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FLIGHT LOG FOR THE SEPTEMBER MILE HI RC MEETING

September 6&7, 2004

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

1. Call to order @ 7:00pm
 - a. Attendance – George Kerr, Marvin Sanders, Randall Eaker, John Neumeier, John Corliss, Adam Bryant, Bob Bergin.
2. Minutes approved
3. Treasurer's report.
 - a. Checkbook balance \$xxx
 - b. Investment – no changes in amount invested. Half cash, half invested.
4. Field Acquisition Report
 - a. Ridge View Academy – John Neumeier reported that their board is favorably considering a potential relationship. Mike Marcotte, one of Ridge View board members, visited our field today and was given an introductory flight by Marvin. John has invited Mike Marcotte and their board and some of their students to the Aeroworks fun fly. They would like to see something happen sooner rather than later. John proposed to them annexing our current field, but they would prefer we were inside their facility if we do form a relationship with them. It was the general consensus that we need to have a relationship with them regardless of whether or not we get a new flying field out of the deal. The opportunity for positive community involvement is a great one for the club. We agreed to provide lunch for the people from Ridge View that come to the Aeroworks Fun Fly.
5. Aeroworks @ MileHi Fun Fly
 - a. Volunteers
 - b. Donations – George proposed using the \$150 earmarked for donations and using it to buy \$75 of door prizes from both Colpar and Blue Yonder.
 - c. Raffle Prizes – Paul has volunteered to do the raffle. Randall has a Mooney with retracts that can be raffled off. Marvin suggested the field box, starter, and other miscellaneous gear purchased along with our club trainer. Aeroworks will probably donate a kit.
 - d. Door Prizes. What do we have?
 - e. We will announce the Ridge View visitors on the PA.
 - f. We will have stick-on nametags for the board members to wear.
6. Meeting raffle discussion.
 - a. Discussed purchase of fuel for monthly club raffles. It was decided to purchase a year's worth (12 gallons) at a time of 15% fuel.
7. Mile Hi Madness III – October 2, 2004.
 - a. Volunteers – Need at least 8 judges.
 - b. Need someone to do food.
 - c. Open "B" and 2610 scale.
8. Field Maintenance
 - a. Field looks **SUPER** Marvin!
 - b. Marvin will not doing this after October 1. Who will take over? Denny may take part of the responsibility for this.
9. Field Safety.
 - a. Small electric planes are flying at the south end of the N/S runway while the E/W runway is being used. It was agreed that **only** helicopters that are hovering be allowed to use this area. **ALL** fixed wing aircraft and helicopters doing anything other than hovering will use the active runway.

- b. People are not taking off “half runway” or going **away** from the pilots’ cages.
 - c. There was extensive discussion regarding how to reduce the number of safety violations.
10. Guest Policy.
- a. Guests must be accompanied by a club member or seek out a club member before flying.
11. Renewal Applications.
- a. Applications folded and taped at the board meeting.
 - b. Members attending the general meeting will be handed their applications. All other applications will be mailed on Wednesday.
 - c. Discussed archiving of current database and printing of end of 2004 membership roster prior to applying changes for the new fiscal year.
12. Elections
- a. The following people have agreed to run for office.
 - i. President – George Kerr
 - ii. VP – Randall Eaker
 - iii. Secretary – Adam Bryant
 - iv. Treasurer – Jerry Warrington
 - v. Board members
 - 1. Bob Bergin
 - 2. Chuck Brant
 - 3. John Neumeier
 - 4. Rocco Mariani
 - 5. John Jagilas
13. Program this month
- a. Ridge View
14. Training program – table to next meeting.
15. October Board Meeting
- a. September 28th – location to be determined after the elections. Date for the board meeting will be one week before the general meeting to give club officers and board time to prepare for the general meeting.
16. Air Scharnell needs more color club brochures. We will hold off on printing new brochures until after the elections.
17. Smoky Ridge Home Owners Association show. Would have helped to display the banner and have brochures available for handout.
18. Discussed purchase of club patches and nametags on the 2005 club budget.
19. Anthony Puca has been working on drawing up basic field layouts in CAD.
20. Marvin suggested scheduling an automatic monthly service for the Port-a-potty.
21. Club pot-luck is Sept. 11 at 5:00pm
22. Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Editor's note: Due to minor technical difficulties, the complete text of the September general meeting minutes were not available. Below is a summation of the relevant happenings.

- 1. Turnout for the meeting and club elections was above average with approximately 30-35 members attending.
- 2. Club elections for the 2005 fiscal year were held. The following officers were elected:
 - a. President – George Kerr
 - b. Vice President – Randall Eaker
 - c. Treasurer – Jerry Warrington
 - d. Secretary – Adam Bryant
 - e. Board members – Bob Bergin, John Neumeier, and Rocco Mariani
- 3. Mike Marcott, a board member of Rite Of Passage discussed Ridge View Academy and the possibility of our club forming a partnership with the Academy. He related background information regarding what Ridge View was, where it came from, and its purpose for being. He said that the possibility of our club forming a relationship with Ridge View had been discussed within the Right Of Passage board of directors with very positive feedback. The next step is a formal presentation before the Right Of Passage board by George Kerr and John Neumeier.

