



February 2010 Meeting

Meeting of the Membership, February 17, 2010:

President Matthews called the meeting to order at 1900 and proceeded to review the minutes from the previous meeting. They were read by John Moody and approved with some minor amendments. Tom Anthony gave the Treasurers Report with \$2581.13 in our account. At that time, Mike asked for any committee reports to be given.

1. Safety Rules Committee: As we have been flying at Heritage Park and our stated Safety Rules were originally intended for the Isle of Wight Courthouse Field, There are a few changes that should be made to this document. Mike submitted what he thought the changes to the document should be. There will be a copy of those changes for all to see, read and respond to on the web site in addition to the copy that is attached to this newsletter.

2. 2.4 GHz Frequency Pin: As 2.4 GHz use becomes more prevalent, the controversy over the need of using or having a 2.4 GHz pin was discussed. Probably the most logical from a safety point of view is to have some available so they can be used at the flying site and remind everyone that it is still a policy to have a frequency pin attached to your antenna before turning

it on. If we maintain the habit of having a frequency pin on the antenna while using 2.4 GHz, it will remain with us if someone had to 'downshift' to the 72 MHz system to control their aircraft.

Old Business:

The Red Trailer was "purchased" from Lenny. Lenny had worked on getting the trailer ready for operation and use, bringing up to the present condition that it is in. We owe Lenny a debt of gratitude and many thanks for the work he has done on the trailer to get it in the condition it is today; Thank you.

A complete inventory of club equipment will be maintained by the Vice President. This will include things like batteries, line, etc. along with other items that we may have such as Model Aviation Magazine on CD or the printer that I used to use to print the newsletter. The VP will keep a complete listing of all equipment including serial numbers etc. as we get our inventory up to date.

Shifting the meeting night. It was brought up at a previous meeting(s) that we may encourage better attendance if the meeting is shifted to the third Thursday instead of our regular meeting night. Are there any comments or discussion on this? This has been a subject more than once and is open for consideration.

The 2 Day June Contest

named in honor of Bob Stewart will be held in Isle of Wight County this year, probably at Heritage Park. The selected dates are June 26 and 27, the last weekend of the month.

That is weekend after Father's Day. More information will be forthcoming on this event.

Currently, there are 15 members that have renewed their membership with TMSS.

The final item under Old Business was the designation of those who will have a signature card on file with our bank in order to conduct business with the bank. Currently, only Tom Anthony has a signature card on file and can fully access the account. In case something should happen that Tom would be unavailable when it was necessary to access this account, it was decided the President as a minimum, should also have a signature card on file with the banking system also.

New Business:

A regional meeting of all the R/C clubs in the Tidewater Region is held at various locations. It was agreed that TMSS representation should attend these meeting to foster cooperation and good relationships between the clubs, reporting back to the club the subjects discussed.

On the 13th and 14th of March, Colonial R/C will hold their annual Mall Show at ssssss Mall in Williams-



Upcoming Events

- February Contest / Ed Avera CD
- March Contest/ Mike Matthews CD
- March Meeting, March 17 at PHF
- April Contest/Abram VanDover CD, April 10
- April Meeting, April 20 at PHF.
- May Contest./ Tom Anthony and the annual MOM on May 8
- June Contest / John Moody CD
- Bob Stewart Memorial Contest, June 26 and June 27 at Heritage Park.

Notice

**February Contest
February 27
CD
Ed Avera
Pilot's Meeting
0930**

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Editor's Notes & NEWS!

Hello Once again. I will be returning as your Editor for this Newsletter, trying to get out a product once again. I apologize for the past year but with my schedule, gone most of the time and other matters, I was unable to have a viable product for delivery. So, I will try to have an informative, meaningful missive out on a regular basis with the assistance of some of the other members of the club. Please grant me a little patience and I will endeavor to get out the newsletter in a timely manner.

I am still traveling extensively for work and it seems like the prevalent travel periods just happen to coincide with Contest Days or Meeting Days. I am making arrangements to ensure the most reliable, up to date information is passed to me so it can be forwarded to you through this communiqué.

