

THE INVERTED FLYER

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BAS Meeting Minutes, 5/8/2019

HobbyTown USA Longmont

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by President Aidan Sesnic

Dean Ehn reported on the state of the Treasury. There was no report from the Secretary.

Safety Officer Bill Mansfield mentioned the ongoing regulatory activities between the FAA and AMA. He also mentioned that he had checked the First Aid Kit located at the field and it is in good shape.

The membership report showed that we have 75 members at the end of April, vs 70 last year.

Ken Jochim reported that the trailer for the float fly boat has been registered and the new sticker will be available the next time we use the boat.

Old Business

Aidan reported that the new operating contract with the city is "going around" the city offices. There is no estimate as to how long that will take.

He also reported on the training for the downed aircraft retrieval that was held at the field. He noted that prior year's training does NOT carry over to the new year, so folks that want to do retrievals must be trained each year. Another training will be scheduled.

The city agreed that we could get an AED for the field if we wanted to pay for it. One of the members agreed to look into what was involved in getting one.

Aidan reported on some of the responses to his email asking members what we wanted to do going forward as far as field improvements. A weather station was suggested, but since we don't have internet access at the field and there is one at the Boulder Fire Center at the Reservoir, as well as data being available on the NOAA website, this will not be pursued. A link is available on the club website to nearby weather stations. Similarly, a web cam will not be possible due to lack of internet connectivity (the cost of wireless service would be very high due to data usage).

Also suggested was repairing the pothole in the runway, which we will pursue. Al Coelho will check into the resealing company we used last year regarding cost.

Another suggestion was a pair of binoculars to spot downed planes. This was tabled because of the likelihood of them being stolen. Members present commented that you can't see a downed aircraft with binoculars anyway due to the height of the vegetation in the area.

Regarding expenditures, the update to our 10 year Financial Plan was discussed. Al Coelho and Mike will lead the effort, with Bill Mansfield, Aidan Sesnic, and Dean Ehn agreeing to assist with the effort.

New Business

The Fun Fly scheduled for July 20th was discussed, and a variety of possible events were discussed, including: spot landing, limbo contest, softest or best landing, timed flight, streamer cut, bomb drop, and balloon break. Also mentioned

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was an event for quad copters such as an obstacle course for “tiny whoop” mini copters or an actual race course for the racing versions. Ken Jochim will publish more info on the event during June. If you have a suggestion for an event, please send it to Ken at kjjochim@aol.com.

It was noted that there is an Aerofest event in Longmont on June 1st, and the flyer for the event was attached to the previous newsletter. There was no interest in manning a BAS booth at the event as the event was already sponsored by LEAF.

A motion to adjourn was made by Ken Jochim at 7:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Ken Jochim, Secretary

Weather at the BAS Field

By Al Coelho

One of the items often discussed is could we have a weather station at the field. The answer of course is “YES” if you have the funds and some-one to do it. (Which right now I don’t think we do, but that’s another discussion.)

The club’s website shows 3 weather links. AccuWeather, NOAA and Wiley Weather. For this discussion I would like to point you to the NOAA link.

The NOAA link provides a weather forecast for a one mile square based on the GPS location selected. What this means is that the NOAA forecast is for the flying field and not Boulder or Niwot in general.

The display provides a 48 hour, hour-by-hour forecast. It starts with the current hour and you can page forward 2 pages giving you access to 6 days of forecast. As linked it gives you the Temperature, Wind, Overcast and Rain probability.

A little research and you will see that you can customize what is shown to your liking. Clicking on the “Show Menu” in the upper right will give you all the display options. Once modified to your liking you can place the new link in your browser’s favorites.

By clicking on “tabular forecast” in the lower right, under “Additional forecast & information”, you can change the display to a tabular (Excel like) format versus the default graph.

By clicking on the “7 day forecast” you will see a format similar to the evening news forecast with a verbal description for each day/night.

Once on the 7 day forecast, a map is shown showing you which area the forecast is for. A word description and GPS coordinates are given.

Here is one of the major features I like about this site. You can click anywhere on the map and the forecast will be adjusted for the one mile square where you clicked. Try it out, I think you will like it.

Informative links

as you can never remember them...

Club Website: <http://www.boulderaero.org>

BAS RC forum: www.tinyurl.com/boulderrc

FAA UAS home page:

<https://www.faa.gov/uas/>

FAA UAS Registration page:

<https://www.faa.gov/uas/registration/>

AMA home page: <http://www.modelaircraft.org>

AMA Newsletter:

http://www.modelaircraft.org/publications/AMA_Today.aspx

AMA Air: www.youtube.com/modelaircraft

Specialized Balsa Wood LLC

<http://www.specializedbalsa.com>

Will purchase Estate Lots or entire large RC collections.

Richard Myron 303-746-4274

Links should be active. Mouse over and click on them.

This Month's Birthdays:

Gary Paterson

Wayne Angevine

William Mansfield

Greg Hine

Jonathan Lierman

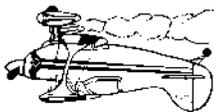
Richard Bertschinger

Dave Butler

Aidan Sesnic



Next Meeting 6:30 PM, Wed June 12th, at Chandler Field



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