

SANGAMON VALLEY RC FLYERS

March, 2006 Newsletter

web site: sangamonvalleyrc.org

Next meeting:

7:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 8, 2006 at the Rochester Community Center. Bring along any construction or fix – it projects for display and discussion after the meeting.

Minutes of the February Meeting

The monthly meeting of the Sangamon Valley RC Flyers was held on February 8, 2006 at the Rochester Community center. The meeting was called to order by President Bob Putrich at 7:00 p.m. with 17 members present.

The first order of business was for the President to read the minutes of the January meeting.

Bob talked about the Christmas party held at the Amber Jack Alehouse. Everyone seemed to have plenty of food and had a good time. He also talked about the program and gifts. He was concerned about the fact that 39 indicated that they would attend the club guaranteed the restaurant for 36 meals and only 33 attended.

The minutes were approved as read by the membership present.



Program Chairman

Publicity Chairman

Bob Putrich stressed the need to fill these very important committees. He suggested that 2 or 3 people could be combined on each committee in order to reduce the workload.

Maintenance Committee

Ross Ely reported that the mower batteries were charged and in good shape.

New members

Art Fleming was voted into the club on 2-8-2006

Heather Billhartz new member

Bruce Kern and Mike Behl discussed the club bylaws concerning family memberships. Heather Billhartz and Bill Busch's grandson will qualify for the family membership.

Open House—Fly In—Swap Meet June 25, 2006 (Holmes Airport)

Mike Behl handed out flyers with the date, location (map included) and information for pilots and vendors. He left copies for the membership to hand out. He will need club support for this event.

AMA- IMAC event Sept 16 and 17, 2006 (Holmes Airport)

Bruce Kern said that he tried to get the event last year for the club, but had conflicts on the dates. The event will be coming this year to the airport. Dave Holmes is excited and will make available extra parking spaces for the crowd. Mike Behl said that Bruce had already been on the web site with several people promoting the

event. Bruce said that this is similar to the open house where food and help from the club will be needed to run the event. He indicated that some of prizes may come from places like Tower Hobbies and Horizon hobby shops. The judging will come from the flyers themselves. Cost to fly will be \$20.00 for members of IMAC and \$25.00 for non-members. Channel 17 and 20 should provide some coverage. More information will be coming.

Club Bylaws---The Sangamon Valley RC Flyers

Copies of the club Bylaws were handed out for review and any revisions that need to be made. Mike Behl and Bruce Kern worked on getting the first draft completed last year.

The Bylaws will be voted on at the next meeting. Additional copies will be available for review at the meeting.

New Business

Local events Mike Behl talked about several local events

E- Fest fly in February 11,12,2006 505 E Armory, Champaign

Swap Meet February 18, 2006 Belleville

Swap Meet February 26, 2006 Mattoon

Fly -in Morrisville HS Gym—Foamies & helicopters will be flown in the gym on the weekends. Saturday 10am to 5pm. Sunday 10am to 2:30 pm. They only fly one day each weekend based on available time in the gym. . Call Mike to check on the flying dates. \$5.00 to fly.

Electric planes and Helicopters fly on

March 4, 2006

Location Mac Murray College Gym Jacksonville. 11am to 7pm \$10.00 Flyers \$2.50 spectators. Open flying 11am to 1:30 pm. Demonstrations 1:30 to 2:00pm Contest 2:00pm to 3:30pm. Open flying 3:30 to 7:00 pm

February Meeting Program

Model engines from 65 years ago to present

Bill Busch had an excellent selection of old model aircraft engines from a tiny .010 to a four stroke inline .61 engine that was very bewildering as to how it actually worked.

Bill also had a drawing that night and gave away a vintage engine.

Kurt Billhart set up his flight simulator on his computer and allowed several pilots to practice their 3D flying skills. It appeared to be a humbling experience. I observed a few wings separating from the main body of the airplane as it hit the ground.

Correspondence

Bob Putrich read an email from a college student that wanted input (survey answered) from various flying clubs about members that used a flight simulator for their initial flight training. He is working on his master degree from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University and this is part of his research.

Meeting ended 7:45pm

Editor's Observations

There was very good attendance at the February meeting even though most members did not get their newsletter as a reminder. The emailed copies of the newsletter failed to transmit because of excessive data from the pictures in the issue. The photos included were an attempt to "dress up" the issue. If I use photos in the future, John Sams says he can convert the issue to PDF format so it can be sent with lower data content. The newsletter is a work in progress. I hope to improve it with input and suggestions from the members. I will email a few of you to make sure you get this issue on a timely basis. Thanks for everyone's help.

Items for sale or trade this month

Saito 100 twin, new in the box: Bill Busch 483-2002