Hopefully, I can juggle the workload of my job and this newsletter along with my other responsibilities and everyone gets a fair shake on the deal. Thank you for indulging me in the necessities of work as I try to get back into the flying of sailplanes while I still am able to do so.

Does anyone have anything they would like to see on these pages? All assistance is gratefully accepted and acknowledged on these pages. If you have an article or story for here or even an idea please let me know. Thanks for your assistance and thoughts in this direction.

Gene

Hardy Souls 2010

This year, Contest Director Abram VanDover planned a trip back in time like the old Hardy Souls Celebration was of years gone by. Ten pilots braved the forecast provided by many of our Wizards of Delphi, known as the weathermen of the region. The predictions were dire, promises of cold, windy weather were prevalent. But these pilots braved the elements to come on down and get one of the first flights of the New Year in. These pilots included persons such as Percy Pierce, Gus Burgin, John Moody, Mark Sedlak, Mike Matthews, Jim Penland and Abram VanDover.

They were joined by 3 guests, Cody Harrell, Chuck Pinell and Rusty Kennedy. These were the people in the pilot's seat for the day as the wind and rain and other bad weather promised for the day, never materialized. Now this is not to say that it was a warm sunny day, with temperatures in the low 70's and thermals booming all around the flying site. But, it wasn't really nasty either.

annual event held by Colonial R/C and has been very successful in showcasing their talents to the public and providing a link to keep them in the public eye.

The students at the Denbigh School of Aviation have undertaken a project that seems quite interesting this year. They are to program a UAV to accomplish a mission to be carried out autonomously. Depending upon their level of success,



Anyhow, as I understand it, Abram was feeling a little bit more nostalgic than normal and decided to have a day of flying for the sheer enjoyment of it. It was to be a day of flying without scores or landing tapes and restoration of enjoyment and camaraderie and the pilots in attendance agreed whole heartedly. So there it was, a day to fly at your own pace, for as long or as short as you desired with no worries.

We have a traditional pilot's photo of the participants with their planes, holding a 'glass' of sparkling cider, toasting in the new year. There were also some other traditional treats such as the black eyed peas and a couple of hot dross to snack on between flying sessions. I have heard that it was an enjoyable day to spend with friends and fly your pride and joy.

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at ssssss Mall in Williamsburg. This is an

they may progress to compete with other schools from outside this region. In view of current applications and events, this is very much in keeping with modern and advanced concepts of how air power may be used in the future, fitting for these young students as they embark on their turn in society.

Joe Lupton reported that the Swap Shop his group holds in February was very successful this year. This is the same Swap Shop that has grown from the TMSS/Brainbusters Event that had held in cooperation with each other in years past. It should be mentioned that it did traditionally snow this year as it seemed as though there were always a couple of snow flurries or rain drops when we held the Swap Shop. Congratulation and continued success

January 2010 Meeting

The January Meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by Club **President Mike Matthews**.

Treasurers report:

Beginning balance: \$2723.13
Income: \$ 77.00
Expenses: \$ 172.00
Ending Balance: \$2628.13

Committee Reports:

1. Executive Board: The Executive Board met December 11th at Kelly's Tavern in Hampton. Discussion of how to proceed with Constitution and By-laws update resulted in deciding to break it down into two distinct tasks. First decide what needs to be changed, added or deleted. Then a decision would have to be made as to when the changes would be eligible for changes

A fully marked up copy of the constitution was to be distributed by Josh. However, with his sudden resignation from the club, the marked up copy never materialized.

The board decided to start over from scratch.. Board members tasked themselves to thoroughly review the existing Constitution and ByLaws and have comments ready for the next board meeting.

Old business:

1. The Hardy Souls sanction paperwork was found at AMA headquarters two days before the event. Josh was reimbursed the \$20.00 sanction fee he submitted with the application.

