

VSMA Meeting Minutes

January 11, 2007

Mike Stokes called the meeting order at 7:00pm.

- Mike reminded everyone that **dues are due by the end of March** and that the Club would have to enforce last year's policy of assessing late fees for last year's members who do not renew on time. The late fee is \$25 on top of the normal membership fee of \$100. The Club's annual lease is due in March.
- Mike summarized the MTRCCA's meeting (the multi-club association that coordinates the large fly-ins and swap meets, beginning with last year.)
 - **MTRCCA set its spring "picnic fly-in" for April 28 at Music City Aviators / Peeler Park** in Madison (also known as Neely's Bend). MTRCCA decided to have just one large fly-in each year in the fall. And the spring fly-in will not be advertised outside of the member clubs, although anyone is welcome to attend. This smaller spring fly-in will rotate around to a different club each spring. The larger, fall fly-in will be held at the same location each year, although that location has yet to be decided.
 - MTRCCA is also going to participate in the new AMA program called "TAG". The TAG program exists to introduce the hobby to new people and gain more AMA members. If MTRCCA is chosen to host such an event, MTRCCA would receive free airplane trainers and flight simulators.
 - MTRCCA now keeps an Event Calendar for all events in the area. This will help keep individual clubs from accidentally scheduling events on top of one another (although any club can schedule overlapping events).
- Someone asked whether they could mail their dues. Lanny Coggins asked Rick Benton to put his address on the website so people could mail in their dues, if they so chose.
- Josh Bond agreed to forward Rick Benton a PDF version of the club membership form for placement on the website.
- Mike opened the floor for discussion about what events VSMA should have in 2007 (actual VSMA events, not the MTRCCA fly-in). Billy Kemp said that with memberships being \$100, the Club should not charge landing fees for events. Billy noted that some members do not attend these events to avoid the charge. Al Basham suggested that the Club make fly-ins free and charge for fun-flies, or events where there will be competitions. Our VSMA Club decided to host 2 events this year:
 - **VSMA Event #1: Saturday, May 5th fly-in, with a theme of "military styled aircraft" and "war birds". FREE: NO LANDING FEE.**
 - **VSMA Event #2: Saturday and Sunday, July 21-22 fly-in. \$12 landing fee.**
- Jeff Breeden generously offered free color copies to promote any event.
- Mike opened the floor for discussion about our fencing options for the pits area. James Batts will investigate several fencing options and report back next meeting.
- Billy Kemp inquired as to the status of the additional "safety benches" for starting airplanes discussed in a previous meeting. Mike consulted with Jeff Strain and said we would handle this further in the spring.

- Mike opened the floor for discussion about what to do about Officer elections, since this item was not brought to the floor in November or December. Rick Benton made a motion to extend all officers' terms for another year, the motion was seconded, and passed unanimously.
- The **next meeting will be Tuesday, February 6, 2007 at Winters Field** in the barn office. This meeting will resume the Club's meetings as per the usual schedule.
- The Club wishes to thank Dudley Morton, and his company M2 Homes, for their **donation of \$100** on top of Dudley's normal club membership. www.m2homes.net

If I missed anything or noted any item incorrectly, please email me at josh@mrbond.com.

Thanks,
Josh Bond