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70 members currently
Meeting took place at Wendy's:
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Club Minutes: August 11, 2015

- 1.A discussion and vote on bylaw changes
- 2.Vote was taken on bylaw changes all changes passed. The changes to the bylaws were basically updates to five older bylaws which made voting easier using email rather than us mail for voting. A change in the initiation fee from \$25 to \$50, and a change in the junior member fees.

3. Discussion of lock on shed still being left unlocked, the lock will be changed and only officers and grounds personnel will be given the combination.
4. Thanks again to Herman and Marvin for grass cutting and weed control. The field looks very nice.
5. Marvin took the broken canopy pipes to the scrap yard in hopes of getting a few bucks for gas for the mowers. He got a few bucks. \$3.00 to be exact. Bless his heart.
6. Cook out Saturday the 15th.
7. One new member Jack Harrison.
8. For Show and Tell Chris Doolittle brought in a flight simulator he designed and put on his lap top with the Swan Harbor field on it. It has all of our field details and is quite impressive. I'm looking forward to getting a copy for my own simulator. Steve brought in a horizontal stab and elevator assy for his Extra. He lost an elevator half on one of his flight and called Tony at Pilot and they sent him a new assy at no cost. I think that is a testament to Pilot Aircraft in customer service.
9. It was good to see our friend Dale Davis at the meeting, Mike Berchini brought him to the meeting and his leg is finally progressing nicely. He should have his cast off in another three weeks and will be able to start therapy then and hopefully start to drive again and come to the field. We all miss him.

Foamy Mania!

by Max and Victor Moxey

What is the obsession with these small foamys?

Why are they so great?

How can I get one?

How much do they cost?

These are just a few questions that will be answered in the following article.

The latest and greatest versions of the electric foamy rc planes are great because they are virtually indestructible and have high performance.

INDESTRUCTABLE

How are they so durable? Well, for one; they are built from EPP foam which does not break, it bends. And, Two; they have a "prop saver" system that is ingeniously simple.

PROP SAVER

Besides the amazing thrust that these little out runner motors produce, they have a rubber o ring that holds the prop to the motor. This way, when the prop

hits the ground, the o ring and prop just pop off! Why didn't I think of that?



**SIZE**

We got the 32" size plane. I would not recommend anything larger. If you stick with the small ones, you can fly in smaller areas and even indoors.

LIGHTWEIGHT

These planes only weigh 1 or 2 lbs. This is another reason that they are "damage proof" Its like you can just press the "reset" button on the simulator when you crash. Well, some people crash. I call it a controlled entertaining landing.



Affordable

Well that word is hardly possible in this hobby. The arf for these are about \$100 and then to buy the electronics package is another \$100. But, for a plane that you can crash a hundred times and still fly is getting your moneys worth.

SPECIAL TIP: When you go to the hobby store, always take cash. Credit cards and checks can be tracked and your wife or "significant other" can find out. Its not that your being dis-honest, its just that we have our priorities in line.

Batteries

Theses planes take a 450ma 3 cell battery. If you remember to do two things with your batteries, they will last you for years.

- 1.NEVER take them below 30% of their capacity. (USE A TIMER) don't just fly until you loose power.
- 2.NEVER leave them plugged into the esc. This will drain the battery and kill

it for good.

Portable

Never leave home without your foamy. Just like they tell athletes to keep their balls with them. "well that didn't come out right". I thing you get the just. They are small enough to fit in any car. And not stick out the back like some do ... not mentioning any names...

Assembly

The instructions are very good. You have to download them off of twistedhobbys.com. Follow them step by step and it will work out great. If you can't find your particular model, just choose any .. they all will work. It does take about 6 hrs to assemble and install the electronics in, so another option is to go to Extreme RC and they can assemble one for you for a fee. They need time to do this, so you have to order in advance.

Storage

This foam will not break, but it will bend and stay bent. The best way to store an electric plane is to hang them from the prop.

Summary

The new EPP electric foam planes are extremely durable and are a great way to practice dangerous maneuvers with out crashing your wallet. Keep them with you at all times so you can escape, relax and have some fun.