



KITSAP Aircraft Radio Control Society



Monthly Meeting: May 9, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Call to order: 7:01 pm

Tonight, 20 members participated in the Club's general meeting at the Field. That's the largest participation in a very long time. Thank you to all that participated.

New members or guests:

None.

Meeting Minutes

- The President asked if all had a chance to read the April minutes, then asked for a motion to approve them.
- Motion by: Duane Second by: Rick
- All were in favor to approve the minutes of the April meeting.

Treasurer's Report

- The current treasurer's report for April was given by Floyd.
- The President then asked for a motion to approve the report.
- Motion by: Duane Second by: Slim
- All were in favor to approve the current treasurer's report.

General Announcements

- Saturday, May 20th, the field will be closed for a work party to perform maintenance on the field. Details below.
- On May 27th, the field will host our 7th Annual Warbird Fly-in. Activities will commence at 9:00 am.
- Last week, the field suffered another act of vandalism. Someone stole a heavy-duty work truck and parked in it in front of our gate, essentially blocking the gate. A couple of our members arrived at the field to fly before the vehicle was parked in front of the gate. I arrived at the gate, noticed the vehicle, and called 9-1-1. Before the Sherriff arrived, Charlie was leaving the field. He got out and was able to start the truck with a screwdriver. He asked me if I wanted it moved. I thought it prudent not to. The Sherriff's deputy arrived and began to investigate. I asked the Sherriff if we should have moved the truck to allow members to leave and his response was no.



Saturday Flying Events

- The Saturday's Competition on 6 May went off without a hitch.
- Combat. Regrettably we didn't have enough participants. Hopefully we can get a least a couple of people to play next month. I honestly feel that once we get this going again, it will gain traction. I remember watching it in the past and it was a blast to watch. A true adrenalin rush to actually fly in.
- May 27th at 9:00 am will be the 7th annual Warbird Fly-in. Y'all come. It will be a lot of fun and great hamburgers and hot dogs will be ready for lunch.

Regional Events

None reported.

Safety:

Duane commented that during last week's competition he noticed several Reno racers arming their aircraft in the pit area. A discussion ensued with the members present, many of whom are Reno racers. Their input was that because it wasn't under the structure, they thought it was okay. I interjected that I've witnessed this occurrence over the last 3-4 years, just for this competition.

After the discussion, all Reno racers did concur that even where they were arming, there was people around. Duane reiterated the AMA safety guidelines. All pilots are reminded that ALL aircraft will be armed at the arming tables and NOT in the pit area.

Since we're all members of the AMA, we're essentially all Safety Officers. Please remind any member you see arming their aircraft in the pits where the proper area is. Thank you all for your assistance.

Field Maintenance:

On Saturday, May 20th, starting at 9:00 am, the club will be having a Maintenance Day to improve and clean up our site. For the members that have tractors and brush hogs, we'd sincerely appreciate it if you could bring your machines to the field that day to hopefully spread gravel and to also cut down a lot of the scotch broom at the South end of the field.

Slim and Jim Wilkie have stepped up to provide generators, air compressors and hoses to support improvements to the metal structure. Thank you both. We'll also need cordless impact drivers with 5/16" nutdriver bits to remove the existing screws prior to the insertion of pop rivets. I have two pneumatic pop rivet guns. Hopefully we will have two groups installing pop rivets into the steel cover. This is to try to prevent any future vandalism or theft of our structure.

We'll also need shovels, rakes, loppers, and ladders. Please bring your own gloves. We'll have water, sodas and pizza for lunch. Please pass the word. We'll need a lot of members to get this done. **NOTE: Please remember to mark your own tools that you bring to the field.**



Thanks to Tony Psaris, I have reached out to Brad to have two truck loads of gravel delivered to improve the rutted areas in our road.

Old Business:

Rob Showman has been performing the duties as “Web Master” for longer than I can remember, at least 10 years. He’s announced that he’ll be stepping down at the end of the year. If someone has the necessary skills to run and edit our website, please contact one of the club officers and we’ll put you in touch with Rob. Duane has offered to assist and eventually take over the website when Rob retires.

New Business:

George Bieda has returned to flying after having a pacemaker installed. Welcome back! I’d also like to ask everyone to keep Becky Baker in your thoughts and prayers, as she’s going in on Thursday morning to have a pacemaker inserted. I hope that they’ll both be “Energizer Bunnies” after their procedure.

Show and Tell: None.

Comments from the Membership: None.

Adjourned: 7:26 pm