

HORSEFEATHERS!



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PROJECT VARIANT

I have heard that we need some input on current projects underway. Well, last year I bought a framed up Variant from Bob Moore before he passed away. It included with it an OS .91 FX. It was passed on to me that John Steir in Sheridan did the frame up for Bob and John's work is just excellent! I am installing the servos, controls, engine. Steve Garr and Don Herington have advised me a lot. I picked up a set of tall, wide landing gear from Clay Ness and I hope its design will save me some props. Some of the covering has already been done and it will orange and black, similar the Roadrunner I am still learning to handle. I suspect this Variant will be completed in time for the Spring "roll out" of the rest of the projects that everyone else will have to show off. Look forward to seeing everyone at the first nice weather we have to shake the dust off of what ever you choose to fly. Pat Kelly

Article 3

Nominations for Officers and Directors

Section 1 A nominating committee of three shall be appointed by the President at the first regular meeting in November. At the first regular meeting in December, the nominating committee shall present their nominees and at that time nominations from the floor will be open and remain open until the election of the Officers and Directors.

Article 4

Election of Officers and Directors

Section 1 The election of Officers and Directors shall be held at the first regular meeting of the year and elected officers shall serve one year and the Directors shall serve two years from the date of election.

NEW BY LAWS COMING!

Final preparation and reviews under way.

Leland Schliep

In late 2001 the AMA, our chartering organization began an initiative rooted in our increasingly litigious society. With the 2003 membership renewal they required all clubs to send in a copy of their charter or by laws. They then began working with clubs to update and revise club by laws. It wasn't mandatory at that time to revise club bylaws but it is their intention to have them all updated in the next few years. The AMA published their example of an idealized, though simplified club bylaws.

I have taken their bylaws example and our current bylaws and have melded them to what I think is the best of both. I took out some of the things they put in that were seemingly advertisements for the AMA and/or just too dogmatic for my tastes. .

I have the draft of the new bylaws almost ready for beginning our club's process for amending bylaws. I will start on this process at the January meeting. The process is and I quote -

Amendments

Section 1 Amendments may be made to these by-laws at any meeting called by the President for the Club membership at-large, provided however that such membership has been notified in writing at least one month in advance that an amendment is to be considered. Copies of the proposed amendment shall

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President's Letter

From: <FunAftr40@aol.com> To:
<schliep22@bresnan.net> Subject: President's letter??
Date: Tuesday, November 25, 2003 4:21 PM

Leland,

Fred's in bed with the flu. If he gets anywhere near vertical this evening or tomorrow morning and his posture doesn't involve porcelain, I'll have him get that newsletter done.

Ann

Last Meeting's Minutes.

Linda Hahn Called meeting to order at 7 30 P.M.

Officers present were V P Linda Hahn and Secretary Jim Sherman

Minutes of the last meeting. were read and approved and the treasurer's report was read and approved.

Comm. report on land acquisition: Tim McCullough brought a buy sell agreement for twenty thousand dollars made to Mrs. Morton to buy our present field. At this time Bill Beck motioned to have Linda H talk to Mrs. Morton's realtor to see if there has been a bonfide offer and to hold our offer until such time to see if offer has been made. Steve Garr seconded the motion Motion carried . Ron Horton motioned to have Linda take a copy of our lease to an attorney. to find out what our options are if property is sold. Don Herrington seconded motion carried. At this time the club members at the meeting deemed it necessary to have a meeting next mon. Tim McCullough and Jim Sherman would notify the members.

ANNUAL BANQUET: Linda reported FEB. 21 Saturday at D Js in Laurel. Cocktails 6 to 7. Dinner at 7 and it sounds like we are having the same menu as we had last year!



FLY IN 2004 It was brought up and discussed that Dennis should make a proposal to the board about the scale meet.

Tim McCullough was appointed by Linda to head up the nomination's comm. Delmar Schmidt to help.

Delmar Schmidt motioned to rescind rules recently put in place about taxiing in the pit area Don Herrington seconded motioned carried

Bill Beck motioned to have the President establish a standing safety comm. and to appoint one board member to be on comm. Tim McCullough seconded it and the motion passed.

Linda appointed Bill Beck to head up safety comm. Bill accepted.

NEW MEMBER HANDBOOK: Ron Horton reported it was coming along and he should have something for the club to look at by Jan. or Feb.

Don Herrington motioned to adjourn and Steve Garr seconded motioned carried

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 10, 2003.

Pres Fred Ott called meeting to order at 7 30 VP Linda Hahn and Sec Jim Sherman were in attendance.

This meeting was called to deal with the offer to buy our present field and the related problems.

Virgil Jones question if club had sent offer to realtor. Also there was discussion whether club can take concession stand and the shelter. Also discussed was the idea of the new owner buying out our lease. At this time there was lots of discussion on whether to send buy sell in or not. Al Coomber read and explained our lease to us and after much discussion made a motion to table the motion to send the buy sell to the realtor MOTION CARRIED.

