

Buc-Le Times

The Official Newsletter of the Buc-Le Aero Sportsmen

Minutes of the Saturday May 5th 2018 club meeting.

Our President - Travis Moyer called our first club meeting of the year to order at 12:00 PM. Thirty club members were in attendance.

Finances:

- Club Treasurer Rich Collemacine provided the financial business report. Hard copies of the report were provided to all club members in attendance. The report recapped our income and operating expenses and highlighted income and expenses since our fall meeting. The finances were approved as presented. Should any additional members wish to see the financial information, please contact Rich or any club officer for further assistance.

Field Maintenance:

- The field has been rolled and is in good shape. We thank Ralph Geroni, Dennis Jones, Vinnie Caruso, Gary Galambos and Vince Judd for their efforts to come on short notice to complete this task which was particularly important this year since our harsh winter has resulted in significant frost heave.
- Spring clean-up of downed branches and debris and the reattachment of signs that fell off the fences has been completed.
- Rich and Travis completed the installation of an LED upgrade to one of our security lighting fixtures.
- Portions of the shed floor and siding have become dilapidated and are in need of repair.
- The grass areas adjacent to the driveway and the un-stoned portion of the parking lot are very soft due our very wet spring. Please stay on the stoned portions and avoid creating ruts from driving on the grass.

Mower Maintenance:

- Travis and Rich installed Z Glide suspension forks on the mower to improve its ride quality.
- The mower was serviced by Little's over the winter while warranty is still in effect. The service also included minor engine repairs to correct a valve timing issue. This repair has resulted in a notable improvement in engine performance.

New Business:

- Larry Alles has proposed an invitational warbird fun fly weekend the second weekend of June 9-10. He will be the chaperone and is expecting maybe 10 guests to camp and fly over the weekend. This proposal has been accepted by the members in attendance.

- The periodic review of our club rule pertaining to the maximum number of turbine waiver members was discussed with a motion to no longer define a quota but still continue the current process of fully vetting new applicants. The proposal was placed on hold due to concerns raised by several members in attendance. The concerns focused on the aspect that sport and very fast flying aircraft often do not mix together very well. When larger groups of turbine flyers are present they may have a perceived tendency to fly one after the next with no down time resulting in the intimidation of some of the sport fliers wanting to fly but don't feel comfortable flying at the same time with turbines. This issue has been exacerbated by our club rule limiting only one turbine to fly at a time. To alleviate some of the pressure effective immediately two turbines are permitted to fly at a time but each require a separate spotter. Travis will also reach out to our turbine waiver pilots to make them aware of the concerns raised. It is expected that a little discretion and situational awareness will result in the interests of all members coexisting in harmony.

FAA Reauthorization Bill and Section 336:

- Thank you to all of you who took the time to contact you elected officials in congress. The House voted to retain section 336 with some minor changes. Senate still needs to vote on their bill. They will go to conference committee where common ground will hopefully be agreed upon before the FAA reauthorization bill becomes law.
- Please stay tuned for more call to action requests from AMA in the coming months.

Learn to Fly (a.k.a Novice Night):

- The planned start date is Wednesday May 16th 5:30pm until dusk, (weather permitting) and will continue thru the flying season.
Instructors: Ken Horsfield, Ralph Geroni, Larry Alles (UPDATE: Joe Adamo and Jim Kirk have also offered their services!)

NJ Pine Barons Warbirds Event:(NOTE: This event has been cancelled)

- EJ Patrick asked me to pass along info about the NJ Pine Barons Warbirds fun fly event. Saturday and Sunday July 28th-29th.

State of the membership:

- We are currently at 105 members.

Vinnie Caruso's Airplane Raffle:

- Vinnie has graciously offered up his entire collection of airplanes and support equipment in a free of charge raffle accessible to all members that were present at today's club meeting. There were many beautiful airplanes prizes to choose from. The lucky winners are truly grateful to Vinnie's extreme generosity!

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth S. Horsfield, Secretary