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MEMBER MEETING MINUTES ~

The meeting was called to order by President Wally Makuchal at 7:00 PM on Thursday, August 27th with 13 members in attendance.

Jason read the minutes from the prior meeting and they were approved as read.

Treasurer's report read by John Haffner. Harry Semenko asked if the name had been changed on the club checks. John confirmed the change; report approved as read.

Old Business

Jason and Wally updated membership with information on purchasing a Carport to replace the current shade structure. Prices and sizes were presented to membership. Jason advised membership that this purchase would be made with donations only and will not come out of the general membership fund. Several ideas were discussed and a suggestion was made to add on to the existing structure. Fred White with motion to end all further discussion on upgrading the current structure. Motion passed. The upgrade discussion was tabled.

Several members voiced concern on the future of the MARKS club and the Membership/Income sustainability for the future. Jason suggested if no priority issues need discussing that all further Old and New Business be waived and change the meeting over to discuss the future of the club. The club moved to a lengthy discussion on ways to ensure the future of the MARKS club.

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PRESIDENT'S THOUGHTS ~

Greetings MARKS members ~

I, along with our Secretary, Jason, have been tossing around some ideas lately as to how to improve the appearance of our shelter/meeting facility. We have discussed that idea at length but it seems we are not quite ready to pull the trigger on that yet. Talk about a new structure did yield to another priority we have not talked much about this year: getting new members into the Club and increasing our budget revenue. However, as I stated before, any money spent on a new portable building of any kind will come from donations, within the Club and from outside, and fund raising events. I'm hopeful this pandemic will pass soon as our options to raise money are sealed until it does. To summarize, we are back to focusing growing the Club for now and any large purchases such as the portable building are tabled for the time being. The idea will definitely be brought up in the future.

I was excited to hear the Club was open to the idea of having other events at our field not solely rc aircraft. An event such as having our own "Wings and Wheels" was suggested by a Club member and I must say I like that idea. "OC Wings and Wheels Expo" has ceased to exist. Let's take over with our own version. I would love to talk more about that. That's one idea; let's put our heads together for more.

We got a bit restless at the end of our meeting due to time spent on one (Continued on page 2)

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subject. However, what was said needed to be said to set a course for the future of the club. We'll try to get to "new business" at the next meeting".

See you at the field. God Bless.

Wally Makuchal

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Old Business (continued)

Ideas that were discussed:

1. Contact previous members and request them to rejoin.
2. Have a Field day open to the public to promote the club.
3. Have a club fundraiser.
4. Advertise the club with local media outlets.
5. Hold larger flying events with a landing fee.

Overall a great discussion with several ideas on the table. The Board will meet at a later date to discuss the current finances and sustainability of the club and present ideas at an upcoming meeting.

Jim passed on the current field status updates to Fred White and they are noted below.

1. Rain, rain, rain sure makes the grass grow. The grass is beautiful but we are having a hard time keeping up with the mowing. We are mowing about three times a week. Thanks to all the guys for helping with the mowing.

2. The drag link on the Craftsman 54" mower broke. I checked around and a new one costs about \$70.00. I took the old one to RD Grier and had it welded for \$8.48.

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3. I received a \$20.00 donation for gas. I bought gas with it.

With no other business to discuss a motion was made and passed to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Jason Taylor
AMA Leader Member
Secretary AMA #333



Please ***Do Not Exceed*** the ***10 MPH*** speed limit when driving in or out of our flying field!

Upcoming Events

Membership Meeting

September 24th

7:00 PM

Board Meeting

September 10th

7:00 PM

Waybright Field

All Season Flyers

We requested that the AMA provide the requirements for earning Frequent Flyer status for 2020 since Maryland Governor Hogan issued a “stay-at-home” order beginning March 31, and ending May 15th. An AMA representative sent us the following statement:

“Unfortunately, COVID-19 prevented many members and clubs from fulfilling their status in AMA programs such as the Leaders Club Program, Contest Director, All Season Flyer, etc. The AMA Executive Council is discussing accommodations, exemptions, and waivers for these situations. We hope to have official news soon and will follow-up shortly.”

When we receive guidance from the AMA, we will provide it to you immediately. In the interim, we offer congratulations to the following MARKS members who are earning the All Season Flyer status for 2020 by flying and registering their flights through March 30th ~

Tom Bell	Wally Makuchal	Jon Watson
Ray Bertrand	Robin Mutchler	Jim Waybright
John Burnett	Shye Sarig	Fred White
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	Jason Taylor	



