



Hangar Rat

Spillway Radio Control Club, Inc.

AMA Chapter 979

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Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the Spillway Radio Control Club will be Thursday, April 14, 2005 at 7:30 PM. at the P.A.C.E. 750 Union Hall in Norco, LA at 601 Good Hope Street.

Minutes:

The meeting was called to order by Nathan at 7:30 PM.
Treasurer's Report – Loren gave the Treasurer's Report.
Old Business – The topic of applying for a grant for improvements to the field was discussed. At this point the club held a moment of silence in observance of the death of Kirt Jacob, Sr., an ally of the club who worked for the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers. Barry commented that Kirt was the

first Corps contact the SRCC had during its formation over 30 years ago.

Nathan had a conversation with George Hammer, the president of the Trail Blazers. It turns out their grant for improvements in the Spillway came not from the Corps of Engineers but rather from the Department of Recreations and Trails. These grants are Federal monies targeted to public use improvements. While the SRCC is open to the public, use of the field is restricted to members and their guests, who must all have AMA membership in order to fly.

Nathan went on to talk about the nature of securing grants from philanthropic organizations; that grants typically require extensive research and justification—that the funds must touch the widest possible audience. For the club to be successful at gaining a grant, the club would have to demonstrate a commitment to the public, either through educational programs, flight demonstrations, or other charitable activities. Is the club membership willing to undertake community service efforts to improve its chances of securing a grant?

This discussion prompted some introspection by the club. We are a self-supporting and a (very) special interest organization. There are alternatives to grants such as approaching businesses and industry for various forms of aid. By example, perhaps Shell or Motiva may have gravel for our parking apron. We can also raise money by printing shirts for sale to members, and hosting other fund-raising events.

There was a brief discussion of installing an asphalt or concrete runway. Aside from the question of whether or not the Corp would give us





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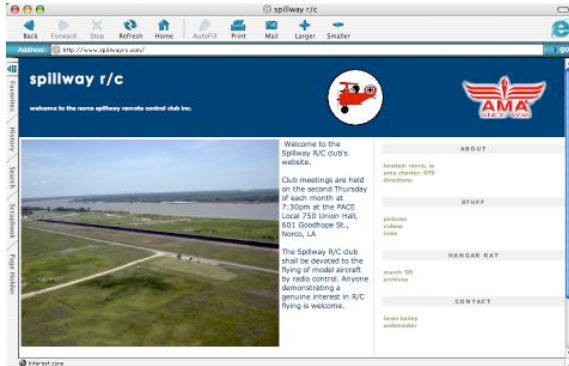
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permission, there is the added expense of maintenance. Another factor is that the runway would have to be strong enough to support a truck or car since the field is subject to abuse when members aren't present. Most members feel that we have a comfortable field for the size of our club and that the cost to maintain a grass field is minimal. Loren suggested that we spend some money to make specific improvements to the field – to level it and fill the low spots.

The club voted to table the pursuit of a grant. Loren brought up the issue of members who have not paid their 2005 dues. Members who are delinquent on dues and who have not made any special arrangements with the club are officially dropped from membership. Additionally, keeping AMA membership current is a requirement of club membership. The delinquent members were reviewed by the club (see current roster for membership).

New Business – Mark Delcambre located a web hosting service, Zippa.com which will host our site for \$3 per month. We can also register our domain as spillwayrc.com. The web address will be <http://www.spillwayrc.com>. The total annual cost for hosting and registration will be \$45. The club approved the expenditure.

Yoichi Shiga introduced himself as a club applicant. Yoichi is from Japan and will be working in the Metairie area for a plant engineering company over the next several years.



SRCC home page at www.spillwayrc.com.

3/10/05 ATTENDANCE:

Garland Trepagnier	Joe Simon	Cary Armand	Scott Lemoine	Pat Dekat	Darryl Champagne
Bill Smith	William Respass	Glen Vicknair	David Lee	Paul Santangelo	Mark Delcambre
Albert O'Neal	Dutch O'Neal	Don Guidry	Brownie Richardson	Dennis Hymel	Barry Bleakley
Bob Lack	Allen Smith	Loren Bailey	Rudy Diaz	Timothy Dabdoub	Chuck Lawler
Yoichi Shiga					