

Nampa Model Aviators Meeting – July 11, 2013

Following a great barbeque put on by Chef Mark Bell, NMA President Jack Read called the July, 2013 meeting to order at 7:05 P.M. There were 22 members present.

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

President's Report:

- President Jack Read introduced new member, Don Lay. Don told us about his experience and his wish to learn more and improve his RC flying. Jack thanked everyone who turned out to help with the annual science camp event held last month. Many of the kids tried their hand at flying on the buddy box. The event was a big success.

Treasurers Report:

- Jack Read provided this months treasurers report. All accounts are in excellent shape and all bills are paid. Jack asked the members for their opinion as to limiting the grass mowing to once a week for now. The members agreed that we should mow on Fridays only for now. Mowing will be from 3 to 5 on every Friday.

Safety Report:

- We have experienced several incidents lately, including an airplane crash adjacent to the golf green to the East of the field, followed by a visit the next day from Ridgecrest Golf Course management. The manager expressed a concern about someone flying over the same green. We also had a member try to save a "dead stick" flight resulting in crashing into one of the tables narrowly missing another member. There was a robust discussion from the members about safety. Jack reminded the members of several rules.

- 1. Stay within the flying boundaries especially to the West and East of the runway. Do not make a left hand approach over the golf course when landing from the East.**
- 2. If you are trying to save a dead stick or disabled airplane and it is heading toward the tables or pits you have a responsibility to fly it into the ground rather than taking a chance of hitting anyone.**
- 3. Do not stand on the runway to take off, fly or land. Do so from the pilot spots. The exception would be if you are flying a model for the first time, and after notifying the other members present.**
- 4. Do not fly from or over the grassy area West of the tables. The only exception to this are small helicopters with rotor smaller than 200mm (MCPX, Walkera 120, E-Flight 130 etc).**
- 5. When flying with other pilots (more than one) it is highly recommended to have a spotter with you.**

6. Announce takeoffs, landings and when you are going on to the runway to retrieve an aircraft.

- If you observe another member violating a safety rule it is incumbent every member to tactfully remind them of the rule. Repeated violations of the rules will be handled as written in the bylaws. These can include written warning, suspension or even expulsion in the event of repeated rule violations. A serious accident involving the public, public property or a member could hamper our right to fly from this facility. All of the members need to work together to ensure a serious incident does not happen.

Old Business:

- Rob Epply gave us an update on his progress for the Warbirds event in September. Rob has secured sponsorship from some RC companies and this is building to be a great event.

New Business:

- Ron Landram introduced the idea of holding a EDF Jets event in August. He asked if anyone might be interested and having such an event, including a pot luck breakfast and starting early in the morning. Several members endorsed the idea.

MOTION: A motion made, seconded and unanimously voted to approve having an EDF jet rally on August 10th. Ron Landram volunteered to coordinate the event.

- The Emmett club is holding a Poker Run fun fly along with a X-Country flight on the 28th of July. Jack strongly encouraged the members to attend and support our friends in the Emmett club.

Jack brought his "Swoosh" pond plane to show the members. The airplane was scratch built over a two year period. Beautiful airplane.

The meeting was adjourned a 8:10.

Respectfully submitted by:

Ron Landram, Secretary

Approved by:

Jack Read, President.