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Meeting Minutes

February meeting of the Austin Radio Control Association

President Keith Whitley called the meeting to order at 7:20 PM. There were 16 members and 1 guest present.

The minutes of the January meeting were read and accepted as read.

The treasurer's report for January was read and accepted as read.

Old Business:

Pat Fernandez reported on the Mueller airport demonstration. It is to be a static show and we will be in a hangar with other exhibitors. If weather permits, we may have a helicopter demo.

Pat contacted different waste removal companies about costs for the dumpster and Porta-Potties. It appears that the club can save a considerable amount by going to another company. The club can also save some field expense by reducing the number of Porta-Potties during the winter months when the turnout at the field is less. After a discussion, Ken White made a motion that the executive committee determine which company will best serve the club and proceed from there.

New business:

Field clean up for the April events will be April 5th. Please come out and assist in the clean up.

The Jet Rally is scheduled for April 12th & 13th. Pat Fernandez will be the CD and requests that anyone who can help out during the event to contact him.

The Warbird event is scheduled for April 26th & 27th. Ken White is the CD; he has flyers out and is expecting approximately 45 pilots to be attending. He is also looking for volunteers to help make this event run smoothly.

Mark Cice had a bulletin for the helicopter event in the fall. Bob Price was mentioned as possible CD for the event.

Blue Max nominees:

Dick Maus for losing his Cap21, it went in behind the trees and hasn't been seen since.

Loyd Ligon landed his new Zero in the grass and the LG caught in the soft dirt, tore out and broke the wing. Loyd won this month's Blue Max award.

Loyd won the door prize.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM

A very funny Dura-plane video was shown after the meeting.

Next Meeting
March 27th
7:00 pm
at the Flying Field

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27th Club Meeting

April
5th Field Clean up
12th-13th Central Texas Jet Rally
25th Club Meeting
25th -27th Any Scale Warbird

May
29th Club Meeting

June
29th Club Meeting

2003 ARCA Officers

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| President | Keith Whitley |
| Vice President | Tom Sewell |
| Treasurer | Loyd Ligon |
| Secretary | Dick Maus |

Members at Large

Jeff Piatt & Pat Fernandez
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Club Meeting News - Old Location!



As discussed in previous meetings, the monthly club meeting was held at the Dart Bowl Birthday Party room in February. We had a few less than typical turnout for the meeting. The food available at the cafe was good, but the room available to us proved to be a bit crowded even with the smaller turnout. In addition the acoustics in the room made conversation difficult. With this in mind the Executive Committee has decided to continue the search for a new meeting place. In the meantime, the EC felt that holding monthly meetings at the club field facilities was a better location than the Dart bowl. So come on out Thursday night, and bring your own dinner with you.

Member News

ARCA was invited to participate at the Mueller Redevelopment Open house on March 1st. As a "tip of the hat" to the Airport's aviation past, we were approached to fly a few aircraft at the site during the open house. Wet and cold weather prevented the flying, but allowed plenty of time to shoot the breeze with visitors from the neighborhood. The Austin Film Society was also on hand with several pieces of equipment for visitors to "play" with. A duo from the band the "Damnations" provided the wonderful tunes for a Saturday afternoon hangin' out in a hanger talking airplanes. Thanks to Russ Rhea of Tate Austin Public Relations for the invitation.



A few photos of our display at the Mueller Redevelopment shindig. They had hoped we could fly our planes but the weather was not too cooperative that day.

From the AMA

Dick recently received an email from the AMA regarding a "Press Advisory". The email was sent in response to the news media contacting AMA chartered clubs or individuals. The email has been paraphrased below:

"In todays tense atmosphere of terroristic threats, possible military actions etc., there appears to be exuberance on the part of news agencies and individual reporters to gather information concerning the use of model airplanes as possible security risks. Many times in an effort tot take advantage of the opportunity to garner some public exposure for their local flying activities, the members ar surprised when the news release does not resemble what they had been assured would be published. As a service to all AMA chartered clubs, we are suggesting that if you are contacted by the media for interviews other than coverage of such activities as fly-ins, mall shows or airport awareness days, please direct them to Jay Mealy at the AMA for information at 765-287-1256 ext 270."

