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September Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 11th,
2023

Our regular monthly meeting was held at Dye's Walk Country Club in the main ballroom. Several members showed up early to enjoy a tasty dinner at Dye's Walk.

The meeting was called to order by Chuck Baker at 7:30 pm. There were 18 members and 2 officers in attendance.



Old Business -

With Adam away on business, Chuck read the August minutes. This was interrupted temporarily when Dennis Waltke's HUGE dessert was delivered! There were no questions concerning the minutes. A motion to approve the minutes was made and seconded, and they were approved by a show of hands.

Doug Gifford read the Treasurer's Report. July income was \$256.85, and expenses were \$2,730.84. A large portion of the monthly expenses were for the new sun shelter. If any member wishes to have a copy of the treasurer's report, please contact Doug. Total current membership for 2023 is 42. We had 38 members in 2022, and 52 in 2021. Doug complimented the membership for their efforts on the field and for helping to keep costs under control. Brian Hardman asked about future budget planning. We will be preparing a proposed 2024 budget for discussion at a future meeting. There were no questions concerning the monthly treasurer's report. A motion to approve the report was made and seconded, and it was approved by a show of hands.

Hurricane Creek Airpark -

Chuck updated the members on recent updates at Hurricane Creek Airpark (Bob Badger was on vacation)

Recent activity -

- 8/22 – Tables/bench painted forest green (Bob B, Bob K, Gary, Rick, Tim, and Dave D)
- 8/29 – Wind vane installed on SE corner of sun shelter, windsock relocated to south end of safety fence. (Bob B and Linda B)
- 9/1 – Weed killer applied to south end of runway & pits (Bob B & others?)





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Remaining potential items -

- Install the spectator safety sign and membership card holder.
- Put gravel (or something else) under shelter (approved by landowner).
- Update Field Rules & Usage Docs. Will be updated and presented at a future meeting.

Other field related news -

- Received notice from the AMA that our FRIA request has been approved for Hurricane Creek Airpark. This will allow us to fly without the need for a broadcast module. The AMA has also indicated that the 9/16/23 enforcement date will likely slip, as the FAA has not yet processed all of the FRIA requests, nor are broadcast modules readily available.
- Our Facebook page banner and our club website have both been updated to reflect our new Hurricane Creek Airpark location. (Thanks to Rick Taylor for the photo!)

Personal news –

Chuck heard from Geoff Wadleigh that he much appreciated the card sent from the club. Geoff has had some recent health issues and he said that “It came at a good time!”.

Event Reports -

Greenwood Airport Day – August 26th. This effort was organized by Jerry McRoberts. We were in the same location as last year. There were several members who helped with the steady flow of interested people.

In addition to the static display aircraft, we had a trainer (prop removed) that kids could move the transmitter sticks and see the controls move. The club’s Real Flight RC Simulator was available for guests to try to fly. There were also drone flight demos where guests could look into FPV goggles and see things from the drone’s vantage point. The demos were busy with kids and adults all day, and it was an excellent opportunity to let those interested know we had acquired a new flying field.

We were able to try our new (to us) 10x20 metal frame canopies for the first time. It was a learning experience, but we got them up okay. They worked well, provided plenty of shade, and looked better than multiple different popup canopies.





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Airpower Over the IAC – AMA Site #4, Muncie, Aug 31– Sep 2.

This was a giant scale warbird event, with 52 pilots and over 100 aircraft. Mike Reynolds drove up with Rick Taylor and Chuck. It was a very beautiful day, and several flights were made. During the event they ran into former club member Scott Marquette (who we thought still lived in Hawaii!).



Ticket Fly #3 – Hurricane Creek Airpark, Sep 9th.

This was our first event at the new flying field. There were 13 registered pilots, 1 was virtual. Aircraft were in the air continuously from 2 to 4 pm. The only incident was an in-flight structural wing failure of Brian Merrell's Easy Star. John Loudon, VP of the Danville Blacksheep, stopped by to wish us well and get in a couple of flights. Our Landlord, James Reisert, wife Aimee and their sons stopped by to check it out. Evan got in a few flights, courtesy of Dean Anderson. Mike Reynolds won the ticket draw and graciously donated his winnings back to the club! It was a good event! Chuck showed some photos from the event and Doug played a short video documenting some of the field preparation work and the first event.



Upcoming Events –

Crossroads Airshow, Oct 28-29 – Indianapolis Regional Airport (Mt. Comfort). Admission \$10 per person + required \$150 parking fee per car. No walk-ins permitted – you must drive your car (ouch).

Indy RC South, Scout Rocket event, Wed 9/20 @ 6:30pm - Need demo & buddy box aircraft/pilots

Indy RC South, Ticket Fly #4, Sat 9/23 @ 2pm

Indy RC South, Fall Picnic, Sat 10/7 @ 12pm - We plan to invite neighbors. Bring a side dish or dessert, club will provide burgers and drinks. Brian Hardman is letting us borrow his firepit and grill and will need assistance getting them to the field.

Porta Potty -

Short discussion – The consensus was that we should keep it at the field until mid-November. The unit is currently costing us about \$250 per month. We will look into a less expensive option for next year.



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Mower -

We will be looking to purchase a mower in the next month or so to take advantage of fall pricing and be ready for spring. Dean Anderson volunteered to help with the search for a good quality, inexpensive, zero turn mower. Bob Badger was also volunteered (since he wasn't there to decline). 😊

New Members -

Dale Kuhn, a former member, contacted us and submitted his application to rejoin the club. He has a valid AMA and has paid the dues. He was voted in unanimously by the members.

No additional items from floor, no presentation, and no Show and Tell.

The meeting was adjourned approximately 8:30 pm by Chuck.

Dennis Waltke won the E-Flite Pitts S-1S Biplane 850mm BNF Basic (thanks to Hobby RC for the discount on the raffle prize).

<https://www.horizonhobby.com/product/pitts-s-1s-bnf-basic-with-as3x-and-safe-select-850mm/EFL35500.html>

