

VSMA Monthly Meeting Minutes

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Mike Stokes called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

Fly-In's

Mike Stokes began the meeting by announcing the Club has been invited to participate in Springfield Airport's fly-in, which has been rescheduled for May 7. VSMA has been invited to fly model airplanes during their fly-in. Setup time begins at 8am.

Mike Stokes announced 2 VSMA fly-in's:

- May 13-15, Friday – Sunday.
- June 3-5, Friday – Sunday.

More information will be announced on the website as these dates draw closer.

Quickie 500 Pylon Racing

Chris Quinn set the first official Quickie 500 Pylon Race for Sunday, May 1 at 3pm. To maintain a level playing field, everyone will use a 424-legal Quickie 500 airframe, an OS LA .40 engine, a 9x6 Master Airscrew prop, and a minimum weight of 3.5 pounds.

Glen Sheppard and Kurt Weems will track each racing participant's wins and losses over the season. Last year, we had 10 participants. If you missed the Quickie 500 races last year, you owe it to yourself to see what everyone's been talking about!

Wayne Kackley of *Danielle's RC* announced a special deal for anyone buying the Quickie 500 ARF plane and engine together. Thanks Wayne!

Field Maintenance

Mike Stokes announced the Club has rolled, seeded, and fertilized the runway and surrounding areas. Thursdays will be the grass-cutting day this year. If can help with the grass cutting and field maintenance this year, please lend a helping hand! It's unfair for two people to cut the grass all year by themselves. Remember, if you don't help with the field, you have no right to complain!

Safety

As many of you know, David Davis nearly lost his finger in a propeller accident a few weeks ago. Fortunately, the doctors were able to pin the severed bones together allowing David to regain the use of his finger.

This accident is a great reminder for us all to be careful. That engine you've started successfully 1,000 times CAN take your finger at any time. Slow down and think! Always think SAFETY! Saving a few minutes is not worth a body part!

Membership Renewal Dues

Each year the Club's lease is due in March, although the Club's membership trickles in for the first half of the year as people return from the off-season. The Club discussed ways to offer its members an incentive for renewing their membership early enough in the year so that the Club can comfortably pay its lease.

After some discussion on the issue, Dudley Morton offered a solution that involved a tiered membership renewal structure. Members who renew their membership before March 31 will pay the usual \$50. However, members who fail to renew their membership by May 31 will pay \$75. Members who fail to renew their membership by June 31 will pay \$100.

New members will pay the usual \$50 throughout the year because this tiered structure is designed to encourage existing members to renew on time rather than penalize the timing of a new member's entry into the Club.

Mike Stokes adjourned the meeting at 8:00pm