid and may present a challenge to the project requiring an interim approach of driving C posts directly into the ground to mount the fencing. This will have an impact on mowing and require more trimming so ultimately the goal is to place conduit anchors in the ground of which the fence posts slide into and can be easily removed for mowing and to eliminate the need for trimming.

- We are still looking for a volunteer to manage general field maintenance and upkeep. This does not include mowing. Examples: painting, debris pickup, fence repair, sign repair, set up of PA speakers, etc. If you are interested, please reach out to any club officer.
- We need to schedule a cleanup party prior to our fly in events to: Wash pavilion siding, paint as needed, repair wood fence as needed. Date TBD.

Mower Maintenance:

- Ralf Geroni is designing and fabricating a tray to mount on the back of mower for use with sprayer.

Old Business:

- Larry Alles camping weekend June 18th-20th.
- SPCA open house event Saturday June 19th from 11am-3pm. SPCA asked if we would participate in their event and display some aircraft and demonstrate small park flyer aircraft in addition to advertising for the fly-in events. Like what we set up at the Milford Twp. Ag Daze. Park flyer flying to take place in fenced in horse pasture. SPCA to mow grass reasonably short. Looking for a handful of members to participate and bring a cross section of models that we fly for static display as well a park flyer flying display.

New Business:

- Now that we no longer are dealing with the Bedminster, NJ VIP TFR, propose doing away with the VIP TFR guest policy that was specific to the Bedminster VIP TFR. Members in attendance voted to remove this offering from our web site.
- Survey flags: A club member inquired about the survey flags the are staked at various places in the parking lot. Travis explained that the ones closest to the pavilion is PPL right of way; next group marks the relocation of the power poles; the ones closest to the turnpike marks the bottom edge of new roadbed profile. In addition he stated that the driveway will be relocated to other side of the billboard.
- Giant scale event August 21st-22nd.
 - Proceeds will benefit BCSPCA and Trumbauersville Fire Co.
 - Food vendor will be Race to Taste mobile food service.
 - Two extra porta potties and wash station are ordered.
 - \$10 landing fee.
- Quakertown Jet Jam event October 1st-3rd.
 - Proceeds will benefit BCSPCA and Trumbauersville Fire Co.
 - Food vendor will be Big Guy's hot dogs.
 - Two extra porta potties and wash station are ordered.
 - Will most likely need to have porta potties serviced mid event due to longer event.
 - \$25 landing fee.
- Other local events:
 - Berks County Aero Modelers (BCAM) giant scale event July 30th – 31st.
 - Golden Age Air Museum (GAAM) radio control model meet August 12th-14th. Note: Saturday features a 5:00 PM demo of golden age aircraft.

Field Safety Reminders:

- Absolutely no flying behind the flight line.
- No taxing into or out of the pits. Aircraft must be pushed or carried.
- No intentional speed runs of 200+ mph with turbines.
- We all need to police ourselves and each other. If any member sees someone else flying or acting inappropriately, something should be said at that moment, in addition to notifying a club officer.

Overlooking an incident and reporting it to a club officer, creates a lot of workload for the officer to obtain details and compile what has happened prior to taking any action.

- Do not fly over any active farming operations.

Learn To Fly:

- We are in full swing on Wednesday evenings 5:30 PM until dusk, weather permitting and will continue through the fall.
- Instructors: Ken Horsfield, Jim Kirk, Jim Ellis, Erik Rudjord, Rich Collemacine (backup).

FAA Remote ID and Altitude Restrictions:

- FAA test is out, called TRUST.
- TRUST is required to fly any size RC aircraft including those < 500 Grams that are excluded from the FAA registration requirement.
- The test can be accessed on the AMA website. At www.modelaircraft.org/trust
- All recreational modelers are required to take and pass the test and carry a copy of the certificate of completion either in paper form or electronically along with their FAA registration that can be requested by the administrator or LEO.
- Test is very simple consisting of 3-4 modules followed by short question banks after each module. Modules deal with airspace both controlled and uncontrolled, how to properly preflight, operate and maintain your “drone” and how to self-evaluate your health to determine if you are safe to fly.
- In total, minus printing issues, it took Travis 12 minutes to complete the test.
- Critical to make sure you print the certificate of completion when finished as it will not be accessible once leaving the test screen. It is strongly suggested to download and save the certificate before printing it.
- Just as with FAA registration, the club will not be policing TRUST completion. This is between the individual and the FAA or LEO.
- AC 91.57C released and replaces AC 91.57B.
 - Key changes now recognizes community based organizations (CBO), clarifies that educational UAS operations can be performed, includes a waiver for sanctioned events at locations other than a FRIA, defines groundwork for allowing altitude waivers at fixed flying sights and lays groundwork for allowing night flying operations at fixed flying sights located under controlled airspace.

State of the membership:

- We are currently at 92 members.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth S. Horsfield, Buc-Le Secretary

