

The Tale Spinner

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ELECTIONS

The election of officers and board members is an annual affair that takes place at the November meeting. However, the bylaws require the election procedures to start in September with the President selecting a nominating committee of three members who shall nominate one candidate for each office and one for each of the three or four board of directors positions. (the past President is on the board for one year after he retires) This year the nominating committee was John Wikoff, Larry Olsen and Ray Ingram. This year was easy with all of the officers and board members wanting to run again. The Board of Directors approved the selection at the last board meeting. So, the candidates are:

President — John Wikoff
Vice President - Al Chiaverini
Secretary - Ray Ingram
Treasurer— Ken Bridges
Board of Directors -
Tom Celi
Charlie Fisher
Vincent Giuffre
Larry Olsen

The selection of the candidates by the board insures that we have a full slate of officers and board members. In the past, it has not always been easy to get members to run for office. This does not mean that the nominations are over, Any full member of the club who is a full time Florida resident and a club member for one year can be a candidate. It is simple, give a note to the Secretary (Ray Ingram) stating the position you want to run for and sign it. The deadline is October 15th. The full slate of candidates will be published in the November newsletter and voted on at the November meeting.

Larry Olsen

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I would like to talk about the use of the frequency board. Over the last several months there has been controversy concerning the use of the board because of the new 2.4 frequency and the fact that those using it don't have to worry about interference.

It is not just for knowing what frequency you are on, but just as important the other members know that you are a valid member of the Sundancers. This is only fair to all of us who pay our dues to maintain the field for the enjoyment of all.

Anyone with a valid AMA card is welcome to fly as a guest three times before joining the club. Just ask any member that is present at the time.

Please co-operate and place your card in the board when you are flying.

Thanks, Your President
John Wikoff

Proposed Revisions to the Sun Dancers Bylaws September 10, 2009

The board meeting on September 4, discussed and approved of several changes to the bylaws. These changes must be approved by a vote of the membership. The bylaws require that any amendments may be approved by a majority of membership present at any regular or special meeting provided advance notice is given. This article will constitute the advanced notice of the proposed changes and will be voted on at the October meeting.

1. The board approved raising the dues to \$100 per year, eliminating the Initiation Fee but keeping the late fee. The bylaws were never changed to exempt the officers and board members from paying dues, so no changes are necessary in the bylaws. The dues exemptions for last year were approved by the membership and OK for last year, but the board agreed that in view of our lost membership this year and shortage of general funds, there should be no exemptions for the board and officers in the future.

The revisions to Article I—Membership section II are as follows:

Section II The dues and fees are as follows:

- A. Full members—One hundred dollars per year
- B. Junior members—Twenty-five dollars per year
- C. Family Membership—Fifteen dollars per year in addition to A. above
- D. Late Fee—Memberships expire December 31st. Members have a grace period for renewal until January 31st., after which time a twenty-five dollar late fee is required to renew the membership.

(The rest of section II is unchanged.)

2. When the November 16, 2007 revision of the bylaws was written, it was the policy of the club to give a club hat and a tee shirt to all new members. The policy was changed by the board shortly after it was started because of the cost. The last sentence of Section III Badges, Membership Cards, and Membership Lists needs to be removed.

It reads “New Members paying the initiation fee shall also receive a club hat and tee shirt.”

3. The scheduling of meetings in the past was for them to be held on the first Thursday of the month at a meeting room that we rented. When we started to have occasional meetings at the field, they were held on the Saturday after the regular Thursday scheduled meeting. When The field meetings became regular, the wording still remained the first Saturday after the first Thursday . There is no need to be that complicated and the proposed change is to eliminate the “after the first Thursday”. Article II Section II would be revised to read as follows.

Section II Regular Meetings—Regular bimonthly meetings shall be held on the first Saturday of the month. Any meeting date may be changed at the discretion of the BOD.

4. At the board meeting it was agreed that having a bimonthly newsletter was not working because the writers were forgetting when the articles were needed and we had nothing to publish. It was agreed that we should go back to having a monthly newsletter. In addition, printing and mailing the newsletters was costly with the increases in stamp prices and printing expenses. The board agreed to stop the mailing of the newsletter and go to email distribution only. This affects about 30 members. Article V—Appointed Positions - The Newsletter Editor’s job description should be changed to the following:

Newsletter Editor—The Newsletter Editor is responsible for writing, editing, and emailing the monthly club newsletter called “The Tale Spinner”. As a minimum, the newsletter shall contain a message from the President, the Treasurer’s Report and the Agenda for the next meeting. The newsletter shall be distributed to the membership by email and posted on the bulletin board prior to the meetings. The newsletter editor is appointed by the President and approved by a majority of the Board of Directors.

