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November 2003 Newsletter

Hi Guys,

Well, the 2003 season is about shot, but it has been a good one. The October meeting was held at Checkers on the 18th. After to treasurers report, we started on new business. On several of the topics discussed, we needed input from more members. It is that time of year when we elect officers. Their were no new nominations, so a motion was made and passed to nominate all present officers for the offices they currently hold. I assume that additional nominations could be made in the next meeting and then elections would be held.

A maintenance item discussed was the frequency board. Some of the pins are missing and need to be replaced. No one at the meeting was familiar with the process used to make the channel numbers. If anybody out there knows how this was done, please let me know, and I will make replacement pins.

I understand that one of our canopies needed some repair. Bill Felder, Chuck & Ron Browning took care of it.

One guy that has worked week after week and year after year for our club is Dave Yoder. Not only is he our treasurer, but he also does all of the mowing of our field. In addition to those two jobs, Dave is the only person around that knows how to maintain the relic that we call a mower.

The work that he does goes well beyond what we could expect from anyone. At some point Dave is going to want some relief from some of this work. These facts along with the general worn out condition of the mower led to a discussion about replacing the mower with newer equipment. A motion was made and passed to authorize Dave and Jeff Dinehart to spend up to \$2500.00 for replacement mowing equipment. If any body out there has any ideas about what and where to purchase replacement equipment please give Jeff or Dave a call. This issue is very important to all of us.

We also discussed the Web page maintained by Stuart Mead, I personally would like to see everyone become interested in providing input to Stuart for that project. It could become an excellent communications tool to make our club better.

I want to remind everyone that it is time to renew your AMA as well as pay club dues for next year.

I want to apologize to everyone because I forgot to mention when our Oct. meeting was going to be held. I suffered much verbal abuse about this. I won't say who the worst abuser is, but his initials are A.E. Well Art, at least I know you are reading the newsletter. While we are on the subject of meetings, The November meeting will be held on November 15 at 0800. The meeting place is Checkers in Millersburg.

We have had our share of Aerial mis-adventures in our club, we have had airplanes in trees, mid-air collisions, in flight structural failures, fly aways, you name it, and it has happened to somebody in our club. The story that I am about to tell came from Gene Stutsman. It seems that

Phil Young (Gene's brother in law) was out flying at our field when his plane went down in the corn. As most of you know, this can be just about the worst disaster that can strike one of our airplanes. After much searching, Gene and Phil went and got a full scale helicopter complete with pilot. The airplane was rescued and Phil is happy again. I gotta hand it to those guys, that is real determination.

I understand Stuart Meade had to resort to calling a tree service to rescue his four star recently. There are pictures of this incident on the web page.

Things to remember this month:

- 1.Election of club officers.
- 2.Pay club dues for next year.
3. AMA renewal.

HIGH FLIGHT

Oh! I have slipped the surly bonds of earth and danced the skies on laughter-silvered wings;
Sunward I've climbed, and joined the tumbling mirth of sun split clouds-and done a hundred
Things you have not dreamed of -----wheeled and soared and swing high in the sunlight silence.
Hov'ring there I've chased the shouting wind along, and flung my eager craft through footless
Halls of air. Up, up the long delirious, burning blue, I've topped the windswept heights with easy grace where never lark or even eagle flew. And while with silent lifting mind I've trod

The high untrespassed sanctity of space, put out my hand and touched the face of God.

Pilot Officer John Gillespie Magee Junior

No. 412 Squadron RCAF

Killed on December 11, 1942

I hope to see all of you at the meeting Saturday the 15th of November at Checkers.

Jim Longar

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