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Wednesday
March 1st 2017

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TRCM Events 2017

IMAC Basic Training
Camp. Saturday, April 8th
beginning at 09:00

President's Message Bob Kellar

Greetings to all TRCM'ers,

As Snoopy says, "IT'S SPRING, IT'S SPRING!!!". Wait, who failed to tell the weather gods? Come on stand up and take the blame. Weather always plays a part in how and when we fly, but I don't remember having such extremes of weather such as we have seen lately. Beautiful, no wind days followed by rain, wind and cold days. Yes I know Spring is supposed to be variable, but this is ridiculous. I noted that the weather guessers have predicted a prolonged spell of high pressure moving in...with strong North winds. Wouldn't you know it, the rain goes away to be replaced by windy weather. I hope they are wrong. Ok, enough complaining about the weather.

Mark Huntley and Don Brown and many others are putting on a IMAC training camp on April 8, 2017. So come on out with anything that will do just very basic aerobatics, gas or electric, and get some guidance on how to be a better pilot. Not just a better IMAC pilot, a better pilot in general. Since the IMAC routines and maneuvers are part of everyday flying, getting advice on how to execute them correctly will make you a better and safer pilot.

Now that the rain has stopped for a few days. Our club needs to take the next step on expanding the pits. We hope to get some Round-up on the weeds and grass that survived the "Spike" that Bill Churchill put down and then we need to scrape and level the new area. If you have equipment that

will allow the scraping and leveling that needs to be done, please let us know as we hope not to have to do this by hand. The general consensus has been to leave the current safety fence at the East end of the pits in place and put a new low pilot safety fence in front of the new pit area. At some point in the future we may need to put a second high safety fence just East of the new pits area, but for now, we will just put in the pilot safety fence. We will discuss this at our next meeting.

IMAC contest in June is approaching and Wayne Dicky will be CD for this event. We can always use some help for scoring, food service and organization. Please let Wayne know if you will be able to come for any of the two days and help out. No previous experience required and no training necessary. Come and meet some of the nicest model airplane flyers in this part of the country. I know I learn something that helps my flying every time I help out. The club gets some financial benefit from the event. So you would be helping out the club as well.

The next club meeting is April 5, 2017. As I mentioned last month, the Library is now closing at 8:00 p.m. so we will start the meeting on time and make sure we finish before the deadline. We will need to choose another "Grand Prize" for the raffle. So, put your wishing caps on and let us know what type of prize we should put up for the card draw. I'll see you at the next meeting.

Bob

TRCM Meeting, March 1, 2017

1. Call to Order: 6:30 by Vice President, Randy Laney

2. Announcements from the Floor: Tractor was rescued by Bob Keller and Greg Hennefer

3. Visitors and New Members: Zach Winchester and Hal Laney were welcomed into the club by unanimous vote.

4. Officers Reports:

President: Bob Keller, absent

Vice President: Randy Laney: No report

Secretary: Don Brown: Wrote thank letter to Sally Snyder at the WOW Museum for allowing us to use the facility for our annual Sweetheart Dinner.

Treasurer: Rob Stanley reported that the club-subsidized dinner attracted 48 members and guests.

Field Marshal: Mike Mancebo reported that the parts to repair our tractor have arrived and the repairs will soon be made. A work party for site expansion is in the planning stages.

Web Master: Neil Gates reported that the web page was up to date.

Newsletter Editor: Mark Huntley announced there were no winners in the "Name the plane contest." The plane was a Delta Dart that landed pilotless in a corn field.

5. Old Business:

a. Sweetheart Dinner: Don Brown reported that the dinner was well attended and many of the attendees enjoyed tinkering with the science exhibits.

b. West Coast Aerobatic Challenge: Don Brown reported that a meeting was held with Wayne Dickey where all aspects of the IMAC contest were discussed and plans were put in place. He then went down a checklist and asked for volunteers. Six members volunteered to help.

c. Field Improvements – The Spike weed killer worked well.

d. Tractor Repairs – New drive line has been received.

6. New Business

a. Ideas? Basic-only IMAC contest set for Saturday, April 8. This is a follow-up to the class held last year. All are welcome to participate.

7. Show and Tell - Mervin Ory showed off his intricate and delicate Wright Flyer.

8. Awards

a. Ace: Bob Keller and Don Brown were given the award for their work in organizing the Sweetheart Dinner. Bob Keller and Greg Hennefer received honorable mention for rescuing the tractor.

b. Oops: Scott Nathan won for un-piloted electric plane.

9. Raffle: Greg Hennefer won the four way charger.

10. Adjourn Meeting 7:48



Burt Grey with his "Convergence" He did his first transition to forward flight, excellent performance.(above) Horizon's "Convergence" flown by Burt Grey (below)





Dennis with his Wright Flyer, after some trimming it was a stable and predictable flyer.



Randy Laney with his electric Extra



Ken Knowles with his decade old Stearman, swapped out a 1.20 O.S. for a 30cc DLE great match for this airplane.



Mike Wilson with his Hobby King Gyro, another crazy flight just keeping it in the air!





NAME THIS PLANE

Each month I will try to come up with something special or unusual for you to guess. Your correct answer will win you 5 free raffle tickets at our monthly club meeting. You must attend to win. Good luck!





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Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA): <http://www.modelaircraft.org>

Our AMA District 10 website: <http://www.ama10.org>

For the giant scale flyers, IMAA: <http://www.fly-ima.org>

International Miniature Aerobatics Club (IMAC): <http://www.mini-iac.com>

IMPORTANT: Please make sure when you are the last one to leave the field that you only lock the club padlock through the farmers lock. Do not lock it to the chain as you lock out the farming folks.