



Monthly Meeting Minutes
for March 14th, 2023
By Robert Wilson, Secretary

President Ralph Grant

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm

Vice President Dave Harrington

Attendance:

16 members were in attendance.

Secretary's report:

Robert Wilson, Secretary

The AMA as well as the National Association of Scale Aeronautics are asking for donations as they will be representing the United States 2024 Scale World Championship. A separate document is attached.

Treasurer's Report:

Wayne Nennering, Treasurer

The Treasurer's report was shared and had no corrections. 1 Check was written for \$20.00 to Remix Church for the Meeting Room. \$70.00 was paid to the Missouri Farm Bureau. An Auto Debit was done for \$15.50 to Ameren UE.

We had \$2,854.91 in income made up entirely of member dues.

Field Committee Report:

Dave Brown, Field Committee Chairman

- Spring is coming and we will be having our first working party on March 25th. We will be doing some painting and other work.
- Dave Brown had gotten a great tip from Paul Geders (Calcium Carbide with Water (or: $\text{Ca}(\text{OH})_2 + \text{C}_2\text{H}_2$)) in treating moles and has been able to have a significant impact on their eradication.
- The well is dry as it is dependent on the nearby Missouri River, which is low. During the working party we plan on extending the pipe to reach water.
- After Dave spent some time on the Kubota mower he discovered it would be a rough go at using it. He took ownership of the problem and bought, for himself, a Cheetah II zero turn riding mower. He made a bid to mow our field at a significantly reduced cost for the club. Motion was made to vote and consequently his bid was approved by the attending members. This will be a savings of at least \$350 per month and we will get a better end result. For those who are not aware, our mowing expense went up to over \$850 per month while the scope of work was reduced by almost half. This is truly a win for the club, and we appreciate Mr. Dave Brown for taking ownership of this process. Dave is charging \$500 per month at most (two weeks at \$175, two weeks at \$75). The other advantage this will give our field and members is the flexibility around when the field is closed for mowing as well as preparing for certain events. Please do not fly when he is mowing and do not complain.
- We had significant damage done to our field from someone driving on our property and doing doughnuts in the grass and burnouts on the runway. Dave and others are working with the Police to aid in their investigation, as the Police are saying this would most likely be a felony due to the amount of damage that was done. During our meeting Dave did receive a call saying that someone had been caught, but, at the time of this writing, I have not heard any additional information.
- Our resident Skunk was taken out by our resident Coyote.
- Remember to lock the gate using the farmer's lock. The police have asked us to use a particular technique when doing so. A link to a video will be sent out soon.
- We are still having issues with gophers and Dave is working to remove those as well.



Safety Committee Report:

Sid Kinzel, Field Committee Chairman

Nothing to Report



Membership Chairman's Report

Ralph Doyle, membership Chairman

Club Dues, if you have not paid, are past due. You can still pay in person by check or online with PayPal. We are now up to 4 Life Members and are at 92 members vs 100 from last year.

Old Business:

Unauthorized taxing on the flight line is still taking place. It is important to follow our safety rules for everyone's safety and enjoyment. Changes are coming that will be made to the field that will help prevent some of this.

New Business:

The Working Party will start at 8:00 AM on 3/25/23. We will need one wheelbarrow, rock and dirt shovels, a ladder, scissors, and box cutters.

The bid for the repair to the field after the vandalism was \$8,550.00. The two individuals are juveniles and are being handled through the juvenile court system.

Reminder: Next meeting will be on April 11th, at the Remix Church at 2240 Bennington Pl, Maryland Heights, MO 63043.

Pictures

Paul Geders brought in his BlitzRCWorks 1100mm T-28 Trojan painted in Navy Colors sporting the markings of VF-84 Jolly Rogers.

This has a 750KV brushless outrunner motor driving a 3-blade propeller controlled by a 40-amp ESC. It has retracts, and seven 9 g servos. It runs off a 4S Li-Po.



Next was Wayne Nenninger's FMS Ranger. This model has a majestic 1800mm wingspan (70.9 inch) and flies on 4S power. It turns a 12 x 7.5 propeller via a 750kv motor and 45-amp ESC. It is float capable and has STOL characteristics with functional flaps and oversized wheels making all terrain flights easier.



Robert Wilson brought in Freewing's 8S F-4 Phantom in Ghost Grey. He is converting it to become an RF-4B and had a 3D printed nose cone, exhaust cans, and cockpit. He plans on putting at least one 4k camera in the nose.

This is a stock image of how the aircraft arrives.



This is an RF-4B that shows the difference between the nose of the two aircraft.

