

MARCH 2019 SWAP MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm at the Glen Burnie Shop Rite store, Greg Gee vice president presiding. February's meetings minutes were read and accepted. The treasurer's report was given and also accepted.

Art Vail reported that the field improvement fund is doing well and thanked all who had contributed. Some members have contributed substantial amounts to the fund. Glenn Metzler who is in charge of the project, gave a progress report and reported that he has applied to the AMA for funds as part of their "Flying Site Assistance program". If approved, they will contribute 10% of the cost. At this time, wet weather is being a hindrance to getting started.

Greg Gee spoke about the meeting at PGRC that he and Glenn Metzler attended last month. Featured speakers were government affairs representatives from the AMA who gave updates and answered questions about the FAA "drone" regulations.

Several members mentioned that they are still having problems negotiating the FAA renewal process.

Art reminded the members that there are still several who have not yet renewed their AMA memberships. He also discussed the anonymous phone call that one of our members received. This member was told that he was being expelled from the Club and was no longer welcome at the Club Field. Art explained the formal procedure required to remove a member and urged that pranks such as this are not productive. A motion was made and approved that Art would send an email to all members about the situation.

Members were reminded about the next Club event which will be cleanup day at the Club Field. Information about "lost plane locators" was given by Glenn Metzler. Locators that are compatible with the Club's equipment are available but it was pointed out that newer cell phone app types can be purchased for less money. It was suggested that it would be helpful if a list of member's names and their locator channels be posted at the Field.

SHOW AND TELL...Tone Herold showed two EDF jets by JPM that he has been working on. They were built of a new type of composite and had some nice custom touches by Tone. They will use 14 cell Lipos and are capable of speeds of nearly 200mph.

Art Vail brought in the Pitts M12 fuselage with its radial engine in place. Art explained how he does the wing fairings and speculated addressing balance issues.

Greg Gee showed a Kenhi Panther which he converted from control line to RC. He said it was the same model that his dad had flown as control line many years ago. He also showed the Stick style trainer that Gordon Haegerich had given him some time ago. It had belonged to Gordon's father and Gordon wanted Greg to have it, however, Greg rebuilt it, converted it to electric power and presented to Gordon as a gift.

A 50/50 drawing was held after the meeting, Brian Greene was the lucky winner and donated his winnings back to the Club.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm 24 members attending.

Next meeting will be at the Club Field April 15th at 6:30pm, weather permitting.