

Airfoiler Meeting Minutes

February 2021

The February Meeting of the Coffee Airfoilers was held at Damron's Restaurant, 714 E. Lincoln St., Tullahoma, TN, on February 27th 2021. The meeting was called to order by club president Don Cleveland at 10:15 am. There were 24 of 81 current members present.

Lifetime Members honored. Don Cleveland announced a new program for the club, Lifetime Membership. Two club members, Eric Clutton and Herman Acklen were recognized.

Financial Report. Club treasurer Kelly Crawford was unable to attend, so club president Don Cleveland read her report to the members. The financial report also stated there are 81 registered members as of the end of January 2021. A motion to accept the financial report was made and accepted.

2021 Board Meeting Review. Club vice-president Paul Green read the minutes of the 2021 board meeting for the members in the absence of club secretary Ken Pertuis. Don Cleveland highlighted some of the decisions the board members had made, including adding Pay-Pal to our website as a way to pay club dues, event registrations, etc. He also stated our lease with the Air Force is up for renewal in August of this year. A new requirement is an increase in liability insurance requirement from the base. Don is working with the AMA to get the increase to meet the base's demand.

Field Czar Report. Field czar Harold Jackson proposed purchasing three pallets of Zoya grass to be used to improve the grass runway. Harold led a discussion about the benefits of installing this type of grass into our runway. After all concerns were addressed, a motion was made and approved to purchase the grass and establish a work day to install it into the runway. Approximately 5-10 volunteers will be needed for the project. Harold Jackson also reported that Air Force personnel had driven on the north end of the field, leaving large ruts which need filling.

New field equipment. Don Cleveland stated he had purchased new loud speakers to install on the north end of the sun shelters. Signs announcing "No taxiing in the pits" have been ordered also.

Flight Training. A discussion was held on how to increase awareness of our flight training program. A sign to be put at the field entrance announcing free R/C flight training for our Saturday flight training was approved, as well as shirts for the flight instructors to wear on training days. Funding for this project will

come from the Charle Myers training fund.

Public Relations. Hen Herrick will be working with the local newspapers and public TV to help advertise our events to the local community.

New Business

Annual Banquet. The club banquet, normally scheduled for January was postponed due to COVID-19 concerns. The banquet has been rescheduled to 15 May 2021 at 6:00 pm . It will be at Damron's restaurant, 714 E. Lincoln St. ,Tullahoma.

Out Door Swap Meet. Jonathon Holt suggested the club have a swap meet as so many spring events had been cancelled due to health concerns. After some discussion, May 15th was selected as the swap meet day at the field. Jonathon will organize the event.

Warbird and Giant Scale. Rob Valentine, CD for these two events, detailed the progress he has made getting this two events organized. He stated Balsa USA had donated a WW1 Faulker tri-plane kit for the Warbirds raffle.

Safety Discussion. John Lupperger raised his concerns about flight line safety at our events. With the first event of the year being on March 18-21, the concerns centered around our guests knowing and following the field rules. After some discussion, Don Cleveland reminded everyone that it is in everyone's best interest that the CD for an event conduct a safety briefing, and insure safe operations for their events. He further stated Issues should be resolved with the event director.

Show and Tell

3D printed model parts. Don Cleveland showed several glider parts that club member Bob Beswetherick had made. Bill Crawford showed 3D parts he had made for his E-Flite carbon z cub.

Restored models. John Lupperger showed a Dyna-flite Butterfly motor glider he had restored for the club flight training fleet of models. He also showed a Hobby Shack Citabria. He used covering by Hobby King. John stated it is some of the best covering he has ever used.

Original design Spitfire. Eric Clutton showed an electric power Spitfire. The model is from a series of 5 designs Eric had kitted and sold in the 90's