

SWAP MODELERS JANUARY 2017 MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm Pat Murphy president presiding. December's meeting's minutes were read and accepted. The treasurer's report was given and also accepted. New member Ken Parcher was welcomed to the Club. He is new to the hobby and is starting out with electrics. All of this year's raffle planes have been purchased and we received decent discounts on the purchase prices. Art reminded the membership that Hobby Hanger will ship planes and parts at a reasonable rate. Glenn Metzler was presented with a wood plaque in recognition for his contributions to the Club. Tickets for the raffle planes were handed out. It is hoped that most of the tickets can be hand distributed so as to save on postage expenses. We are hoping for a good return on the raffle tickets so as to be able to avoid a dues increase in the future. The new sign directing visitors to our field was shown and will be installed at the entrance. Doc noted that the weld holding our gate lock to the chain is broken, Mike Murphy said he will repair it.

Election of Club officers was discussed. It was decided that the current officers would retain their positions. This year's event dates were finalized. They are posted on the Club website. A new hobby shop has opened in the area. It is called RC Hobbies and is on York Rd in Lutherville. Members reported that there is a sink hole developing in the helicopter hover area.

Greg Gee showed an apparatus that he made for checking center of gravity called the Vanessa machine. He said it is fairly simple to make and use and that it works well, especially for larger airplanes. Construction details will be available on the Club website. Art Vail showed the rudder for the 1\3 scale Cub that he is building. He emphasized the importance of reinforcements and hard points in critical areas.

A 50/50 drawing was held after the meeting, new member Ken Parcher drew the winning ticket, his own. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm 27 members attending. Next meeting will be February 20th at the Glen Burnie Shop Rite store's community room.