

Rio Grande R/C Flyers



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Meeting Minutes May 6, 2008

Art Ratley

The May 2009 meeting of the Rio Grande R/C flyers was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by club President Bill Robinson. There were 17 people present at Rudy's BBQ in Pharr.

Motion made to approve the minutes of the April meeting as published in the Newsletter. Motion carried.

Roger Bell reported that we have a balance of \$1965.00 in the treasury. Tickets were distributed for the Grand Raffle to be held in December. Prize selection for the raffle will be made in September. A total of \$500.00 has been budgeted for the prizes.

No safety issues have been reported in the past month.

Bob Barry (Special Events Coordinator) gave a detailed report on the April 12th Fun Fly. In spite of the strong windy conditions, the pylon races were very exciting. There were four classes. Small, Middle, Giant, and Electric. Great job on this event. Thanks Bob.

Bill reported on the vandalism at the field and passed around pictures of the work of the vandals. A police report was made, and with some of the evidence, the culprits may be caught. Thanks to Roger and Roy, the place was cleaned up in just a short time. Jerry Bell was very complimentary on the quick work. The Broken Urinal was replaced with a new one by Roy Richmond and Art Ratley.

Bill also gave an update on the AMA club registration. field certificates will be posted at the Penitas

June Meeting Notice

**The June meeting
will be held on Wednesday
June 6th at
7:00 PM. The meeting
will be at Rudy's restau-
rant, located at 209 W.
Nolana In Pharr.
The club usually arrives
at 6 PM for dinner with
the meeting beginning
at 7 PM.**



field and the Bennack field. Insurance certificates were given to Roger Bell. The current membership of the club is 51.

The Instructor program was explained by Bill. The club has three certified instructors, Bill Robinson, Rick Martinez, and Dave Hanson. These instructors will be able to train students for a period of sixty days without the student having to be a member of AMA.

Bill showed a video of the AMA membership drive. There are forms available to fill out when a new member joins the club. Bill also stated that information sheets (flyers) will be handed out to the local hobby stores to help recruit new members.

There was discussion about the status of the IMAA club membership. The Rio Grande R/C Flyers will renew membership in the IMAA.

A trip to Bennack Field was planned for Sunday May 17th. Those interested in going should meet at JC Penny parking lot at the intersection of Trenton and 281. Plan to leave there at 9:30 A.M.

June 7th was selected for the next fun fly. Hot dogs were suggested for the cook out. We could call it "Bob Barry's Birthday Bash Hot Dogs on a bun Fun Fly"

October 4th was selected by vote to be the date for the Tri-Club fun fly. Rio Grande Flyers will host the event this year. David Mann reported that the Tejas club will have a fun fly on October 17th and 18th.

There was some discussion about an auxiliary support group. Non flyers that would help with social events. No action was taken, but the subject may be open for study at a later date.

Joseph Kauzez introduced his guest, Jenny from California. Next meeting, June 3rd at Rudy's. Meeting adjourned at 7:52 P.M.

TIPS FOR CLUBS

AMA Nationwide Membership Drive 2009

Goal: To utilize/involve the Academy's largest outreach component—the membership—to recruit new members for the AMA so more people can participate in the fun of flying model airplanes.

Time Frame: April 1-September 14, 2009.

Methodology: Train, equip, and challenge the Academy's leadership with the knowledge and materials that will encourage and empower the average AMA member to recruit new members.

Relationships to other AMA membership-development programs: The Bringing Modelers Together Challenge replaces no current AMA membership-development program. All prizes and awards that are currently in effect will be honored in addition to the new incentives developed for this effort.

Membership Drive: This effort will center on a competition between the following groups to sign up the highest number of new members*. Awards/ recognition will be given to the highest producer in each division.

Club to Club: The highest number of new members* gained through the efforts of the club. Does not require that new members join the local club, but it is greatly encouraged. Calculations are based on new membership applications* with a club-orientation designation noted from April 1 through September 15, 2009.

There are five subdivisions for clubs in this competition: Small, membership of 5-10; Medium, membership of 11-24; Large, membership of 25-49; X Large, membership of 50-99; XX Large, membership of 100 or more.

Awards:

1. Recognition in *MA/Park Pilot* and all Web sites as the top-producing club in each respective category.
2. Brick in AMA "Walk of Fame" in new club-recognition section denoting club winner for 2009.
3. AMA banner and plaque proclaiming that "TBA club signed up the largest number of AMA members in 2009."
4. Waived recharter fees for 2010.
5. Cash award of \$500 to club.

District vice presidents are encouraged to develop a corresponding intradistrict "Bringing Modelers Together Challenge" program, with recognition and awards within their respective districts, to encourage participation.

The AMA will develop support materials that can be used by AMA vice presidents, AMA associate vice presidents, AMA Leader Members, and AMA's general membership to recruit new members from April 1 -October 2, 2009.

