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KENT COUNTY AEROMODELERS NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2012

Coming Events February 2012

7th General meeting at 7:PM
At Modern Maturity Center
Dover

Just a Friendly reminder KCAM
dues are to be paid by the ending
of this meeting

15th Board of Directors Meet-
ing 7:PM At Modern Maturity
Center Dover.

All members are invited.

KCAM Breakfast Social
8:30AM at Hall's Restaurant
Wyoming DE.

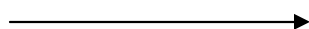
After breakfast please, weather permitting, go on out to KCAM FLYING FIELD at Sandtown DE. AND FLY!

FROM THE FIELD ON JANU- ARY ONE 2012

The following is extracted from an E-MAIL from Stevan Dodson Thanks Stevan.

Was an excellent morning for The First Flyer of the year Event. There were seven pilots participating this year and a hand full of spectators..

JACK JONES and WILLIAM KENNEDY counted down for engine start and scored the event.



First to make a successful flight and win the bragging rights for 1912 was Stevan Dodson.
Second was Reagan Paquette
Third was Charles Dodson
Fourth was Stacey Vrem
Fifth was William Judd
Sixth was Emie Bradley
Seventh was Jerry Lisiecki

Emie Bradley was unfortunate



to win the First Crash Of the Year Plaque.

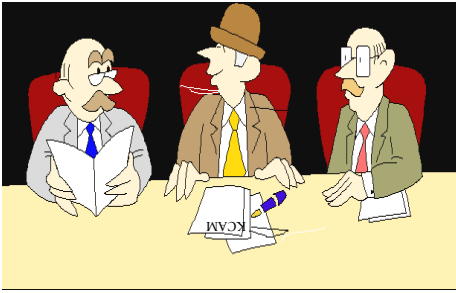


Photo by Stevan Dodson

Doug Cauley on left giving Bill Bigelow on the right his wings. Congratulations Bill. Thanks Doug for the help you performed checking Bill out.



To this fine January Member
BILL KENNEDY
KCAM welcomes it new
members
Curtis Merriman
Jerry Buckley
Chris Helwig
Galvin Morris



HIGHLIGHTS OF JANUARY GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Stacey Vrem, President, called the January monthly meeting of KCAM to order at the MMC in Dover at 7:00 p.m.

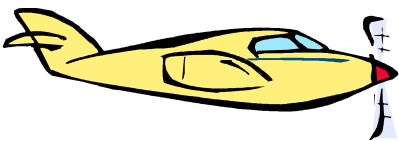
There were 19 members present at this meeting including all board members and committee chairs except Doug Cauley and Joe O'Connell.

Announcements (Stacey Vrem):

Stacey welcomed everyone to the meeting. There was one guest present, Curtis Merriman, who has been a past member of our club and will be joining the club tonight. Welcome Curtis. Doug Cauley's wife Anne passed away Friday. Reagan will send a card to Doug and his family and send the services information once it is received. Our thoughts are with Doug and his family.

Treasurer's Report (Joe O'Connell):

Joe was not present but he did send a treasurer's report which Stacey read. Bill Kennedy made a motion to accept the report; Bill Suter seconded the motion with all present in favor.



New Business (Stacey Vrem):

Bill Judd suggested that we put paving blocks under the other two gates out at the field. He said he would do the work if the club purchases the blocks, which are about \$1.95 each and would take 30 blocks. Reagan Paquette made a motion to spend up to \$70.00 to buy the blocks; Don Vincent seconded the motion with all present in favor.

Thanks Bill.

Someone suggested that the club get rid of the big roller and the roll of carpet at the field if it is not going to be used. There was a short discussion on it but no final decision was made.

Someone also suggested that the club fill in the holes in the driveway. John Opsitnik suggested oyster shells which are free as long as you pick them up. Jack Jones suggested crushed concrete which only sells for about \$8.00 per ton. Two members said they may have access to a dump trailer to pick whatever material is used. There was a short discussion on the subject, when Pat Breslin volunteered to use one of his dump trucks. It was decided to do this on the field maintenance day which is April 12. Pat will check out prices once it gets closer to the day. Thanks Pat.

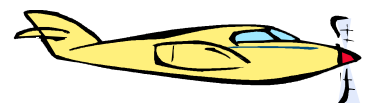
John Opsitnik talked about Old Dover Days. Last year we got a lot of traffic and passed out a lot of flyers, but no new members joined our club as a result of Old Dover Days.

