

Desert Eagles Model Airplane Flying Club
Meeting Minutes January 7, 2008

President Walter Grasmick opened the meeting at 7:30 pm at AeroMark Meeting room

Condolences: Walter expressed condolences from the entire club to Jim David on the recent loss of his wife R. Kay to cancer. Walter suggested that we take up a collection for flowers for the memorial service, and Jim requested that instead, we make a donation in R.Kay's name to the Hospice of Eastern Idaho. (Late addition: Steve H is taking donations and will send a check to Hospice of Eastern Idaho, in accordance with Jim's wishes.)

New Officers: Walter announced the new officers from the board election in December:

President:	Walter Grasmick	for a second term
Vice President:	Elliot Sussman	for a second term
Secretary:	Russ Crawford	for a second term
Treasurer:	Steve Henderson	for a second term
Safety Officer:	Art Rood	

New Year's Day Weenie Roast/Fun Fly: Those who were there gave a report about how much fun was had at the community park. It was quite cold, but sunny and almost windless. This very enjoyable event was organized by Don Brooks and Brent Belnap with support from Russ Crawford.

Vandalism: The perpetrator of the main (pickup ruts and sprinkler damage) vandalism has admitted to the crime, and is awaiting a response from the club. He has asked to apologize to the board in person. When we have a couple of bids for professional repairs of the damage, we will present them.

First Annual Winter Blahs-Breaker Social Event: In February we plan to gather at a local pizza establishment, to tell flying stories and discuss our winter building projects. Plus see if we can get some of our former members out to see what they have been up to. Spouses and family members are invited. Jim Coleman has agreed to organize this event. Date and location to be announced.

Floats and Skis: Don Brooks showed off his Foam Floats on both a Slow Stick and GWS DHC-2 Beaver, plus DuBro plastic skis for parkflyers. Jim Haldy showed his home-made foam float and a better way to attach DuBro skis. Russ Crawford showed two sets of home-made wooden skis for small and large RC planes. Skis are definitely IN this year.

Events: Ogden R/C Swap: Early February, date unknown. Arizona Electric Fest January 24 to January 28. No camping on the field this year.

Recovering Lithium Phosphate cells from portable power tool battery packs: Gary Dumont showed many examples of cells recovered from portable power tool battery packs. New packs are a bit expensive to be considered a good source of cells for RC packs, but if you know a shop that takes in warranty replacements, you might find good cells there.

Main Event: Gary Dumont brought for show and tell, his magnificent Gee Bee Supersportster R-1/R-2. It was built from scratch, using enlarged Henry Haffke plans and a forest of balsawood. All agreed that it was a Herculean effort in craftsmanship of the highest order. I did not have my tape measure, but the fuselage was all of 18" in diameter at the widest point. \$125 worth of balsa and plywood will end up in this fabulous model, along with a 45cc gasoline engine. It takes a trailer to transport the parts. There is plenty left to do, but Gary will definitely draw a crowd (me included) when he brings this one out to fly (or display).

Bylaws Review: Steve Henderson had Rev 8 draft of the bylaws for signature by the board. Elliot suggested that the board needs to address the new "Park Flyer" category of AMA membership and make sure that our bylaws will address these new types of modelers, if they should want to join or fly at the field. The changes will be made and hopefully signoff will occur at the next board meeting.

Submitted, S. A. Henderson 1/12/08