2. June contest. TMSS received information from MidVirginia Radio Control Club that the Ft. Lee site would not be available this year for the annual contest. New Army restrictions relative to the new tank recovery area is of major concern and was the main cause for the nonscheduling. Discussion about the contest resulted in a motion by Moody to hold the contest. Avera seconded and motion passed. Abram Vandover volunteered to CD one day and Ed Avera volunteered to CD the other day.

The site of the contest has not been determined at this point. Mike will get with the county about using Heritage

Park as first choice and Nike Park as last resort.

We will need to find out if any other organization has reserved the park for usage during the weekend we would want to use the facilities.

3. Hardy Souls. We discussed turnout. All things considered turnout was good and it went well. No expenses, members' contributions covered everything. Thanks from Mike to all who attended for making it a fun event. Everyone who brought a plane flew and fun was had by all. Weather wasn't real bad, hot dogs, black eyed peas and a toast to the New Year with sparking cider.

New Business:

1. Abram stated that the club needs new members. Common consensus is that advertising is probably the best method to let people know of our existence. A Club Brochure was suggested as one method to advertise while another may be to have and use Club business cards to hand out.

2. The present club meeting night is the 3rd Wednesday of month. This may be a conflict for some members. If it a conflict, can we move the meeting night to resolve that conflict. Maybe to the 3rd Thursday? This would require a Constitution, ByLaws change.

3. Missing club property: Trophies and frequency pins. Tom will call Josh and inquire about this.

4. Red winch trailer: Lenny is still out of town

5. Website: John Moody has inherited it and he has requested input as to what you, the club members want.

6. Newsletter: John Moody has it by default and is currently looking for someone to take the newsletter over. Abram can provide B/W paper copies of the newsletter for those who want to receive it via USPS.

7. Membership: Returning members must go through the same process as new members do. The Executive board has received a membership application from Abram VanDover. The Board reviewed the application and recommends approval. Members present voted to accept his application.

8. President Mike Matthews had a meeting with the County Director of Parks and Recreation, Mr. Mark Furlo. Main item of discussion was the Land Use Agreement.

Mike presented to the members present the current Land Use Agreement. Discussion which followed resulted in the Club Contest dates being changed to 1 January for Hardy Souls and the second Saturday in all other months. Mike will send this updated LUA to the county.

9. Field Safety Rules: Present rules are IOW Court House specific. They will require a complete rewrite for Heritage Park.

10. February contest: Ed Avera will be CD.

CDs for rest of year:

March – Mike Matthews

April – Abram VanDover

May – Tom Anthony
annual M-O-M

June – John Moody

February Club meeting: 3rd Wednesday, 17th at Patrick Henry Airport.

Meeting adjourned.

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2010 Dues are Due

It is that time of year again when we start beating the drum for the dues for the year. Definitely a good deal as our dues are still at \$25.00 for the year. This is the one of the greatest deals of the century as they are the same fees that were charged in the last century!

Other interesting items: Lebanon Swap Shop is approaching very quickly. As a matter of fact, there is a very nice Minimoa that will be there that will be sold for a fraction of it's current value. Look through the RCGroups pages to see if it is still listed as a local pick up there.

Perry Georgia just finished their big annual super=duper Swap Shop. We will have to get Abram to fill us in on what wan on tap there.

Weather is starting to break and getting nicer each week. Should be some really fine flying days coming up. The birds have been gathering and raising a ruckus but the Robins have definitely come back for Spring. Daylight Savings time starts in the middle of March, Easter shortly thereafter and Spring is right around the corner

Hanover RC is having a Swap Shop, Elec. FunFly March 20. 6502 Creighton Rd in Mechanicsville, VA. \$5.00 0800 to 1300. Aloha!!



