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Meeting Minutes

October meeting of the Austin Radio Control Association

VP Pat Fernandez called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM, there were 23 members present. Bill Teseny and Murray Brandenburg's wife passed away last month and Pat asked for the moment of silence in remembrance. Murray thanked the club for their card and flowers.

The September minutes were read and accepted was read.

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

Old Business:

Loyd said the hall for the Christmas party would cost the same as last year, and then Bob Price made a motion to have the Christmas party and authorize \$600 for it. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Dave Traeger reported that helicopter event did fairly well, 30 pilots showed up and flew in spite of the windy and rainy weather. He thanked everyone who helped out during the event. The water buffalo was fixed and filled before the event.

New business:

Robin reported on a plan to purchase and spread some loam on the runway edges so runoffs may not be so hazardous. A motion to spend \$500 for loam and seed was made and passed.

Steve talked about a new safety fence in front of the pilot's stations, using the donated fence and some new poles, which he thought would cost about \$50.

AMA elections are near, send in your ballot separately from your renewal.

Robin also mentioned that we should come up with a plan to advertise our events to draw in more spectators. They are the ones that make the events profitable for the club.

Nominations for club officers for next year are:

President	Pat Fernandez
Vice President	Robin Masek
Treasurer	Loyd Ligon
Secretary	Dick Maus
Members at Large	Jack Lewis, Steve Sarlls

Bill Teseny

ARCA member, Bill Teseny passed away in late September. Bill was an active member assisting in many events, including the Mueller Airport kickoff, where he entertained everyone with his wonderful stick and tissue models. Bill will be missed by all of us, but especially Murry, who recently lost his wife and now a good friend.

Next Meeting
Thursday Evening
November 18th
7:00 pm
at the Flying Field

Upcoming Club Events:

December

11th

Christmas Party
Oddfellows Lodge

Elections!
*Time for
ARCA
officers and
members-at-
large
elections!*

2004 ARCA Officers

President	Tom Sewell
Vice President	Pat Fernandez
Treasurer	Loyd Ligon
Secretary	Dick Maus

Members at Large

Robin Masek & Steve Sarlls
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If anyone wishes to run for any office, come to the meeting and get placed on the ballot.

When the AMA requires a Safety Officer, they will be appointed at that time.

Next meeting is November 18th, one week early as usual due to Thanksgiving.

Blue Max nominees; Morris Duet flying into the fence in the pit area, Dick Maus hit the power lines on an approach, Jack Lewis crashed on a dead stick landing. Morris took the award for the second month.

Ham donated a case of PowerMaster fuel that was raffled off.

Jack Lewis won the door prize gift certificate.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:40

Runway work

As many of you have noticed, the perimeter of the new runway has started to subside, leaving in some places a "step" as high as eight inches from the runway to the ground adjacent to it. Robin Masek proposed bringing in material to correct this problem. There was much discussion about how to proceed, and with Loyd's help, a budget was put into place and approved in the last meeting. We ended up with nine loads of loam. The weekend was selected due to weather, but also the help volunteered by Edwin Smith of a bobcat to help distribute the material. The loam was ordered, the grass seed purchased and everything was coming together wonderfully, when at approximately 9:30am the bobcat died. This slowed us down, but perseverance, and a lot of work pulled us through, and with the help of other pilots arriving later in the day, the work was completed. Robin spent the following day, going over everything once more and the results were better than anticipated. The following are photos taken that afternoon. Thanks to Loyd, Robin, Edwin, Steve, James, Phil, and everyone who pitched in. Workdays like this really improve the facilities for everyone.



*a few photos taken from the end of the runway (above) and the northern taxiway (left)
Continued maintenance will be required to roll out the ruts caused by the dumptrucks, but near the runway the runoff will be very smooth.*