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Next Meeting: September 10th 2015,
at 7:30 pm at the Hospitality House.

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NO FLYING BEFORE 12:00 PM ON SUNDAY

Fredericksburg Aeromasters Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: Dan - Welcome and call to order at 7:33 P.M. with 11 members and no guests were present.

Secretary Report: Minutes of July meeting were approved and motion to accept by Dan and seconded by Hank.

Treasurers Report: Read by Dan Cox and was reported as of 8/13/2015.

- Checking account balance \$ 954.48
- Savings account balance \$ 553.18
- Total \$ 1513.66
- Paid members: 31 current clubs members and 37 AMA paid members.

Dan made the motion to accept the Report, seconded by Derek.

Committee Reports:

Safety - Jim Braithwaite – Safe season so far and the new A/C starting area is working well. Jim will follow-up on the Safety Rule Poster.

Field - Bruce Simpson – Field is looking good.

Training - Jim Chandler – N/A

Newsletter – Derek Cox -

Website - Brian Mausolf – Made some new Business cards. Nov is coming and website fees are due...\$120.

Old Business:

- Shelter project on hold.
- We set a date for breakfast at Shannon Airport, July 11th at 10:00. Meet at the field after for a day of flying. This activity is postponed, new date will be established.
- Club Patches: need to re-supply, two quotes obtained estimated cost \$300. We will continue to investigate cost effective supplier. On hold.
- Larry Lycett provided an estimate on a walk behind brush cutter rental (Bush Master). They are equal to a small bush hog and are effective in removing small brush like we have. Rental \$85.00 per day. He believes a good bit of what field needs addressed and could be done in one or two days. Machine is self propelled but can be physically hard on body. If we have 3 or 4 people to spread out work would be best. Membership will schedule a work day for September or October. On hold

New Business:

1. We need a new fire extinguisher. Action Jason.
2. Need to contact Ed Wallace regarding the Wing /Wheels and Bike event this year. Action Jim B.
3. Need to contact Spotsylvania Towne Centre regarding Family Fun Day. Action Dan.
4. Ed & Ed have purchased a weather station that will tie into the weather underground. An app is being developed that will allow us to receive up-to-date weather information. Donations are welcome.
5. One of the picnic tables needs a leg repair. Bruce will take a look at it and see what is needs.

Announcements:

1. Bealeton Sep 12 and 13th.
2. FARM Float Fly October 3rd

Motion to adjourn: Dan made a motion to adjourn at 8:20, seconded by Dan Cox. All were in favor.

Model Aviation Day

On August 15th the Windwalkers and Fredericksburg Aeromasters hosted an event at the Windwalker's field. By midday there was a good number of planes and pilots ready to fly. Special thanks the Jim Braithwaite for running the event as Contest Director and to the Windwalkers for use of their field.

Pictures from the event will be in next month's newsletter.

A Cautionary Tale

After a great day of flying on the first Sunday of September, I headed home after tying down my Hanger9 Twist in the bed of my truck. I was feeling pretty good about flying as I was driving home. The plane survived an unexpected landing in small tree that jumped out and grabbed it from the air. I was able to fly again and finally got the plane to land gently on the runway.

I start to merge onto the highway when I hit a pothole on the acceleration ramp. I hear a crack and see the tail of my airplane bouncing in the rearview mirror. I pull to the side of the road and

find.....



I skipped my usual check to ensure the plane was properly secured. Lesson learned....

Authors Note:

Front page photos are from archive.

The newsletter layout will continue to evolve over the next few months, please contact me DLCDRAGON@hotmail.com if you have any suggestions!