Comments followed by some of the members

2003 OFFICERS

President - Fred Ott
Vice President - Lynda Hahn
Treasurer - Leland Schliep
Secretary - Jim Sherman

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Doug Haacke is in favor of not spending any money on improvements on either field at this time. Del Schmidt don t think it would cost that much to get Action in shape. Steve Garr Acton is first choice after field on grand. Bill Beck would like to see a planning comm. for the field at Acton. Dennis Rollins suggested to stay away from the realtor. Linda Hahn suggested the membership think about a price for a buyout.

Virgil Jones motioned to adjourn Pat Kenny seconded

JIM

My Soap box

*THIS SPACE AVAILABLE FOR YOUR
COMMENTS, OPINIONS AND WHATEVER!
EMAIL ME AT schliep22@attbi.com*

From: <ClaudJn5@aol.com>

Subject: MY SOAP BOX

Date: Tuesday, November 25, 2003 9:22 AM

What's with that song stuck in your head? Unexpected and insidious, the earworm slinks its way into the brain and refuses to leave. Symptoms vary, although high levels of annoyance and rustration are common. There are numerous potential treatments, but no cure. If this is your problem RELAX, half an hour at the field listening to Bill fine tune his 4cycle will put any earworm on the run.

WIND

we seem to be on the outs with the wind gods but the kite flyers are happy-our turn will come.

The Ultimate 10-300 is under construction-same poor quality of wood I found in other Goldberg kits a few years ago-should be ready by spring time. The turkey will be history by the time you read this I hope you all ate all you wanted.

Remember we have an election of officers coming up soon if you don't vote, DON'T bitch later about the way the club is run.and the world smiles with you.
Vergil



Leland's Ramblin's Junk You Can Skip If You're busy



I guess I should apologize for having to miss the last several meetings. This next one comes on one of my out of town days too so I won't be there again. Some of you retired folks will remember back to the days when you had to make a living. I have had a huge project in Spokane and it will continue through March. Oh well. I guess this pays back for those days last summer and fall when I got to fly four or five days a week. That's the feast or famine ideology.

Through this process of the field being sold and all that is going on I have tried to communicate to the club and the board what is going on. I guess, reading from the minutes and hearing from folks that I have failed. I wrote email to the board detailing our position and had presented information at previous board and regular meetings. I am disappointed that the only major response I got was negative. Let me post here for another time where we are on the land stuff.

1. Sale of the land on Grand Ave. Mrs. Morton hired a Realtor and placed the land up for sale. The Realtor has suggested several times that she has buyers and wants to know our status of moving. Some in the club think there is major action to be taken here, there is not. It's handled. Right after we were notified that the land was for sale and the Realtor first contacted us, I provided the Realtor with a copy of our lease with Mrs. Morton and a written letter stating the club's position. The letter stated: **First**, Our position is that we want to cooperate with Mrs. Morton as much as we can but that we need to be able to move gracefully and economically from our present field to another. We will therefore abide by the lease provision that states we must move a certain amount of time after we receive notice that the lease is being terminated. This time is generous, 4+ years. To date we have not received written notice that starts the clock on the lease cancellation. **Second**, The Mustangs wish to retain our right of first refusal as stated in the lease on any offer for the land. This means that if the Realtor gets an offer we have a chance to meet the offer at that time and buy the land. **So here is the summary word**

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be furnished to the Executive committee and to any member who may request the same from the person or persons proposing the amendment. Amendments shall be adopted by two-thirds vote of the membership. Amendments will be voted on by the membership through mailed ballot. Ballots not received by the dead line shall be considered a "yes" vote."

Your input is requested. Anyone wishing a copy of the draft is welcome to have one. I will ask Larry to post it on the club website after it is proposed at the January meeting.

on our dealings with the land: We have provided the Realtor/owner with our written response stating that we will abide by our lease and we retain our right of first refusal. End of story.

The Realtor and I have been in contact several times. She has asked our status. I have replied that we wish to cooperate with Mrs. Morton and that we are looking at alternative fields. We are steady and moving along our planned path (or were). We are pursuing a second field at Acton, are still looking at land in the Blue Creek Area. We also still have possibilities with the BMP on the Roundup road. There are board members handling each of these options.

As some of you have heard me state, I am not going to seek re election as treasurer or to seek any other office in the Mustangs this next year. I am going to keep the newsletter job if the new president agrees. I made these decisions after looking at what is becoming of my hobby/recreation activity. Some of you seem to

thrive on agitation and controversy and constant "talk radio" behavior. I don't. I have enough tension and stress at work and wanted a hobby that would provide enjoyment and relaxation. I am getting to the point of dreading going to the field. I tried to provide some service to the club and at this point feel it is time for some of the other members to step up and take over. Let me say that I feel that if those in the general membership who have been inactive stay inactive, the club will be in serious trouble. We have a lot of talent and experience within the membership. Everyone needs to get involved. I will still be involved, hope to see you at the meetings next year.



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