

THE TRANSMITTER

January 2015

Meeting Minutes, Jan 13, 2015

The meeting was called to order by President Dave Fannin at 7:05 PM at Eckert's Restaurant.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to accept the minutes of the Dec 9, 2014, meeting as published in the December newsletter.

THE TREASURER'S REPORT was presented by Dan Arens. The field rental fee of \$1,000 for 2015 has been paid as well as the \$30 AMA charter fee and \$60 fee for additional landowners insurance. The \$10 fee to the state of Illinois for registration as a non-profit organization has been paid. The club experienced approximately a \$2,700 net loss for the year 2014. There are 53 members listed on the current roster and 34 of those have paid their \$50 dues for 2015. MSC to accept the report as presented.

CORRESPONDENCE: The yearly renewal package from AMA was received and fees paid as listed above. There was an included letter concerning the operation of UAVs along with a form to fill out for clubs whose flying field is located within 5 miles of a commercial airport. Our field is within that distance of Scott AFB Mid-America Airport, so Dan will fill out the form and return it to AMA.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FIELD: by Jeff Paul for George Hoff. We still have a mole problem even though less severe than earlier in the season. George has a new chemical that he will introduce to our guests a little later in the spring.

SAFETY: by Marcus Robinson. There have been no particular problems recently.

TRAINING: by Dan Arens. There are no students in training right now.

WEB SITE: by Bill Eischeid. All is OK

OLD BUSINESS: The annual swap meet is set for Saturday, February 21st at the Shiloh Eagles Club. Gary Luttrell will check with the local hobby shops and see if he can get a plane/kit for the auction. We need to have a few members show up Friday evening to rearrange the tables and chairs.

NEW BUSINESS: A discussion was held concerning our low membership and possible ways to improve that situation. Additional media exposure and possible inclusion in the newcomer's "Welcome To Scott AFB" package were two ideas brought forward. Anyone with other ideas, please present them at a meeting or to one of the club officers.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 PM.

Bill Eischeid won the 50-50 drawing and donated his portion of the pot back to the club.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, February 10, 2015, at Eckert's Restaurant.

Darwin Evelsizer, Secretary



Who's Doin' What: Our annual Frosty Fingers Fly In was held Thursday, Jan 1st with about a dozen hearty souls out to brave the chilly and windy day. Dan Arens gets credit for the first flight of the New Year while Dave Fannin put in 4 or 5 flights on his big machine while getting the carb settings correct. Several other planes were in cars, but the pilots opted to leave them there. Chili, doughnuts and few other goodies were shared by the guys.

Thanks to all who brought out food, tarps, heaters, etc.

Great Opportunity: Long time club member Dick Wilson is getting out of the hobby and is selling his VERY extensive collection of kits, finished planes, new & used engines, covering material and other miscellaneous items. These will be priced at very low prices as Dick is anxious to sell all of it before he moves in March. Dick is planning a yard-garage-basement sale for BRCF members on Saturday Jan 31 and then other clubs on Sunday Feb 1. 0800-1600 both days. There will be a separate email listing some of the items that he has for sale.

Coming Events:

Jan 24-25 Sat-sun: E-Fest at the Armory on U of I campus in Champaign

Jan 31, Sat: Swap Meet at Effingham, 1325 Outer Belt West

Jan 31-Feb 1, Sat-Sun: Inventory reduction sale, Dick Wilson, 1 Hunter's Point, O'Fallon, IL

Feb 21, Sat: BRCF Swap Meet at Shiloh Eagles Club, Shiloh, IL

April 18, Sat: Midwest Air Wing Swap Meet, Granite City, IL

Disclaimer: This is my first attempt at putting out a newsletter for about 15 years and computer thingies have changed a LOT since then. This will not be as fancy and have as many font changes as the newsletters that Ralph has been publishing, but I will try to get better. Please be patient with my feeble attempts.

THE TRANSMITTER is the monthly newsletter of the Belleville RC Flyers. It is published to keep the club members informed of club activities. Club meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of each month. In Summer, May through September, the meetings are held at the flying field. From October through April the meetings are held at a local restaurant. The standard meeting time is 7 pm. The flying field is located on Rentschler road 1/2 mile South of Rte's 177 and 158, half way between Belleville and Mascoutah. Visitors and spectators are always welcome and Club membership is open to all. Yearly dues are \$50.00 and there is an initiation fee of \$15.00. Academy of Model Aeronautics membership is also required. For info or submissions to the Newsletter, contact the Newsletter Editor through the Club's Web Page at bellevillercflyers.com