=== END OF MINUTES FOR THE SEPTEMBER MEETING ===

Prez Sez!

September 2004
George Kerr
President 2004/2005

“What kind of club would this club be if everyone in it, were just like me”(Al Duffy)
What can I do that would help make the club a better one?

First of all, welcome back to a new fiscal year at Mile Hi RC. This looks to be an exciting and challenging year ahead of us. I look forward to having a great at Mile HI R/C this year.

Safety:

Safety must be our primary focus while we participate in R/C flying. Safety has to be the number one concern every time we get a plane out of the car at the field, and at home when we are working on the planes. Nothing can take the place of safety. We need to constantly practice safety and always be conscious of what we are doing so that we do it safely.

Someone at the meeting said “RC Flying is inherently dangerous”. Yes it is, and that is precisely why we all need to take safety very seriously, and constantly be aware of the dangers. We at Mile Hi have a very good safety record, and I WANT TO SEE IT STAY THAT WAY. Each and every member in the club is a safety officer, and it is everyone’s responsibility to not only practice safety, but to watch for others safety, and remind members or guests when they are doing something unsafe. This should be done in a very nice and courteous manner without confrontation or provoking confrontation. Many times we do a lot of the things we do without giving a conscious thought to it. As we develop unsafe habits, we don’t even think about them. Stop and look at what you do and how you do it once in a while and see if you can make it safer. If someone talks to you about something you are doing that is unsafe, please don’t get defensive and confrontational. Think about what you are being told or asked to do and how to make that activity safer. You are not being reprimanded in any way, just being made aware of a safety concern.

The number one safety issue I see at the field concerns taking off on the East/West runway to the East. 99% of the planes we fly do not need more than half the runway to take off. If we are flying to the West, what do we do, we taxi down to the pilot’s stations, turn around and take off. When we take off to the East, we need to do the same thing, taxi down to the pilot’s stations and then start the take off roll to the East. Too many times a plane will get to the West end of the E/W runway, start the take off roll and be 20 or 30 feet in the air by the time the plane reaches the pilots stations. This is a disaster waiting to happen. All it takes is one radio glitch, mechanical failure of some kind or one of a thousand different things and that plane can be AIRBORNE and into the pilots stations. Please, Please, Please taxi farther to the East and do not start your take off roll until you will break ground well beyond the pilot’s stations. The pilot’s stations have kept many people from getting hurt when an airplane got away from someone on the ground or at very low flight level. If an airplane is above the pilot’s station and comes down in one, they can’t protect you very well..

Think, be aware, and try your best to do every thing we do in the safest manner possible.

Let’s have a lot of fun, and be safe out there!

George

[2004 Fiscal Year Member Incentive Program Awards](#)

The drawing for two gift certificates for those people who qualified was held at the pot luck dinner at the field on September 11. The club members who earned 11 points during the year to qualify for the drawing were: Bob Bergin, Adam Bryant, John Corliss, Randall Eaker, Alan Isaacs, Mark Johnston, George Kerr, Paul Noveshansky, Roy Olsen, Joe Ortiz, Jim Redmond, Bill Robinson, Marvin sanders, Bill Sorrels, Dave Teich and Mike Wilson.

The two winners of \$150 gift certificates were Jim Redmond and Marvin Sanders. Congratulations to you both and thank you to all who qualified for your participation in the club during the past year.

Continuation of this program will be discussed at the October meeting, so come to the meeting and give us your feedback and input.

Things you should know

As you can see from the volume and issue number of this newsletter, the club is approaching the start of its **50th** year! This is quite an accomplishment and we should put our heads together and think of a suitable way to commemorate this tremendous accomplishment.

One step closer... to SPACE!

The Burt Rutan designed Space Ship One has taken the first of two flights into outer space necessary to collect the \$10 million X Prize. After a successful test program, this first "official" flight was taken Sept. 29. Carry plane White Knight One carried Space Ship One to an altitude of 47,000 ft. before Space Ship One separated from its carrier, and ignited its rocket engine for a 90 second burn and climb to an altitude exceeding 62 miles (the accepted start of "space"). In order to collect the X Prize the same vehicle has to repeat the flight into space within 2 weeks. The follow-on flight is currently scheduled for next Monday, Oct. 4. The Oct. 4 date has some significance in aerospace history as it is the anniversary of the launch of Sputnik by the Soviet Union. For more information on this historic undertaking, visit the Scaled Composites web site at www.scaled.com.

