



Hangar Rat

Spillway Radio Control Club, Inc.

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Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the Spillway Radio Control Club will be Thursday, March 10, 2005 at 7:30 PM at the P.A.C.E. 750 Union Hall in Norco, LA at 601 Good Hope Street.

February Minutes:

The meeting was called to order by Nathan at 7:30 PM.

Old Business - Members introduced themselves including Kris Olatin, a former member now returning. Kris has also volunteered to compile a Frequency List for club members. (E-mail your frequencies to Kris at kolasin@sw.rr.com.)

Loren provided the Treasurer's Report.

Discussion continued on making a grant application to the Army Corp. of Engineers for improvements to the field. Loren volunteered to contact the Spillway Park Ranger to learn if there are any guidelines for submitting a grant proposal. Once we have those guidelines a committee will be formed to complete the grant application. At this point the club is undecided as to what specific improvements it would request in the grant. Ideas include improvements to the parking area, extension of the runway, moving the runway to the

north, and perhaps even paving the runway. Therefore, Loren agreed to contact the ranger sometime before the next meeting. Based on the results of that meeting, we will formulate a plan of action at the next club meeting.

New Business - The Club next discussed the prospect of having a SRCC web site. New member Mark Delcambre has created a prototype site for the club (<http://members.cox.net/spillwayrc/>). There was discussion as to whether or not the club wants to have an official web site. Mark informs the Club that registering our domain name and finding a host service would involve minimal expense to the club. Some members questioned who would act as webmaster, a potentially significant task. Cary noted that in the past an individual proposed the same thing, but is no longer a member. The skills of running a web site are not easily transferred. There was also discussion of what purpose would the web site serve. There is little need, at this point, for a recruitment tool, since our membership has nearly reached the maximum allowed by the by-laws. Some see the web site as a communication channel, but Joe Simon points out that it would take significant effort to use the web site as a primary means of Club communications. All agreed that we could not view the web site as a substitute for the Hangar Rat given the number of members who do not have Internet access at home. A motion was made and voted for the Club to have a web site.



Nathan's "modified" Stearman.

Mark agreed to provide the Club with domain registration and hosting information by next meeting.

Next there was a discussion of the field. The Corp. is expecting another crest which will most likely flood the roadway again. Nathan reminded the Club of his conversation with Crescent City's Carl Cantrell. They have extended us an invitation to fly at the Gold Mine through February. Crescent City may ask us for a minimal fee to fly beyond February. Their meeting is next week. Nathan encouraged the Club to take advantage of Crescent City's offer, but reminds everyone to

be courteous and, in particular, drive slow on the club's access road.

Prospective members Scott Lemoine and Dennis Hymel were voted in.

For **Plane of the Month** Nathan showed off the progress on his Stearman. Under construction for just over a year, he decided to depart from exact scale and incorporate some uniquely *Bivalacqua* innovations, including innovations on the rudder servo controls, smoke tank, and Robart struts with a highly modified fairing around the struts.

2/10 ATTENDANCE:

Garland Trepagnier	Loren Bailey	Scott Lemoine	Darryl Champagne	John Violette	Barry Bleakley
Nathan Bivalacqua	Allen Smith	Don Guidry	Pat Dekat	Dennis Hymel	Bill Chapman
Bob Lack	Kris Olasin	Cary Armand	David Lee	Joe Simon	Bill Smith
Brownie Richardson	Rudy Diaz	Tim Dabdoub	Mark Delcambre	Paul Santangelo	