

# The Transmitter

November 2015

## Meeting Minutes, November 10, 2015

The meeting was called to order by President Dave Fannin at 7:03 PM at Eckert's Restaurant.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to accept the minutes of the October 13, 2015, meeting as published in the October 2015 newsletter.

**THE TREASURER'S REPORT:** was presented by Dan Arens. The monthly income and expense figures as well as the year to date figures were reported. There are 55 members listed on the current paid roster.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**FIELD:** by Dan Arens for George Hoff. Dave F emptied the trash can and Dan A and Ray T did some repairs to the safety fence and perimeter fence.

**SAFETY:** by Marcus Robinson. No problems at this time.

**TRAINING:** No new students at this time.

**WEB PAGE:** No report

**OLD BUSINESS:** Elections for 2016 Club Officers were held and the following members were elected by acclamation. President, Dave Fannin; Vice President, Jerry Nevenner; Treasurer, Paul Thoms; Secretary, Darwin Evelsizer; Safety Officer, Marcus Robinson. They will take office as of the January 2016 meeting. The old and new officers will need to meet at Scott Credit Union to accomplish new signature cards.

**NEW BUSINESS:** The Swap Meet was confirmed for Saturday the 20<sup>th</sup> of February at the Shiloh Eagles Lodge. There will be a \$100 fee for the use of the facility. Setup is scheduled for Friday evening after the fish fry. Ralph Miller will design a flyer for the event and Darwin will make copies for distribution. Gary Luttrell has an airplane kit for the door prize.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None

**NEW MEMBERS:** None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** See schedule of coming events.

**ATTENDANCE PRIZE:** The attendance prize was won by Ted Sievers.

**NEXT MEETING:** Tuesday, December 8, 2015 AT ECKERT'S RESTAURANT in Belleville. They are located at the intersection of South Greenmount Road and Highway 15.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM

Darwin Evelsizer, Club Secretary

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## **Coming Events**

**January 1, 2016, BRCF "Frozen Fingers Fly In" ?**

**January 10, 2016, Tri-County RC Club Swap Meet at Cross County Mall, 700 Broadway Ave E, Mattoon, IL**

**February 6, 2016, E-Fest, University of Illinois Armory, Champaign, IL**

**February 20, 2016, BRCF Swap Meet at Shiloh Eagles Club, Shiloh, IL**

**February 20, 2016, Effingham RC Club Swap Meet, 1325 Outer Belt West, Effingham, IL**

**March 19, 2016 Midwest Air Wing Swap Meet, Township Building, Granite City, IL**

## **AMA, FCC, FAA, UAV, NAS**

**There has been much discussion, argument, rumors and proposals between the Federal Aviation Administration, the Academy of Model Aeronautics, the Federal Communications Commission and the general public about the use of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles in the National Air Space. Just a few years ago, the only UAVs were the military drones such as Predator, Reaper, Global Hawk, etc, but there has been a TREMENDOUS upsurge in the private use of small, personal, radio controlled "drones" or "quadcopters". These range anywhere from relatively cheap ones for about \$50 up to ones costing several thousand dollars with 4, 6 or 8 motors/rotors on them. The larger ones carry cameras both for taking still pictures and/or videos of the ground and FPV or First Person View cameras so that the pilot can guide and control them without actual looking at them directly. A few individuals have flown these UAVs in very unsafe and illegal operations, which has caused various state and federal government agencies to attempt to pass laws regulating the use of such vehicles. The AMA has developed guidelines for the safe and legal operation of these vehicles and everyone should follow them. Not doing so can and probably will give the government more fuel for their attempt to stringently limit or totally eliminate all radio controlled small aircraft, thus eliminating our hobby completely. The following short video addresses this situation with a few very basic rules. Thanks to Ray T for the youtube video.**

**<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ay7iKzN5Pxs>**