SAFETY RULES FOR FLYING AT HERITAGE PARK - ISLE OF WIGHT COUNTY FIELD

Ground Rules

1. All flying activities shall be conducted in compliance with;
All published AMA Safety Rules
Published Use Agreement documents with Isle OF WIGHT CONTY (see attached)
2. Flying is restricted to Tidewater Model Soaring Society (TMSS) club members and their guests, provided those guests possess a valid AMA membership. Guests will be required to apply for club membership after 3 guest flying sessions.
3. On flying days when the Club Safety officer is not present, the Senior Elected TMSS Officer in attendance shall designate a Safety Officer for that flying Session.
4. Vehicles must be parked in areas designated by the Club Safety Officer, or designee in attendance or the responsible Contest Director for scheduled events.
5. Shelters may be erected on the site (away from the launch equipment), near the parked vehicles in areas designated by the Club Safety Officer, or designee present at the field that day, or the responsible Contest Director for scheduled events.
6. The Club Safety Officer, or designee present at the field or on Club Contest Days, the Contest Director, shall designate the landing Zone area (LZ) to be used for that day.
 - a. More than one (1) specific Landing Circle or Landing Runway within the LZ may be designated.
 - b. A safety line or barrier shall be in place near the Landing Area that is approximately twice the distance of the Landing circle from the center of the Landing Circle. The pilot must remain behind this line or barrier during the landing phase of the flight. The safety line may be crossed only to measure the Landing and/or retrieve the model after it has come to a stop.
7. Flight Boxes and models being prepared for flight shall be restricted to the pit area or parking area.
8. Models may be placed on the ground, no closer than 25 feet downwind from the launch equipment while waiting for thermal activity.
9. Only radio control frequencies currently approved by the Federal Communications Commission will be used.
10. All transmitters must be turned off with the antenna collapsed when not engaged in flying activity.
11. No transmitter shall be activated without the appropriate frequency pin affixed to its antenna when using any of the approved 50 channels in the 72MHz, all 27 MHz, all HAM Band and 2.4 GHz frequency ranges.

12. All transmitters shall display numerical 'flags' with the operating frequency numbers clearly marked affixed to the antenna of the transmitter except when using the 2.4 GHz frequencies. The flag will correspond to the operating frequency of the transmitter.
13. The frequency pin must be returned to the Frequency Control Board at the conclusion of each flight, unless an immediate launch will be attempted. When using the 2.4 GHz frequencies, the pin can be returned at the end of the flying session.
14. When more than one pilot is operating on the same transmitter frequency, possession of the pin shall be limited to the time specified by mutual agreement of other TMSS club member(s) using that same frequency.
15. Spectators are welcome but must remain downwind of the launch equipment and out of the LZ at all times.

Model Requirements

16. All models must comply with AMA safety requirements.
17. All models shall have the owners name and address on or inside the sailplane or have the owners AMA number clearly marked on the aircraft.
18. The TMSS Safety Officer or designated representative shall inspect all new and rebuilt models (repaired after major damage) for structural integrity before flights.

Equipment

19. The Winch Master shall be responsible for the good operating order of the launching and/or retrieval system(s).
20. The Winch Master/Operator shall ensure there is no one or nothing in front of the winch during the launch or retrieval cycle that will interfere with the launch cycle or cause possible harm.
 - a. In the event of a break in either the tow and/or retrieval line(s), the Winch Master/Operator will turn the electric switches to the OFF position prior to leaving the station to repair the line break.

Flight Rules

21. Newly installed radios and radios that have been in a model during a crash shall be range checked before flight. While not generally a requirement, it is recommended that each pilot range check his or her equipment at the beginning of each flying session.
22. Hand launching is permitted only from designated areas. Hand launching in the parking area, in front of the winch equipment (upwind), or near the Landing Tape(s) in the Landing Zone will not be permitted.
23. When launching a sailplane from the winch, the pilot is responsible for clearly announcing his intentions to all (winch/retriever operator, other pilots flying nearby, timers, assistants, etc.) and ensuring the Winch Operator is ready for the pilot's launch.
24. The Pilot and Winch Operator will ensure the winch and the retrieval system is ready for launch.
25. Prior to launch, the pilot should ensure full radio transmitter antenna extension and verify control surface operation.
26. A sailplane attached to the launch equipment, and therefore in the process of being launched, has the right of way over all other sailplanes.
27. In any case of model malfunction while in the air (either radio or mechanical) the pilot will promptly announce the problem to others at the field in a loud voice.

