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Febrary 2021

SHEET AMA Charter # 328

A Message from our President

There are a number of items to note this month, all of which will be discussed at the next meeting as well as here. Note that a members only swap meet will be held following the February meeting.

Reporting of positive Covid test results: If any of our members are unfortunate enough to be tested positive for covid, please advise a club officer so that potential contacts can be alerted

On the subject of flight training, since guests are not allowed into the Landfill, only club members will be eligible for flight training until the Corona mandated restrictions are lifted. The club has provided a training airplane for the use of new members who don't have a plane of their own, however the use of the club plane will be limited to 3 flights, after which training will only continue using the member's own plane. Jack Worrell will not be available for some time so please contact Dave Dobbs to schedule flight training

Members who fly on 72mhz are reminded to use the frequency board and pins to help avoid frequency conflicts.

Jim Hullhorst has volunteered to assist Bob Bader with the scheduling and communications aspects of the Tuesday work parties. As usual we don't have enough volunteers who attend these work sessions, so please consider coming out early on Tuesdays to pitch in. The field will continue to be closed during work sessions as usual.

There are 3 site improvement projects currently under consideration We are assessing Extending and/or widening the runway, Bringing 110v power into the site and cleaning up and extending the gravel area between the parking lot and pit area. These will be discussed at the next meeting.

Finally we need to clarify the western boundary of our airspace. The western no-fly zone begins at the fence line, and not the road. This is a change that was made to our lease agreement some time ago, but not fully communicated to the membership. The Landfill pays close attention to this particular issue so please fly accordingly.

Happy and Safe Flying, John Dexter

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February 2021 Meeting Notice



Where: The club flying field

When: Saturday February 13th, 10:00 AM

Mask Policy: Please plan to wear a mask for this meeting.

Some of you may feel it isn't necessary but it is prudent to err on

the side of safety.

Agenda items to be discussed:

1. Western no-fly zone

- 2. Gravel between pits and parking lot
- 3. Field electrification (eliminate control line circle?)
- 4. Runway extension

Members who wish to make their feelings known on these topics or wish to raise other items of business please attend and have your say. If you are unable to attend, but want to make input please call me. 702-966-8068

2021 Membership Meeting Schedule Location: Our Flying Field

Swap Meet follow this meeting

March 13th 10AM
April 17th 10AM
May 15th 10AM
No meetings June > September



Saturday February 13th After Our Meeting MEMBERS ONLY

Bring All The Stuff You Don't Need Anymore
And Take Home All The Stuff
Some One Else Doesn't Need Anymore!

ALSO

Tons of Outstanding Donated Items For Sale With Proceeds To Our Club

R/C Fliers of Venice Membership Meeting Minutes January 16th, Held at Club field



Meeting opened at 10AM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

35 Members present, including President John Dexter, Vice President Dan Williams, Secretary Jim Johnson, Treasure Dave Walters, and Board members, Bob Bader, Mike Schaefer and Vaughn Abbott as well as Safety office Dave Dobbs.

No New Members present:

Secretary Report: Jim Johnson reported that all Meeting Minutes are published in the Scramble Sheet and posted on the website.

Treasury Report: Dave Walters reported an income for December of \$4,933 and expenses of \$710 for a retention of \$4223. Total 2020 income of \$18504 and expenses of \$112427, for a retention of \$6077.

Treasurers Report Approved.

Opening Remarks:

Lois from the landfill office recently stated that there or no changes expected to the county Covid restrictions anytime soon. Main points are members only allowed, no gests.

We have no deeded right to our flying field. We most follow all landfill access rules. If you see any one violating these rules, please politely educate them. That should take care of any problems. So fare we have not needed to take any action. However, we will in case of any repeat offenders.

Dave Dobbs is our new Safety Officer. He is a snowbird so Bob Bader has agreed to take over when Dave is not here over the summer.

No real FAA changes for us in the near future, for at least 18 months.

"Members Only" Swap Meet after the February meeting.

Dave Walters reported that we have given certificates of application to Quique Somenzini, Lloyd Ussery and Bob Vittitow for their generous donations of model aircraft and equipment to our club. It was brought up that we should also give one to Harold Bittner.

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Old Business:

Dave Pruess described how we will only spread gravel between the parking area and the main building. They will first spray a herbicide to kill all remaining grass then spread a few inches of white gravel over the area. More Tuesday morning help is always welcome.

Dave Walters made a motion to follow this plan. George Lablance seconded the motion. Carried unanimously.

New Business:

President John Dexter opened the floor for suggestions to improve our field.

- 1. Mike Schaefer and Dan Williams will look into FPL extending power to the field.
- 2. Tony Nisi suggested we replace legs on the two large tables. Tuesday morning group will look into it.
- 3. Asked if the grass could be cut shorter for about 30 feet on the far side of the runway and possibly at the East end too. Bob Bader will try to and also level the soil at the ends.
- 4. We look into the possibility of putting down GeoTex for runway extensions. Dick Pope said that Barry Mizes has experience using it at his St. Louis club. Someone will check with him.
- 5. Dave Dobbs suggested we check into runway repairs, extensions, ect. This is a large, expensive project. We need to plan ahead. President John Dexter will look into it.
- 6. Jim Hullhorst suggested we also look into replacing all work tables.

Dave Pruess: TUSEDAY MORNING GROUP NEEDS MORE HELP!!

Door Prize: Dave Mullennex

50/50: Walt Pompey

Meet adjourned at 10:35AM

Respectfully submitted by Secretary, Jim Johnson

January Meeting Photos













Installing our replacement Davis Instruments Head

ATTENTION NEW MEMBERS

Many of our new members may not be aware they can receive real-time weather form our field over their smart phones. See that small box half way down the pole. That is the WeatherLink cellular transmitter. Weather is updated every 5 minutes. Simply download the WeatherLink App to your smart phone and select the R/C Fliers of Venice Memorial Field Station.