

Kokomo Blue Angels

January 19, 2005



The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM by president Wally Sitzes. The following 11 members were present; Alex Dowhal, Rick Whipp, Steve Kitts, Jerry Kitts, Wally Sitzes, Doug Vande Lune, Steven Vande Lune, Judy Rutherford, Gary Fuller, Dick Seagrave, and Bob Addison.

Door Prizes – Alex Dowhal donated a machinist square which was won by Dick Seagrave. Alex also donated a knife that was won by Steven Vande Lune. Judy Rutherford donated a pair of 2½” Great Planes wheels that were won by Bob Addison.

No one volunteered to bring the door prize next month, so please someone step up to the plate. The door prizes come from donations by the members, please consider donating an item.

New Business

Treasurer’s report: \$2299.39.

The mall show was discussed. The proposed dates are March 19th or April 9th. The malls’ schedule will be checked to see if either date is available.

A reminder, the Toledo RC show is April 1-3.

The annual Christmas party meeting was held at the west Pizza Hut on Wednesday, December 15, 2004. Approximately 32 people attended the party. Steve Kitts was the winner of the SIG 4*60 which was given for the highest club meeting attendance. Steve won the 5 way tie breaker drawing held between Jerry Kitts, Steve Kitts, Wally Sitzes, Doug Vande Lune, and Rick Whipp who all had perfect attendance. There are pictures of the party on the club web site, <http://www.blueangels.rchomepage.com>.

President Sitzes said that he would like every member to come up with a list of 2 or 3 items that they would like to see changed or worked on this year. Please bring your list to the next monthly meetings or mail it to Wally. If you don’t like the way the club is being run, please come to the monthly meeting and participate. A couple of known items are: repair/replace the doors on the shed, build a new pavilion, move the pits, flight line, pavilion, shed, and porta-potty from the north side of the field to the south side.

The insurance for the shed, mower, and outhouse is up for renewal at the rate of \$325 for the year.

The need to have the field rolled again this year was discussed. The general consensus was that it needed to be done. Bob Addison said that he would check into the possibility of having it done by some people that he knows. Otherwise the club will have to rent one like in past years and do it ourselves.

It was pointed out that the fence post tops on the east end of the field need to be repainted. The fence was getting hard to make out against the corn last year.

Judy informed the club members that she had made a “lost plane flag” and put it in the shed. The flag can be used by club members who loose a plane in the corn field. It will help spotters back at the field guide you in your search.

Old Business

Wally indicated that he wants to meet with the president of the Converse club to determine their schedule of events so we don't schedule our fly-in on the same weekend as theirs again.

There was a lengthy discussion about the lack of equal participation by all members in club activities such as mowing, field maintenance, mall shows, fly-ins, club picnics, club meetings and show & tell demonstrations. The end result of the discussion was that a questionnaire should be sent to all members to solicit their comments and opinions about member participation in the club. The questionnaire will be created and mailed at a later date. If you have any thoughts about what should be on the questionnaire please send them in writing (snail mail or email) to Doug Vande Lune.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40PM

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 monthly club meeting is February 16th 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

Wally brought in his Great Planes PT-19 that he made from a kit. The plane has an 86" wingspan and is powered by a Saito 120. Wally indicated that it was an easy kit to build. Nice job Wally, and thanks for bringing it to the meeting.

