

The Flypaper

Monthly News Letter of the Freeport IL Radio Control Modelers
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**Meeting Night: 7:PM Wednesday, October 1st, Freeport Library.
Nominations for next year's officers will be on the agenda.**

How about the super weather we have had for flying. The wind has been light, the temperature perfect, and everyone in a good mood! The fall season seems to have much milder winds to contend with.

As some of you know I attended an all day fun fly in Monroe, Wisconsin one day (a Thursday). Their club looked at the weather forecast, and it was so favorable, they decided to have a weekday fun fly. Most of their club members are not retired, so it required most of them to take a day off from their jobs to be there. They had 17 members show up. They all flew electrics. I was the only one with power that was not electric. It was a fun day. They plan on another fun fly day, and will give us Freeport people more advanced notice, and also it will be on a weekend. It was fun getting reacquainted with some the Monroe flyers. Some of them used to fly in Freeport regularly, and a couple of them were members of the Freeport Club many years ago. It's been around 15 years since I last flew in Monroe. You were able to make approaches from the West in those days to land on the east west runway. You can't do that anymore because the trees have grown so tall you don't have an approach from the West. Times change.

We had a good turnout of flyers for Labor Day at Baker's field. Not as large as the fourth of July, but still a very good day. It seems we have more people flying this year. It must be the electric syndrome, with nitro fuel hitting \$25.00 a gallon. The electric flyers almost outnumber the 2-cycle flyers in the daily morning group.

We also had a good turnout for the Baker Memorial Fun Fly on Saturday, September 13th. Sunday several flyers showed up as well. The Freeport journal Standard sent a photographer out on Sunday, and he took many pictures, two of which made it into Monday's paper. There were 12 pictures on there web site of our planes. Some members cooked out and had a bonfire Saturday evening at the field.

Some really old business: Notice is hereby given about the homemade (built by Art Tessendorf) charcoal grill at baker's field. If you are interested in it, let the club know at the meeting Wednesday, October first, when you will get it and haul it away. If more than one person is interested, we will auction it off at the meeting Wednesday. If no one wants it, it will be hauled away for disposal.

The Romeo (Retired Old Men Eating Out) breakfast group has changed their location. They are now meeting every Wednesday at 8:AM at the Spring Grove restaurant, which is across from Cub Food. You don't have to be retired to join them; you don't have to be old either. I understand they will have a special guest at next Wednesday's breakfast.

Minutes of the September 3rd, 2008 Freeport R/C Modelers Meeting
At Baker's Field

The meeting was called to order at 7pm.

14 members were present: Craig LeBaron, Marcet Marks, Gary Marks, Alex Marck, Jerry Colby, Jerry Schuelke, Dick DeHahn, Olaf Gustav, Fred Smith, Dave Shuey, Harry Allen, Jeff Burd, Dick Potempa, and David Nienhuis.

Dick Potempa read a letter from Charlie Bauer about his supporting Horace Cain to be elected for Executive Vice-President of the AMA District VI.

The meeting minutes from August 6th were motioned to accept and passed.

Treasurer's Report: The General Fund is now \$2587.89 and the Mower Fund is \$1222.00. \$10 is needed for the non-profit club fee and a fuel bill for mowing was \$69.07. A motion to pay these bills was made and passed.

Jeff has the applications from the county for the raffle permit and the AMA magazine notification, needing \$50 and \$10, respectively. A motion for providing \$200 for purchasing raffle prizes passed. Jeff will spend the money at HobbyTown accordingly. An option for a 52 Card 50/50 at the swap meet was brought up and a motion to do it was passed.

Don Rasmus and Harry Allen were announced as appointed to the nominating committee for officer elections for next year.

Baker's Memorial is this weekend, the 6th and 7th of September. There were many club fliers that took advantage of Labor Day to be at Baker's last Monday on the 1st.

Discussion was had about a recent breach of the AMA rule to not have any alcohol before participating in flying.

In summary, these are Dick Potempa's words:

Due to a perceived breach of conduct, a request was made for clarification of the "no alcohol 8 hours before flying" rule. To clarify, a person who is advising or instructing someone on flying is deemed involved in the flight in question and cannot have alcohol 8 hours before the flight. Then, the question of enforcement came up. At this point, late in the season, we would like to believe the members would act responsibly and abide by clearly defined rules. Being realistic, the next administration over the winter should consider the question.

There was discussion about having an event coordinator defined whenever we have flying event, to handle grievances if officers or board members aren't present.

Meeting was adjourned.

These minutes are respectfully submitted by David Nienhuis.

