

## SWAP MODELERS MARCH 2017 MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm. Greg Gee vice president presided in Pat Murphy's absence. February's minutes were read and accepted. The treasurer's report was given and also accepted. The Club is in good financial shape and about on a par with last year. Our grass cutting contract has been renewed and will still be the same price.

Art announced that he has paid the AMA sanction fee for our upcoming "Baltimore Bash" and the "Charm City Memorial" event and that he has taken on the position of "Event Manager", a new position created by the AMA for events not considered "contests". Art said he would like to raise the "all you can eat" ticket price to \$15.00 due to the rising cost of food. The suggestion was made that maybe we could supply a less expensive type of hamburger patty in order to keep the price of food for sale to the public a little lower.

It was noted that there will be a \$10.00 landing fee for pilots wishing to fly at the Baltimore Bash with all proceeds going to the Disabled Veterans.

We are getting a good return on raffle plane tickets and are hoping that Club members will purchase a good number of tickets for the crabs and beer raffle.

Art reminded all members that AMA membership is required to fly at our field and that some members have not yet renewed.

Fliers for the events as well as pilot proficiency forms are now available for anyone who wants them.

The question was raised about getting the field rolled this year as it has been several years since it has been done. It was decided that we would wait and see what kind of condition it is in after it has dried out a bit.

Justin Reel showed a plane restraint system offered by Random Heli. It is designed to mount in a "Gladiator Gear" track system and will support an airplane securely.

Greg Gee showed an example of a fibreglassing technique where you stretch a piece of 100% polyester cloth over the wet fiberglass area, allow to dry, and then remove the cloth resulting in a smooth surface, nearly eliminating sanding and filling.

Art Vail showed the covered wing for his 1/3<sup>rd</sup> scale "clipped wing cub" he is building. He covered it with Stits Lite fabric and explained the application process. He has also installed "vortex generators" just in front of the ailerons and is curious as to how well they will work.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm 27 members attending. April's meeting may be held at the Club Field at 6:30pm weather permitting.