SCCMAS club meeting at Wings of History May 6th, 2017

(Club secretary Mike Leggett)

We enjoyed another nice Tomcats meeting at the Wings of History Museum in San Martin with 44 members showing up to enjoy the Pizza, Camaraderie and stories.

The meeting came to order at 5:20 with our new President Steve Smith giving us an update on activity related to getting road access to the field restored. Lots of different options are being looked at including using an existing dirt road from the Coyote creek exit on 101, at least as a temporary solution. The delays in getting the old road repaired stem from the many agencies involved. Steve will keep us updated on progress.

Without road access all events at our field have been cancelled, through and including the air show. Many have been going out to the field via the 2.5 mile walk on the bike path with models and/or gas to mow the lawn. Several have helped do the mowing so far including Dave Wilber, Tim Jones, Jon Mattson, Steve and myself but we need to have a work party with more help in the coming weeks. Tim also sprayed 5 gallons of weed killer. It is important that the field does not look abandoned when the various agencies come around to assess the situation.

The outhouses have been locked as they cannot be serviced until the road access is restored. If you do come out to the field, use the motto “if you pack it in, pack it out”. And please do not go out alone. Emergency service can get there but it will be slow over the bike path from the ranger station.

Steve and his son Mathew went to the Flight Test West along with many other Tomcats members and it was extremely successful. It was an all electric “build, fly, crash and repeat” event by design. Great for the hobby as lots of kids were introduced to RC. They had intended to require AMA membership to fly but that was eventually abandoned.

Eric Sanders is now our Event Coordinator and his first event was the swap meet held at Bayside with 17 tables. Note that all events not held at our field are still a go, including the open house at the Wings of History in San Martin in two weeks. We will have static displays and also fly at noon as usual.

Jon Mattson is our new field maintenance manager and will be organizing a work party to mow and trim the field in the coming weeks.

Tim Stahlke our safety coordinator reported we did have one accident in the past few months where a pilot got his hand cut up by his prop. Remember not to arm your models until you are heading to the flight line from the startup area.

Bahman told of our youngest pilot Jack’s great dead stick landing after losing a prop, complete with a well heard announcement of his intentions.

The dumb thumb went to Jon Mattson for letting a table saw fall on his plane during transport. Chris ran a close second place for his crashing of two planes at Flight test West.

Show & Tell

- Steve showed some of the inexpensive kits that they sold at Flight test West $30 for a plane and $55 for the power pack and servos that could be reused many times. He also talked about the sixteen channel Tranis radio complete with telemetry for only $110. And their receivers are only $30. Wow. The RC industry is really changing.

- Lynsel spent 29 years building his last plane and is now working on a ¼ scale spitfire which will sport a G62 with electronic ignition.

- Lou showed off his mini Mamba which is similar to the first model airplane he received as a kid many years ago. Flys great with a modern radio and controls, weighing in at 13.5 oz. He also brought his Waco Arf Biplane running on 4cell 2800mah. He has beefed up the wobbly landing gear and the control rods to the tail.

- Rob built a canard from a spare Ultra Stick wing. He is happy with its performance after zeroing in on the size of the canard. Does loops and rolls well.

- Chris brought the Mini Mustang he built at Flight Fest. He has not flown it yet.

- I showed the nose and canopy I vacuum formed for the B26 along with the air scoops off the cowls.

Raffle

- Tim took the Super Stick in the raffle. I got a Z-bender and some CA. Jack took the Horizon Cub and some Kicker. Ahmad got some Epoxy and a Monocote iron. Kyle and Chris got some glue.

The meeting ended at 7:35 and I started up the hybrid engines on my 1/6 scale B26 outside.
Flying at the field is still a lot of fun
the walk not so much
My CarbonZ Cessna 150
Horizon hobbies latest foam creation is a great deal of fun.
Typical Flite Fest scene
Ryan is such a helpful guy
Jon is happy with his award

Chris with FliteTest Mini Mustang

Rob and his creations
Lou always have interesting stuff

Another Lynsel Masterpiece

Mike with his work in progress

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