

Oct. 2009 general meeting minutes

President Dan Metz called the meeting to order at 7 PM. There were 33 members and guests present.

Dan asked if there were any additions or corrections to the September minutes. There being none, they were adopted as previously published.

Dick Knapp gave the Treasurer's report of \$8,808.01.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

Dan then thanked Craig Waters and Dick Knapp for their efforts on the Airport Fly-in and the Palm Desert Golf Cart parade. Dan reported that there were only about 400 people attending the fly-in and there wasn't much interest in our models.

Dan then asked Murray Ross to report on the Giant RC Pylon Race he attended at Rabbit Lake, near Big Bear. First, Murray said that there wasn't any way for us to host an event like this one. The safety distances are too great and the pylons are set at 1,600 feet instead of the 500 feet that we use. It also takes more than 20 helpers to run each heat, so the manpower required is very high. Murray said that if we wanted to get involved with this race next year, our assistance would be greatly appreciated. The 1.8 size Sundowner class was very popular and resulted in a number of mid-air. The top of the line unlimited class racers, with souped up engines would do about 230 mph and were flown by very experienced pilots, like Chip Hyde.

Dan reminded everyone that Saturday, November 7th was the annual Jacqueline Cochran Air Show and that we would again have a flying team there. Flying time is not yet established. Dick will arrange for AMA insurance for our fliers at this event.

Dan then announced that there would be a "Clean-up Party" at our field on Sunday, November 8th to get ready for our annual Demo-Day/Toys for Tots event on Sunday, November 15th. Dan asked Chacho Gomez if he could arrange to drag our entrance road to take out some of the ruts. Chacho will take care of it. Dan reminded everyone that entrance to this event is \$10 or an unwrapped toy. Last year our club donated over \$1,100 to the US MC Reserve effort.

Dan talked with Curtis Kitteringham about a scale event for Jan./Feb. next year at our field. Curtis will try and get a firm commitment this coming weekend. Dan also said that our invitational jet fly was still a "go" program, either as part of a scale event or even on a stand-alone event.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Dan reported that he has talked with Anthony Moreno at the La Quinta Tennis Gardens and that there could well be a "traditional" glider event there on a Saturday in Jan. or Feb. Dan will ask the Tennis Garden group for a date that doesn't conflict with things like the Bob Hope Desert Classic parking. We will also need AMA insurance coverage for this event. The event would probably be called "The George Ritter/Rex Powell Memorial Fun Fly". No prizes, no rules, just FUN!!! Ken Merenda was at a similar event a couple of weeks ago and had a great time.

Craig Waters announced that there would be a pylon race the first Sunday of the next two months to complete our four race series.

Dan also discussed the idea of a monthly "workshop" and it was decided to hold one on Sunday, November 22nd, which will focus on transmitter programming among other items.

The club will also host a "Swap Meet" at the field early next year.

Due to the large number of models that have been donated to the club over the summer, Dan lead a discussion on how we should handle the sale of these models. It was agreed that the club would be better off by letting members bid on them rather than just raffling them off. The club raised \$555 during the resulting auction/raffle. Plan on attending next month's meeting as we still have a stack of planes to get rid of.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM