

Nampa Model Aviators Meeting – March 14, 2013

NMA President Jack Read called the March 14, 2013 meeting to order at 7:05 P.M. There were 17 members present.

MOTION: A motion made, seconded and unanimously voted to approve the February 14, 2013 minutes as provided by E-mail.

President's Report:

- Jack Read introduced a potential new member, Ron Darling. Jack reminded everyone that night flying and biplane slow racing would be getting underway in a couple of months. There was a short discussion regarding the slow racing rules. Jack indicated that he would call a meeting soon to discuss the rules and look at any proposed changes.

Treasurers Report:

- Treasurer Mike Jordan provided the treasurers report for March. He went over the two accounts and we appear to have more than sufficient funds to cover expenses for the year. Jack told the members that he had negotiated a new deal for the porta-toilet. The old company was raising their fees substantially. The new company will charge the same rate as we are paying currently and they will service the toilets on a weekly basis during the spring and summer flying season.

Safety Report:

- Rob Eppley told the members about a recent incident whereby a visitor walked onto the runway to take photos of the valley below, while he (Rob) was trying to land. Rob managed to get her to move away and land safely. Everyone was reminded to welcome visitors but to be vigilant regarding their safety and let them know not to wander close to the runway.

Old Business:

- Jack will be taking orders for any member who wants to order a NMA Club jacket or a hat. You can call or E Mail Jack and let him know what you need and what color and size. Jackets will be 40.00 and hats \$10.00.
- The first monthly meeting and cookout at the field will be in May.

New Business:

- Jack had received a letter from AMA suggesting that we apply for funding under their *Field Improvement Program*. Apparently someone at AMA headquarters had looked at our NMA *Facebook* page and saw photos of our recent runway repaving project. This program seeks to reimburse clubs for up to 10% of the costs of field improvement. Jack, Mike Nipp and Ron Landram met and completed the applications. The application along with some photos were sent to the AMA District XI director who approved it and forwarded it to AMA HQ. We are waiting to see if our application is approved. And **if** approved, how much we will receive.

- Mike Nipp went over the new AMA Intro Pilot Program. This program allows a student to be covered by AMA insurance when flying under the direct instruction and supervision of an AMA Intro (Instructor) Pilot. Currently several members have been designated as Into Pilots. Anyone wanting to be added to the program can contact Mike and he will do the application. This is open to all qualified NMA members.

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Show and Tell:

- Jack brought in two soldering jigs that make it easier to solder battery and ESC connectors. One is made of aluminum and doesn't work all that well because of the heat sink properties of aluminum but the other is made from composite material and does work very well.
- Andy Stynda brought in a set of giant scale retracts made by *Sierra Giant Scale*. They will custom make these to fit a variety of airframes. The set Andy brought are particularly interesting because they are set up for a Spitfire and have a rotation system to fit that aircraft.

Raffle Mike Jordan won the Club door prize raffle of an airplane/motor/servos.

The meeting was adjourned a 8:15.

Respectfully submitted by:

Ron Landram, Secretary

Approved by:

Jack Read, President.