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Meeting Minutes

June meeting of the Austin Radio Control Association

President Keith Whitley called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. There were 29 members and 1 guest present.

The minutes of the May meeting were read and accepted as read

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

Old business;

Mark Cici reported on the helicopter event. There will be no pre-registration and a pilot's lunch will be included in the registration fee.

Ken White had flyers for the Big Bird made and they will be mailed to various locations next month.

Work is proceeding on the new frequency board.

New business;

Phil brought the question of going to a quarterly meeting instead of monthly meetings. After a discussion, a motion was made that this question is put in the next month's Prang and this motion was passed.

Blue Max nominee

Phil crashed his Patriot, when he let the black smoke out of his receiver and lost control of his plane.

Curtis Byrd won door prize.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM

Reindeer Games (or Electioneering 101)

I have been observing with curiosity the ongoing antics in our AMA District VIII as we prepare for the election process this year. Sandy Frank has been our District VIII VP for several terms. The other nominees for this position are Horrace Cain, and Mike Moss. Horrace is out of New Caney, Texas, and Mike is from Sulphur, Louisiana. Current AMA rules and regulations only allow three candidates to be listed on the ballot. Apparently some games have been being played where candidates on the current list, had nominated others in an attempt to block out competition in the upcoming election. I am pleased to see the AMA Nomination Committee produced this list from all the muck being thrown. If this is not enough stirring in our district, we will have a qualified write-in candidate as well. Jim Branaum from San Antonio is running for the position as well. This race is getting a bit of national attention with all of the candidates vying for the position, and the importance each of the District Reps. Each candidate has basic principals they are running on. Look for the statements from each candidate in the upcoming Model Aviation magazines. If there is further interest, I will request some form of ARCA direct questions and answers for our membership. Apparently there is an effort to have some form of debate at the Southwest Aeromodeling Show in October.

Next Meeting
Thursday Evening
July 31st
7:00 pm
at the Flying Field

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Upcoming Club Events:

August
28th Club Meeting

September
5th-7th Greater Southwest
12th-14th Fall Big Bird
25th Club Meeting

October
3rd-5th Heli-Fun Fly
30th Club Meeting

Member Update

Mike Kulczyk had a recent hospital stay for a surgical procedure. Several members visited him during his stay in the hospital. He returned home this past Saturday to continue his recovery. Look forward to seeing you at the field Mike!

2003 ARCA Officers

President	Keith Whitley
Vice President	Tom Sewell
Treasurer	Loyd Ligon
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Members at Large

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You Might Be An R/C Modeler if ...

Bill Atkins

...You have ever glued both hands together with CA and had to use an exacto knife in your teeth to cut them apart.

...You lean over your just-finished new plane to brush off a bug and drop a screwdriver out of your shirt pocket that rips through the wing monocote.

...You are shopping for land to build your dream home on, and would rather have flat, open pasture land than rolling wooded hills.

...You spend more time browsing Tower Hobbies catalogs than the TV guide.

...You will go flying when it's 104? but won't cut the grass for your wife `cause "it's too hot out there".

...You have 47 miscellaneous NiCad batteries and can't find a pair of D cells for your flashlight.

...Your O.S. engine purrs like a kitten but the family car will barely run.

...100 deg. is forecast for the weekend and you hope there isn't a breeze blowing.

...You always keep a supply of paper towels and Windex but never clean your car windows.

...You complain about the cost of school supplies for your kids but can walk out of the hobby shop with \$127.83 worth of miscellaneous parts and supplies.

...You have at least three planes in various stages of completion.

...The neighborhood kids come to you to help them with their summer school projects.

...You can't understand how some men can get so involved with a silly thing like golf.

...You spend more money for a pair of sun glasses than for a lawn mower.

...You use your field box to crank your lawn tractor.

...You play your AMA and radio channel numbers in the lottery.

...You watch "Wings" on The Discovery Channel at least three times a week.

...You have ever glued your ring to your finger.

...You plan your vacations using Fly-In schedules.

...You have more pictures of your airplanes than of your wife.

...You buy a \$600 mini-lathe to make \$5 airplane parts.

...You shop Toy-R-U's for pilots.

...Your doctor tells you that you have prop whip elbow.

...You got your wife a plane kit for Mother's Day.

...You can cover a prize-winning plane with monocote but can't iron your shirts.

...Your friends have ever strung yellow "CRIME SCENE" tape around your plane.

...You have ever taken your plane off with the ailerons backbacks and still landed it safely.

...You can program a mutli-plane 9-channel computer radio but can't figure out your VCR.

...You claimed your AMA dues on your income tax return.

..Your latest plane costed more than your wife's dish washer.

...Your wedding anniversary falls on a Fly-In weekend and you actually think about your choices.

...You actually enjoy reading these "You Might Be" jokes

Monthly Meetings

At the last club meeting Phil Dobrowski brought up the idea of having quarterly meetings instead of monthly meetings. Phil's idea was to turn the meetings into more of an event where we would have several meaningful issues on the agenda, and perhaps cook up some food and turn the whole meeting into something more exciting than the current monthly meetings provide. There was a bi of discussion about this during the meeting, and a motion was made and passed to table the idea until the next meeting for everyone to have a bit of time to consider the idea. This would require a change in the by-laws of the club, so it should not be a decision taken lightly. Come on out to the meeting this week and voice your opinion.

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