



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 August 12, 2004 at 7:30 PM at the P.A.C.E 750 Union Hall in Norco at 601 Good Hope Street.

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Meeting July 8, 2004

Nathan called the meeting to order at 7:32.

Loren provided the Treasurer's Report.

The minutes from the previous meeting were accepted.

Old Business There was no old business to discuss. runway Nathan also reported that a small work detail repaired the field netting and support wires.

New Business Barry talked about the condition of the field which has been adversely effected by the large amount of rain we have experienced in the last several weeks. His son-in-law has trouble cutting all of the field because of the mud and slop due to the rain. Barry wanted to assure the club that it will be properly cut as soon as possible.

Nathan introduced the idea of putting a top coat of material on the field to raise it up. Brownie suggested that clay might be a better material than sand. Tim

volunteered that he has surveying equipment to measure the field and give us an accurate estimate of the amount of material we would need. There was discussion as to what equipment we would need to spread the material. It was suggested that someone talk to one of the river sand operators in the Spillway to get a price to deliver and grade sand.

Barry discussed a recent encounter at the field with an individual who inquired about shooting rockets in the Spillway. Barry told the individual to check with the Ranger. Later that day the Ranger approached Barry and told him that rockets are not allowed in the Spillway.

Joe suggested that everyone read the AMA Membership manual regarding insurance. The manual was included with the August issue of Model Aviation. He pointed out that a clause in the insurance section seems to exclude AMA members as claimants.

Jack Prost was introduced as a prospective member. Jack introduced himself. First, he has a nickname of Jay and invited everyone to call him Jay. He started flying in 1976 with an RCM Trainer 40. Jay gained lots of experience over the years and has done

The sixth paragraph of the 2004 Insurance Summary states, "There is no coverage for injury to a member to his own family (Household and Relative(s) living in the member's household) for claims or suits."

instructing. He is an aircraft mechanic and a private pilot. He asked about flying helicopters – does the club have any aversion to helicopters. He got a solid response from members that the biggest issue is when helicopter pilots hover over the runway preventing other pilots from taking off and landing. Jay assured the club that if he brings out his helicopter that he would take off and fly and not tie up the runway.

A number of door prizes were given out and then the meeting was then adjourned.

IN ATTENDANCE