

Kokomo Blue Angels

September 17, 2003



The meeting was called to order by vice president Steve Kitts. Steve informed the members present that he had received a call from club president, Karol Wainscott. Karol advised Steve that he had lost his job here in Kokomo and was going to be commuting from Kokomo to Columbus every day. He told Steve he was handing over the remaining 2003 meetings to him.

New Business

Treasurer's report: \$1881. Rick stated that approximately \$350.00 would be taken out of that to pay for the club tee shirts that Charlie Smalling had ordered.

Charlie Smalling has the order of the club T-shirts. Charlie ordered 55 T-shirts with the following breakdown 20 L, 30 XL and 5 XXL T-shirts. The T-shirts will sell for \$12 for the XXL and \$10 for the other sizes. Please see Charlie for your T-shirt needs.

Steve Kitts brought to the table the subject of our annual July 4th Giant Scale fly in. It was discussed at great length the advantages and disadvantages of Open Fly vs Giant scale events. It was decided to change the date to the first weekend in August and make the event an "Open Fly" Saturday event. It was the consensus of the members present that the Giant scale event participation had dwindled in the past few years for both our events and the events of other clubs around us. It was suggested that we visit other clubs and spread the love and give them copies of our flier months prior to the open fly. We also added "Swap Meet" to the open fly. Everyone loves a good deal. Start getting ready for it now. If you go to the hobby shops and you have a little extra money buy something small but appropriate for the raffle. Wally Sitzes has volunteered to provide the raffle plane for next years open fly.

The discussion of a new metal shelter for the field centered around the price. The average price for a 12'x7'x41' with metal roof is about \$1,790.00. More if we upgrade the gauge of the metal. We tabled this until a spring meeting. No use purchasing it now and having it set out all winter. Maybe by next spring with everyone paying their club dues we will have a little more left in the account.

The floor was opened up for nominations or volunteers for next year's office holders. Steve asked for volunteers.

Wally Sitzes said he was willing to be President once again.

Steve Kitts said he would be willing to be Vice President once again.

More nominations were requested for both these positions. There were none.

For Secretary the floor nominated Charlie Smalling for this post. However, Charlie was not present at the time to accept or decline the nomination. Those present felt is the only person besides Doug Vande Lune who has the equipment and skill and time to put out a monthly club newsletter. The members hope we have one of those willing to meet the challenge for 2004.

Field Marshals will be the same as last year.

Rick Whipp volunteered once again for the position of Treasurer.

The lineup for 2004 officers is:

President:	Wally Sitzes
Vice Pres:	Steve Kitts
Secretary/Newsletter:	Charlie Smalling or Doug Vande Lune

Field Marshall (Safety): Mike Miller
Field Marshall (Grounds): Terry Laughner
Treasurer: Rick Whipp

Steve Kitts said that Karol Wainscott had volunteered to store the John Deer tractor in his hanger at Kokomo Airport for the winter. Thanks Karol.

Mike Miller, the current field marshal of safety, came forward to talk about safety. He stated that there had been several close calls at the field this summer. We are starting to get lax in our flying and the safety of all the members. Instances mentioned were:

1. Over flying of the pits. It is in our club rules that you do not intentionally over fly the pits.
2. Landing and taking off in two different directions. There have been several times when we had two planes landing from opposite directions at the same time. When we are at the field we need to choose a direction for both landing and take off and stick with it. It just takes a little communication on the part of friends to achieve this.
3. All planes need to be started facing away (south) from the onlookers, vehicles and pits. If you see someone starting a plane by themselves, hold their plane for them for safety while they start their engine(s) and preflight the aircraft. This is especially true if they are running larger engines.

Ed Hyland is at Waterford and would appreciate visitors, especially to talk about RC airplanes.

Wednesday night training is once again taking place. If you need some help flying your airplane Wednesday night out at the field is the place to be.

Old Business

There will be a sale at Ed Hyland's home at 5704 Princeton Court in the Ivy Hills addition just off IN22 just west of U.S. 31 on the 27th of September. He has numerous engines and airplane kits available at reasonable prices. The Kitts brothers will be assisting Ed's family in the sale. Come early and bring your checkbook or cash. Mrs. Hyland needs the money to help assist in the huge medical bills that have accumulated in the last year. Ed has supported this club for a lot of years. It is now our turn to help support a brother and get a motor or an airplane that we need or want. The sale will last from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45PM

The meeting minutes this month were taken by Wally Sitzes. He was helping out the newsletter editor this month since he could not attend the meeting. Thanks Wally.

It was suggested that the club should have a topic for each meeting this year, with the topic being discussed at the end of the meeting. Suggested topics included; a building demo, covering, engines, electronics, batteries and charging. More volunteers are needed for the other topics.

If you bring it to the field take it with you when you leave. This includes things like broken props, rubber bands, cigarette butts, pop cans, etc. We have no provisions for trash collection at the field, so please take it with you.

The next meeting is October 15th at 7PM in room 400 at the Kokomo High School. This is the first room on your left after entering the school through the south set of doors on the west side of the high school. The doors are in line with the stop sign. Please remember that the club meeting is a standing meeting the 3rd Wednesday of the month. Everyone please try to attend.

Show & Tell

Ivan Minglin brought in engines from 1936 to the present. He showed us GHQ Arrow engines to the Moki 5 hp engine of today. He had a taste of the past and explained the engineering and operation of each motor as they advanced to the engines we use today. Next month he will be bringing his collection of antique engines for us to see and experience. Thanks again Ivan for sharing your vast knowledge with your Blue Angels brothers.

For Sale

Kit Gerhart has the following items for sale

OS FT300 four stroke twin
Excellent condition--fewer than 100 runs
\$550

OS FT240 four stroke twin
Excellent condition--around 100 runs
\$425
The FT240 is a smaller bore version of the FT300 and is the same size and weight.



Wally Sitzes has the following item for sale:
Big Gassed Bird with a US Engines 41cc gasser and Futaba radio.
Ready to fly. Asking price is \$500.

