



Hangar Rat

Spillway Radio Control Club, Inc.

AMA Chapter 979

Founded 1972

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Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the Spillway Radio Control Club will be Thursday, April 13th at 7:30 PM. at the P.A.C.E. 750 Union Hall in Norco, LA at 601 Good Hope Street.

Minutes:

Nathan at called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.
Treasurer's Report – Loren reports that our current balance is \$2229.63.

Old Business – Loren would like to remind everyone who has not yet renewed their AMA memberships to do so soon so we can submit our membership list.

New Business – Dale Gallodoro and his sons Eric and Evan were voted in as members. It was at this time that Dutch O'Neil made a motion to amend the family dues policy specified in the Spillway Radio Control Club Inc constitution. The constitution

currently states: "All participants in club flying activities including a member's spouse and children, shall be considered dues paying members (senior or junior) and shall pay dues." There was some discussion that this policy may prevent potential members with several children from joining because of the addition costs. And because the AMA's mission is: "...organized for the purpose of promotion, development, education and advancement of modeling activities" - the club should not make it a decisive financial decision.

Dutch recommended that the first junior member under a full paying member be at a rate of \$15/year and the remainder of junior members thereafter be covered for \$10/year. **NOTE:** This ammendment will only be for junior members (under 19 years of age) and this ammendment will NOT affect the current constitution policy of one (1) grass-cutting fee per family. The issue will be discussed further and voted upon during next month's meeting.

AMA president Dave Brown advised all clubs to make perimeter fence more visible due to injures at other clubs around the country. Also, club members should remember to put up the perimeter fence after flying so outside people don't drive vehicles on the landing strip.

We will discuss at next month's meeting trying to put a work party together to spread the dirt that was delivered last summer. We would like to get that accomplished before it gets too hot. Cary mentioned that he may be able to get a Bobcat, so the manual labor would be minimal.

The field is in good condition to fly, although the duck blind and some debris remain around the field. The Corps of Engineers 6 week deadline is approaching, but we have not had an update from the corps since.





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The SRCC would like to thank Hobby Hut for helping to provide our door prizes for each meeting.

The SRCC thanks the PACE Union for allowing us the use of their hall for meetings.

Members please be courteous and pick up trash and straighten chairs after each meeting.

For **Tool of the Month**, Nathan brought a vacuum plastic former that he built from plans he bought off the internet and looks similar to this picture.



He is not quite finished with it, but he built it quickly and credits that with excellent plans provided to him. So if any members need a new canopy, wheel pants or cowl, you might be able to work something out with Nathan as long as you provide the form.

Member James Reiter brought a trainer that he acquired and is trying to sell. It has a Futaba Conquest radio and engine. Anyone interested should contact James.

For **Gadget of the Month**, member John Violette brought in his new Futaba 14MZAP 14 channel PCM radio.



It has a touch screen interface and transmits a 2048 frame rate so even the slightest stick movements will control the servos. Custom pictures of your plane can be uploaded to show in the display and a lithium-ion battery provides up to 3 hours of battery life. Check out <http://www.14mz.com> for more details.

03/09/2006 Attendance

John Violette
Barry Bleakley
Dutch O'Neil III
Nathan Bivalacqua
Scott Lemoine

Garland Trapagnier
Loren Bailey
Dutch O'Neil IV
Eric Gallodoro

Glen Vicknair
Mark Delcambre
James Reiter
David Lee

Mike Schexnaydre
Darryl Champagne
Dale Gallodoro
Bret Perilloux