Larry Olsen

**Mon. Wed. Fri. Group
AKA The flying B.B.Q's
By Al Chiaverini**

The last few weeks seem to be ideal a little hot and humid but we are able to fly and enjoy our toys.

Some days not too many planes up and some days we have a nice size group so we are able to joke around and help each other. Our group seems to have some great discussions on batteries what to do and what not to do a lot of technical stuff comes up right Charlie and Steve?

Tony Muro has been working on his Nitro Epic LT 120 which has a 72" Foam wings, ailerons and flaps. He installed a G-20 Engine which is made by a new company and it is lighter and smaller in design with a lot of power. He has a tri gear but could be adapted for retracts. It comes wired with lights which he did not hook up it is a must see.

Charlie Fisher (never thought I'd see this Day) put together a beautiful ARF a Curtis Jenny 105" wingspan he flies it with a G-62 engine The plane is made by Maxford U.S.A did I say an ARF. Charlie said he changed all the rigging repainted the cowl and replaced the wheels with 7" vintage wheels also made a dummy engine trying to make up for having an **ARF**. He flies it with 5 servos and a stained vintage prop using a 22 x 8-14 prop. It flies extremely well.

Of course we have had our usual B.B.Q's and are planning to have more it is nice to fly and also enjoy the great camaraderie we share.

Great takeoffs and better landings.
Al Chiaverini

Secretaries Report for the 09/05/09 club meeting.

Officers present were John Wikoff, Ray Ingram, Larry Olsen, Ken Bridges, Al Chiaverrini,

Treasurer's report read and accepted.

A new field report was given by Ken Bridges and it looks like the new field will be in our hands after a city board meeting on the 22 of September 2009.

There are three proposals to be voted on at the next meeting which will require a change of bylaws. Item one is that the Board of directors pay dues to help out with new field expenses. It was seconded and will be voted on. 2- The newsletter in order to save money will only come via way of e-mail. This also should help save money. 3- Dues will be increased by the amount of 25\$ per person and the late fee will still apply. It is going to cost a bit to get the new field up and squared away.

Elections will be held at the next meeting. All at present officers have volunteered to hang on to their positions but if you want to run you are welcome to do so by submitting your name to Larry Olsen. One person so far has submitted his name for a board position. He is Vinny Granuzzo.

Meetings will be held each month for the rest of this year.

Thank you and happy flying,

Board of directors meeting minutes 09/04/09

Officers present- Ray Ingram- Charlie Fisher- Larry Olsen- Ken Bridges-Tom Celi-John Wikoff and Al Cheverini

Discussion on food for the fun fly the Monday and Wednesday group stepped up and volunteered to cook. We all thank them.

An election committee was formed consisting of Ray Ingram Larry Olsen, and John Wikoff.

Due to the costs involved and the need to hold on to every dime we have it was decided to no longer cut the grass at the Blackwell site and get a better cutting at the Blanton field.

A committee of Charlie Fisher, Walt Swentzell, Vinny Guffrie and Doc Bridges was named to layout and plan the new field.

Due to our shortage of funds for construction the officers all volunteered to go back to paying dues. The newsletter will only be available in an e-mail form in order to cut costs.

Meetings for the rest of 2009 will be monthly as questions about the new field will come up and have to be addressed.

Instead of publishing our personal financial records online a pass word system will be created so to view all our finances you will need a password. The details will be worked out and why will be explained at the next meeting.

There will no longer be an initiation fee it will be eliminated and the full amount will be paid by all members

Thank You ,

Ray Ingram Secretary

September Report Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday Gang By George White

Walt Swentzell continues with his string of bad luck. It seems his 30% CAP (or Extra 300, I can't tell the difference) has been having problems with the choke mechanism on his 1st Place 70 cc gas engine. Seems he's had 2 or 3 schemes to be able to operate the choke manually for starting, but engine vibration shakes the linkage and starts to close it in flight--which is not good!! The last time (it may be the plane's last time), immediately after take-off it got super rich and quit while only 50' in the air--so a big bag of balsa, etc. Walt's trying to decide what's next. He's had lots of success with his Big Ultimate Bipe and the smoke looks real impressive on the blue sky.