Last year the club bought two 10 x 10 spaces, at \$35.00 each, which were cramped and the members had to be in the sun. This year a 10 x 10 space is \$50.00 if you pay in advance and John suggested we get four of them. Three for planes and one for the members since there is no shade available. Members will bring four 10 x 10 canopies to provide shade. There was discussion about whether it is worth the cost since we signed up no new members last year. Even if that happens again it is good for our club be out in the public. Don Vincent made a motion to spend the \$200.00 to reserve four slots; Wayne Nelson seconded the motion with eleven votes of yes and 5 votes of no, motion carried. Someone suggested we sell our raffle tickets there but John said we can't sell anything unless we pay \$200.00 per space.

Bill Kennedy will make more flyers for the club and Reagan will send him a flyer about the open house to update and copy.

John Opsitnik reported that he bought some servos that give the ratings in metric and that he has a formula to convert them to standard. He will email the formula to Stu to include in the Newsletter for other members.

Reagan suggested that the club raise the price of keys to \$2.00. It cost the club almost \$2.00 to get copies made and the \$1.50 is a pain when new members pay in cash. Reagan made a motion to raise the price of keys to \$2.00; Bill Judd seconded the motion with all present in favor.



Reagan asked if the club was going to have a raffle this year. Wayne said that this always makes the club about \$450.00 if all tickets are sold. Reagan suggested gift certificates but other members said seeing a plane would sell more tickets. Bill Suter is willing to put the plane together again and Reagan is willing to create the tickets. Bill will check out types of planes and prices and get report back at the next meeting. Reagan will send out an email to members asking for suggestions on planes as well.

There have been some complaints about the smokers not being mindful of their second hand smoke and have been throwing their butts on the ground. Reagan will send out an email asking them to think of others when smoking at the field.

Rudy will check out other places to have our Annual Awards dinner and also talk to Sam Marinucci. Reagan will send out an email asking for a head count of who think they will be attending the dinner. Keep in mind if the club does not have the dinner at the MMC, they may ask for donations for the meeting rooms.

Curtis Merriman joined out club, welcome Curtis.

No other new business to discuss.

Last call for the 50/50 was made. The winning ticket was drawn by Curtis Merriman with Reagan coming out the winner on a ticket he traded with Bill Kennedy. After the meeting Stacey, Reagan and Bill were talking with new member Curtis who is a past Member. Curtis is a computer guy and is willing to fill the Membership Chairperson position.

The club now has a full board of directors going forward. Thanks Curtis.



ED NOTE: THIS IS NOT MEANT TO SAY ANY OF OUR MEMBERS WOULD ACT IN ANY SIMILUR MANNER

Keep this in mind

By SCOTT RHOADES

Have you ever visited another flying field as an observer? If so, I bet you've had an experience similar to some that I've had. Here's the scenario. I'm behind the fence in the spectator area, observing a dozen plus pilots doing exactly what we do at our field: fly, fix, and gab. However, the fence might as well be a one-way mirror I can see them, but they can't see me. Not much different than a zoo exhibit where the animals are oblivious to spectators. After a lengthy visit where I got as much attention as the fence I was leaning against, I left without making eye contact with a single member. Sure, I could have initiated contact and likely had some pleasant conversations, but

after a certain point of going unnoticed, speaking to a member would have been similar to throwing rocks at the zoo animals to get their attention. I've visited a few clubs over the years and this scenario has happened more than once. The times I did have a member initiate conversation, it was typically with only one person while the others remained in their "cliques." I don't think I need to describe my impressions of clubs that don't acknowledge their visitors.

Thinking of the friendly nature of our many members, I doubt any visitor near the action would get away without chatting with a member. But I believe it's important to remain conscious of visitors and make them feel welcome. I want like to encourage everyone to introduce him or herself to an unfamiliar face. On occasions when people only pull halfway down the drive to observe, be sure to give a friendly wave.

Doing what we can to be perceived as a "friendly" club could reap many benefits. You never know when a visitor could be the chief state park ranger or our future club president. from the newsletter of the Holly Cloud Hoppers
Scott Rhoades, editor
Holly MI

This is all for now. Remember keep the oily side down and the wind at your back.
FLY,HAVE FUN.