- a. "Pop Off!", "I've Lost my Plane!", "I Don't Have Control!", "Head's Up!" are but a few of the phrases that can be used to alert others.
28. During a Pop Off situation, the Pilot must try to regain or maintain control of the aircraft so as not to fly over the spectator or parking areas if at all possible.
29. There shall be no flying over the parking area or any shelters that may have been temporarily erected at an altitude of 75 feet or less.
30. When landing in the designated LZ, the pilot must announce his intentions to others nearby.
- a. In no instance may a pilot stand in or near the LZ while flying, attempting to 'reserve' the LZ while other pilots are attempting to land. The pilot must remain behind the safety line or barrier especially during the landing phase.
- b. The LZ must be kept clear.
- c. In the same vein, retrieval of aircraft from the LZ must be expeditiously carried out in order to keep the LZ clear.
31. Low fly bys over the spectator or parking areas are not permitted.
32. Fliers shall not consume alcoholic beverages or drugs at the flying field.
33. Police the vicinity around you. Anything you bring to the field you will take it with you when you leave.
34. Pets shall be confined to the spectator area.
35. TMSS members must display club badges on their person while at IOW.
36. To protect those TMSS club members that may be sensitive in nature from the stings and barbed tongue remarks of fellow club members, consider wearing hearing protective devices.
- a. A sense of humor is necessary for flying at this field.



Tidewater Model Soaring Society Membership Information

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State: _____

Zip: _____ Phone: (____) _____

E-mail: _____ Cell: (____) _____

AMA No.: (Required) _____

LSF No.: (Optional) _____ Level: _____

Channel most often used? _____

Other Frequencies presently available to me: (check all that apply)

Ch-11 _____	Ch-22 _____	Ch-33 _____	Ch-44 _____	Ch-54 _____
Ch-12 _____	Ch-23 _____	Ch-34 _____	Ch-45 _____	Ch-55 _____
Ch-13 _____	Ch-24 _____	Ch-35 _____	Ch-46 _____	Ch-56 _____
Ch-14 _____	Ch-25 _____	Ch-36 _____	Ch-47 _____	Ch-57 _____
Ch-15 _____	Ch-26 _____	Ch-37 _____	Ch-48 _____	Ch-58 _____
Ch-16 _____	Ch-27 _____	Ch-38 _____	Ch-49 _____	Ch-59 _____
Ch-17 _____	Ch-28 _____	Ch-39 _____	Ch-50 _____	Ch-60 _____
Ch-18 _____	Ch-29 _____	Ch-40 _____	Ch-51 _____	
Ch-19 _____	Ch-30 _____	Ch-41 _____	Ch-52 _____	27 MHz _____
Ch-20 _____	Ch-31 _____	Ch-42 _____	Ch-53 _____	2.4 GHz _____
Ch-21 _____	Ch-32 _____	Ch-43 _____	Ham Frequencies: _____	

Return this form, or a copy thereof and \$25.00 dues to:

Make check payable to: TMSS

Send to:

John Moody

1432 Glendale Ave.

Chesapeake, Va. 23323-5706

TMSS 2010 CLUB RECORDS

As of February 15, 2010

IOWCH/Nike Park

Other sites

Hand Launch:
Two Meter:
Standard:
Unlimited:
Electric:

Please let me know about any records you set. Need name, time and model name and date.



SCHEDULED CLUB EVENTS FOR March 2010

The NEXT meeting will be held on **Wednesday, March 17 7:00 PM** at the Old Terminal Building at Patrick Henry Airport. Directions to the building are as follows: Exit route I-64 onto Jefferson Avenue toward the Airport (North). Go to traffic light at Bland Blvd, and turn right. Follow this road (past New Terminal turn off) to parking lot with tower for rotating beacon. Park in this lot and enter building through the automatic door. There should be signs to help you near the door.

***** Next Contest after February's is March 14, 2010 *****

***** CD will be Mike Matthews**

Everyone who flies at IOW MUST be an AMA member and a TMSS member (or limited guest). *The IOW site is for sailplanes and electric sailplanes ONLY!!!*



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