



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 September 9, 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 August 12, 2004

Nathan called the meeting to order at 7:31.

A suggestion was made that at the start of the meeting we go around and introduce ourselves.

Loren gave the Treasurer's Report.

The minutes from the previous meeting were accepted.

Old Business There was a discussion of Jack "Jay" Prost who applied for membership last month but was not present at this meeting.

There was a discussion of the Fun Fly. Nathan suggested that it occur following the September meeting. That Saturday would be 9/11/04. Nathan suggested that the Slidell club has some interesting events in their Fun Flies that are designed for all pilot skill levels. For example, a plane is flown to altitude and then a timer is started. The pilot who lands as close to one-minute elapse time wins.

Nathan called for Fun Fly volunteers. Nathan volunteered to be the CD, and the other officers along with Dutch O'Neal will work to develop events and plans for the day. September 18 will be the rain day for the September 11 event.

Also under old business Carl brought up leveling the field and said he has a tractor that the club could use. Tim has not surveyed the field but agreed he would try to work that into his schedule.

The first step should be getting a price from the dirt haulers who work in the Spillway. Al volunteered to ask one of the operators how much it would cost to get a truckload to the field. There was also discussion of where the load should be delivered. Barry suggested that a truck could roll on the north side of the runway. Others suggested they could get in from the parking lot. There was general agreement that a \$500 limit should cover the dirt. Al said again that he would find out how much the dirt will cost. Because of his enthusiasm Al was made Chair of the Dirt Committee. Tim agreed he would try to survey the field to give us an idea of the amount of dirt we will need.

Barry said someone was flying Tuesday evening and was flying over the road. On Wednesday morning he found the east side poles down. He didn't recognize the individual he saw Tuesday, but noted that he was driving a red car.

New Business Nathan reports that **Dutch O'Neal IV** successfully landed his plan two or three time on a recent Saturday. With a little more simulator time Dutch will be ready to fly on his own.

Ralph Goodman had less success while flying inverted when he pulled up. On the same topic, **Bill Smith** made a programming error on his radio that caused his plane to snap at a slow speed. He lost control on the following flight, which he feels

resulted from a failure in the aileron caused by the snap.

For plane of the month Bill Smith brought his newest kit, a Proctor Nieuport 28, which will be powered by a Saito 5 cylinder 325 engine.

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



Bill Smith's Nieuport 28 will be powered by a Saito 325

IN ATTENDANCE

Nathan Bivalacqua
Darryl Champagne
Ralph Goodman
Joe Simon

Garland Trepagnier
Tim Dabdoub
Allen Smith
Bill Chapman

Dutch O'Neal
Loren Bailey
Bill Smith

Dutch O'Neal IV
Barry Bleakley
Carl Cleveland