For you budding astronauts, billionaire Sir Richard Branson has licensed the technology of Space Ship One and plans to begin commercial space flights starting in 2007. A round trip ticket for one to space and back is projected to cost around \$190,000. The price does include at least 3 days of pre-flight training. No need to pack a carry-on as the whole flight will probably last around 90 minutes.

EDITORIAL

*Editor's note. This is a new area of the newsletter and is intended to let **YOU** sound off about items of concern for you. Just like the editorial page in your newspaper we will print any number of articles about any topic you choose. We do ask that you keep it short to help minimize printing costs for the club. We also reserve the right to make minor changes to formatting or content, but promise to retain the subject intact. The usual rules apply, no profanity, no name calling, and try to be as civil as possible. Send submissions to my email address at adamdb@juno.com. As this is a new feature, I will start it off.*

The thing that has always bugged me about any of the volunteer organizations I have belonged to is the level of participation of a majority of the members. I define a volunteer organization as any organization that you voluntarily belong to and where participation is voluntary. In most clubs like ours 90% of the work is done by 10% of the people. At our club meetings I see the same 20 people month after month. At our club events I see the same 20 people as always doing check-in, manning the radio impound, helping with the food, etc., etc. With 170 members in our club we should be able to spread the workload around a little. My challenge to you in the new fiscal year is to become more involved in the club. If you regularly attend the meeting, bring someone else along that doesn't normally attend. If they don't want to go to the meeting "because it is just too boring", challenge them to give a presentation that will be of interest to club members. If you don't normally volunteer to help at events, volunteer and help at **ONE** event this year. If you don't normally help at the infrequent work parties that we have, help at **ONE** work party this year. That would be one event or work party that one member of the 10% can take off and fly at instead of having to work. If we don't start spreading the work out, those faithful few that currently do most of the work are going to get fed up and quit. Then what will you do if you want to fly and the grass is 3 feet tall at the field? It doesn't have to be events or work parties that you get involved in. You can give a presentation at a meeting, help solicit and collect donations for events, or help with mailings to members. There are any number of ways you can get involved **and every little bit helps!!**

Blue skies,
Adam Bryant

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Mile Hi R/C Official Wear - Winter Jackets

Prices are as follows: S-XL \$60.00; 2XL \$61.50; 3XL \$63.00; 4X\$64.50; 5XL \$66.00 Prices do not include tax.

Winter jackets have your first name and AMA number on the front and the club logo on the back. The jackets appear to run on the small size so we recommend ordering one size larger than you normally wear.

Do you have other embroidery needs, Contact Phil, He can take care of all of your customized embroidery needs.

Contact Phillip Kenney
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Mile Hi R/C Official Wear

- ✚ Hats: Summer Edition (Mesh on top for venting) Blue, Club Logo up front \$12.00 Winter Edition (full twill) Blue with Club Logo up front \$12.00
- ✚ T-Shirts Small, Medium, Large X-Large \$12.00
- ✚ Summer Jackets \$53.00
- ✚ 3" Patches \$5.00
- ✚ All Items sold at Club Meeting!!

Contact Bob Bergin
(303) 693-9727.

- ✚ "BLUE MAX" OLD TIMER w/ O.S 46FX, JR ON BOARD CH 40 RADIO READY TO FLY- \$325.00
- ✚ 60 SIZE WORLD MODEL ZERO, RETRACTS "NEW IN BOX" WING AND TAIL ASSEMBLED \$200.00
- ✚ HITEC 4CH RADIO \$85.00
- ✚ AIRTRONICS 4 CH RADIO \$100.00
- ✚ Hobbico expanded scale voltmeter \$15.00
- ✚ 120 Size Jungmeister 150.00

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- ✚ Great Planes Trainer 60 complete! \$300
- ✚ MDS .68 engine
- ✚ Airtronics 6 channel radio on channel 24
- ✚ Charge the batteries and fly!

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Editor's note

My email address for any submissions is adamdb@juno.com. If you have a new plane picture, a building tip, an item to sell, or anything else that might be of interest to your fellow club members, please let me know! Also, if you have sold any of the items or want to update any of the items currently shown in the classifieds, please let me know so I can make the appropriate changes.

These local businesses support our club through donations and discounts on material for the club. Please show your appreciation of by giving them your business.

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	<p>Air Scharnell 17908-A Cottonwood Dr. Parker, CO 80134 (303) 617-9777</p>
	<p>Blue Yonder Hobbies 2350 S. Chambers Aurora, CO 80014 (303) 337-6887</p>
	<p>Collins Hardware 18800 E. Hampden Ave. Aurora, CO 80013 (303) 680-6765</p>
	<p>Colpar Hobbies 804 S. Havana Aurora, CO 80012 (303) 341-0414</p>
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