Bob Gelina has had some trouble lately also. He put a Zenoh 20 CC engine in his Astro Hog and on it's initial flight it cart wheeled on takeoff and broke the nose off. It's fixed now and flies good but it's a little heavier. Then he lost control of his \$10 cheap plane and crashed in the pits, just missing Paul Teitel's car. Bob is going to Shands @ Gainesville in early October to have a portion of his pancreas removed due to growths they have found. After he recovers from this, he will have his other hip replacement done. Getting old is no fun!

We were pleased to see Allen Edger back this week from his 4 month summer touring with his RV on the East Coast. How we'll get him back to flying again.

Tom Armstrong has been flying with us lately and is doing real good. He lost his Big Hawk biplane recently with no known cause, so he's been flying a .40 size Twist for now.

Walt's students Ernie and Arnie Cloock has their brand new Nextar trainer with a O.S. 55 engine out for the initial flight. The plane got into the sun on Ernie and when Walt took over, nobody could see the plane in the bright sun. Finally we saw it and it was inverted near Blanton Road. When he tried to right it, the plane dove to the ground. Walt is rebuilding the nose of the plane, and I was able to fix the engine's carburetor that broke off with good old J. B. Weld. So we'll try again.

Try to keep looking DOWN at the grass.

TREASURER'S REPORT

August 1 to August 31, 2009

General Fund Acct. Bal	7/31/09	3289.88
Income		
Dues	75.00	+ 75.00
Expenses		
Storage Locker	50.05	
Mowing	500.00	
Portable Toilets	90.66	
Midway Maintenance	399.47	
Newsletter	<u>66.54</u>	
Total	1106.72	-1106.72
General Fund Acct Bal	8/31/09	2258.16

ADVERTISEMENTS

Ads are free for member's to buy, sell, trade model equipment, to buy something special or advertise a model service. Just call in or e-mail your ad to the editor. You must, however, notify the editor each month if you wish to continue your ad in the next month's newsletter, otherwise, it will be assumed that your item has been sold or located. Commercial ads will remain as a courtesy to our local area hobby vendors until they request otherwise. The local area code is 772.

3G'S HOBBIES —13379 N. Military Trail (formerly CraftHouse) **561-683-3082**
South Florida Hobbies – **465-9441** – Hobby Shop – 2931 South US 1, South Fort Pierce. One block north of the railroad crossing and behind Pizza Hut.
Walt Swentzell - **465-4454** - Foam wing cores. Make wing kits. Model repairs too.
Ricky Calero—**878-4602** Hi Tech Servos, Glue & Epoxy
Rusty Pieper-332-7128 New ball bearings for model engines
Ready Heli - **561-575-1118** - Specializing in electric helicopters. The store is located at 354 Cypress Dr. #7 in Tequesta.

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Tee Shirts \$10.00 Available in Small, Medium, Large, and X, XX, XXX extra large sizes
Hats \$15.00 Adjustable size
License Plates \$5.00
Contact Ray Ingram at the field or call 489-9883

The Snowbird



The continuing saga of the Horizon Hobbies Parkzone T-28 foamy.. My "home" field up here in Michigan is on top of a Electrical utilities capped fly ash hill that we have named Eagle Mountain. It is 200 acres of treeless prairie with our field on the Southern edge of same.

When the pile was capped the capper was supposed to lay down a couple of inches of top soil but he skimmed on that so our field has spots where no grass will grow and they are like deep pits as far as the small nose wheel is on the T-28.

My first effort to fix this problem was to put two wraps of 1/2 X 1/8th sticky back foam sealer on the nose wheel but this didn't help much. By then the whole nose wheel and steering assembly was pretty banged up from the rough

surface so I lowered the wheel a bit and reground a new flat spot on the wire and reinforced the bracket to foam with some 1/32 ply. While I was doing that I decided to remove some of the down thrust the T-28 had built in.

That did the trick and the plane jumps off the ground in ten feet or so. The lessened down thrust has no effect on the flying of the plane and ,in fact, flies better because the knife edge needs less correction with the elevator. I'll probably take out the 1/16th shim I used and replace it with a 1/8th and see how that goes?

So after all the fooling around with the nosegear and telling you all about it ,my recommendation to you fellow Sundancers flying the T-28 or it's brethren?

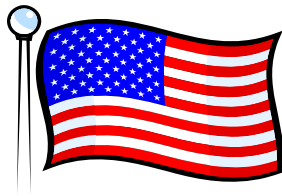
Check the down thrust first. I shoulda.



Jack Delisle

The Tale Spinner

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NEXT MEETING November 5, 2009 - 11:00 AM

Midway Field