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MINUTES OF THE MEETING SEPT 2026

Social greeting time at 6:00 p.m. The club provided deli sandwiches to all in attendance. With 14 members in attendance, the meeting is called to order by El Presidente Mark Carlson at 6:40 p.m.

GIANT SCALE

Mark expressed gratitude to all members who participated in the cleanup at Galloway Field pre-Giant Scale, and to all those who participated in running the show and the cleanup required thereafter, all of which contributed to a very successful event this year. All pilots put on a great show for attendees. Huge turbine jets, gas and electric, large scale helicopters, we had it all.

Treasurer Bill Korn reports earnings successes for the club's account. He credits Jody's raffle plane, food sales and registration numbers at Giant Scale. We've also added a few more club members to our ranks in the past several months, so that is always good news.

The President added that we had around 40 pilots registered to fly, a greater number than we had last year. The idea was broached that we could possibly enlist the help of volunteers next year, perhaps from Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts of America, high school students, etc.

Jody McCoy reports this was the largest event the club has ever hosted and expressed his appreciation for all that pitched in to make it a "Giant Scale Success". The numbers on the raffle plane as follows: Cost to build = \$1,846. Club member donations to the build = \$1,542. Total of raffle ticket sales = \$1,805. It was noted that the movie night featuring the show "October Sky" was enjoyed by all, while a few night flyers put on a show simultaneously..

CHRISTMAS PARTY

The first order of business, here we are with a short 90 days until the annual club Christmas party at A.J. Spurs in Grover Beach on December 11. Bill McKindley is handling making reservations for the room that can accommodate a 25-30 headcount. Reminder: the tip is included in your bill, but everyone is free to throw down a little more to the server if desired. It'll be fun, food, camaraderie, raffles & 50/50. Don't miss it!

LAKE CACHUMA FLOAT FLY

There's a float fly happening at Lake Cachuma next weekend, 9/12 & 13. Veterans get in for free!

SAFETY REPORT

At 6:50, Safety Officer Mike Noble gave us his report. By now, most of you know about an incident that occurred at the field on Sunday, August 23. A helicopter ESC burst into flames mid-flight, auto-rotated to the ground and sparked a brush fire. Thanks to Dave, Steve, Clint and Craig for acting quickly to get it contained and finally extinguished. Dave was able to rip the LiPo out before it burned. It's a wonder he didn't get burned in the process. Dale was notified immediately. This is a wakeup call for all of us. We all know what a burning LiPo looks like. We absolutely should never fly alone out there for this reason alone. Plans are already ongoing to make sure we have the proper tools at our fingertips ready to go if such an event were to take place again. Mark Singleton has agreed to take the oars on researching the most proper and effective extinguishers, firefighting tools and fire blankets.

TREASURE REPORT

At 6:55, Treasurer Bill Korn reports balances for the club's accounts. It is noted that rent on Aero Camino Field is paid through the end of the year, and the new helicopter pad is paid for. The 50/50 drawing winner was Bill Korn.

SHOW-N-TELL

Then we had a little show-n-tell by Jim Mckean who had on display a vintage Prather LapCat R/C race-boat. Jody did most of the restoration work, added scale details and gave it a beautiful dark blue paint job.

MEETING AUCTION

A humungous three-blade Master Airscrew prop was auctioned off to Mike Noble.

Craig Barnett scored the Eflite P51-D 1.0m raffle plane.

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