Materials/Actions Needs:

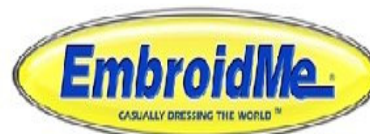
1. Program-announcement materials and communications to AMA leadership and members.
2. AMA application forms.
3. FAQs sheet on membership recruitment.
4. Poster suitable for club bulletin board, announcing the "Bringing Modelers Together Challenge."
5. Online registration to allow a sponsor/referring member or club to be recorded/tracked.

Club Shirts & Custom Items

The club has contracted with EmbroidMe for club related graphics and Logos. You can take your shirts to the store and they will embroider them for you. It takes about a week.

Price List :

- Option 1 Large logo on back Name on right chest \$23.00
- Option 2 Opt1 + Small logo on Left Chest \$30.00
- Option 3 Opt 1 & 2 + American & Texas flags 1 on each sleeve \$40.00



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Calendar of Events



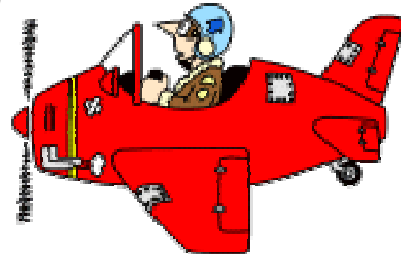
- May 17 Trip to Auxiliary Field
- June 3 Club Meeting 7PM Rudy's BBQ
- June 7 Funfly & BBQ

An unbiased review of the RG Flyers Fun Fly of April 12, 2009

Art Ratley—Cub Reporter

The stage was set by Master Events coordinator Robert (Bob) Barry. The Pylons were placed exactly 102 feet NE of the runway, with a distance of 604 feet apart. Well known flyer but little seen lately, Randy Ashley delivered the very colorful spinning wind socks that were attached to the top of the pylons. There was a lot of excitement at the registration table where Sheryl was recording the names of the competitors for today's events. Many aces from as far away as Europe and Louisiana showed up and signed in. While the crowd waited patiently for the main events, two famous pilots gave a fantastic demonstration of speed, aerobatics, and landing skills in wind gusts exceeding 206 miles per hour, but fortunately it was only slightly crosswind. Joseph Kauzez showed just what the fastest glow engine plane in the world could do. Reaching a speed of slightly over 743 Knots, the boom from the breaking of the sound barrier was heard all the way to Los y Banos. (That's Los Ebanos to some people) . Many of the people crossing the river on the Ferry were so frightened that they jumped in the river and swam to the Mexican side. Ricky Martinez wowed the crowd with his 112 Hp taildragger shtick. His aerobatics were breathtaking, especially on landing. "Nice going Ricky". You showed what a real pilot can do.

The first heat of the small class pylon race started with Bob (events coordinator) Barry and Joseph Kauzez (I'm having trouble pronouncing that Name). Bob took off rather quickly into the wind and started his practice run. Joseph had a flame out and had to settle for a grass landing. There was some confusion as the judges were trying to decide what to do, so we will table that conversation for a later date.



The second heat was for the middle class (that's the class between the small class and the big class), This class pitted Bob Barry (Events coordinator) against the famous ace Rick Martinez flying his World War 11 2000 HP Merlin driven fighter. Bob climbed out to an altitude of approximately 10,000 feet waiting to join up with Rick for the start of the race. Unfortunately, The National Transportation and Safety Board, reported that Rick might have used a teeny bit too much power on takeoff, which resulted in an unscheduled landing, due to loss of control. Bob did get some more practice in the pylon runs. You could just feel the excitement in the enormous crowd as the Giant Size class readied their planes. John Bearden and Roger Bell (Two world renowned Aces) propped those 240(pHp Pratt and Whitney engines with gusto. The prop wash almost blew the crowd away. The competition couldn't have been better. Both planes climbed to around 8,000 feet before diving toward the first pylon to begin the race. The first turn was close as the wing tips came within a few feet of one another. Up and down and around they flew, where it would end, nobody knew. Some said that Roger won, while others said that John had crossed the finish line first. The judges, in their great wisdom, decided that the only way to settle things was to have a duel. This is the exciting part. Armed with cannon and four 50 caliber BB guns, The two famous Aces took off with determination to fight it out in the air. Roger took off with the wind to the NW. John took off into the wind to the SE. Both climbed quickly to 10,000 feet, executed a stall turn and started a dive toward the center of the runway. With Oxygen on and the G suits straining under the pressure that was building up, both planes were approaching Mach I when they crossed the X at the center of the runway, just a few feet above the ground. You could see the fire bursting from those tracers as each plane came in head on. With the crowd on the edge of their seats you could hear a gasp from as far away as LaJaya. Just then, Wilson decided that it was time to steal another soda as no one would be watching. He picked up that Coke and was gone before anyone noticed. However, when Roger did return safely, he was about to scold Wilson, when that Dog looked up at him with a big smile on his face, and he began wagging his tail, someone was heard to say that "Wilson looked like a politician running for office". That was enough for Roger, so he said that My Dog wouldn't do a thing like that. The latest report on the duel is that Roger and John both survived to fly another day. As some famous person once said, that "You just had to be there to believe it". Congratulations to Bob (Special Events Coordinator) Barry for the most exciting fun fly we have witnessed in quite some time.