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IRKS Meeting Minutes April 19, 2023

The April 2023 meeting of the Indian River Kontrol Society was called to order at 7:30 PM. One new member, Lloyd Adkins was present this evening. Lloyd is an Air Force veteran!

As always President Armstrong then requested a motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting as published in the April 2023 issue of The Airscoop. The motion was made, seconded, and passed without any discussion. Roger Hardin provided the cookies to munch on this evening. (If any member would like to volunteer to bring snacks to our meetings please contact Roger Hardin at 321-431-6779. Those bringing snacks get an extra raffle ticket towards a \$20 cash prize.)

Officer Reports:



Gerry Armstrong, President: March concessions were **\$3.84** and that was the only income. We have **\$1,746.01** in our checking account and **\$81,202.89** in savings for a total of **\$82,948.90**. We still have **\$500.00** in allocated funds so the available funds are **\$82,488.90**.



Vice President Ernie LeClair: Ernie said that he still has rolls of Monokote covering available for members...but only about 6-7000' left! He also reminded everyone about the UFO (Unusual Flying Object) event scheduled for June 24th.



Roger Hardin, Recording Secretary: Roger talked briefly about the FAA's Remote ID requirement for model aircraft that is scheduled to begin Sept. 26th of this year. This is for all aircraft weighing greater than 250 grams (about 1/2 lb.) that are flown at **other** than FRIA sites. Roger has found ads for RIDs but the smallest ones are about the size of ice cubes and cost \$299! Even these are way too large to install in many gliders or park flyers but hopefully there will be smaller units on the market soon. It has also been noted that other CBOs (Community Based Organizations) are currently trying to get the FAA to up the weight limit to 1.0 Kg which is 2.2 lbs.



Steve Formanek, Membership Secretary: Steve said we currently have 150 members...same as last month.

John Van Workum, Treasurer: John read his General Fund Summary for March 2023: Income was **\$196.00** for 2023 dues, **\$100.00** for 2024 dues, **\$13.33** for 2025 dues, **\$50.67 (a corrected figure)** in dues overpayments, and a **\$2.00 (an additional figure)** donation for our Flying Site Fund for a total income of **\$362.00**.



Expenses for the month were **\$290.76** for the Front Street hall rental, **\$20.00** for the General Meeting Raffle, **\$50.67** in Refunds, and **\$85.33** for the Porta-Potty. The total expenses for the month were **\$446.76**.

The balance in our General Fund is now **\$10,548.04**. This includes **\$2,923.86** in the Equipment Fund and **\$1,310.67** in future year's dues. The available funds for the year are **\$9,237.37**.

Lee Royer completed his audit of the books from last year and found no errors. Many thanks to Lee for his audits each year and also to John and Gerry for their diligence in keeping our funds in good order!



Ernie LeClair Safety Officer: Ernie had no items regarding safety to discuss this evening.

Old Business: Regarding our search for a new flying site Gerry is still working on it. He has still been unable to contact anyone associated with the Malabar Annex, he's had no response from several websites he's contacted, Blue Origin is in Bankruptcy, and the Deseret Company said that "they're not interested." A Realtor has contacted the Platt family and we might know something from them after the upcoming weekend.

(Secretary's note: As a reminder we need to have everything out of the 524 site by December 31st 2024...equipment, sheds, pig fence, pilot and start-up stations, sunshade torn down, etc. We will need lots of help from the membership to get all of that done!)

New Business: President Armstrong brought up the possibility of us having a "Gizmo Night" soon. This would be a meeting night where members could bring in and explain their personal "gizmos" that they use to assist them in building, setting up, or otherwise preparing their models for flight. Members present this evening were open to that idea.

Conrad Smith told us that Roger Vizioli is no longer physically able to handle his larger control-line planes and will be offering them for sale. If anyone is interested they can contact Roger at 321-452-7874 (H) or 321-543-7783 (C). Hopefully we will be able to obtain a list of his models and asking prices soon.

New member Lloyd Adkins asked if we have any plans for improvements to the Valkaria site, especially the installation of a Porta-Potty. President Armstrong remarked that that was something we could consider; he also

noted that the runway should be repaved in the near future and that will give us a better surface from which to fly. He also said we should be able to continue flying even during the repaving work.

Show and Tell/Model of the Month: Lloyd Adkins brought in several of his foam board creations this evening (below left.) The foam comes in 5' X 8' sheets and is available from Lowe's. It can be cut, shaped, and sanded easily, and it can be painted with vinyl coatings available from Hobby Lobby. Some of Lloyd's planes can be seen in action on You Tube at Hangar 11 R/C.

Lloyd also brought in his Seagull Models Ultimate Biplane ARF (below right.) It uses a Badass Motors 45/20 370 Kv motor with a 6S 5000mAh battery, has a 16"prop and weighs 13 lbs. Nice biplane!



Lloyd Adkins' Foam Planes



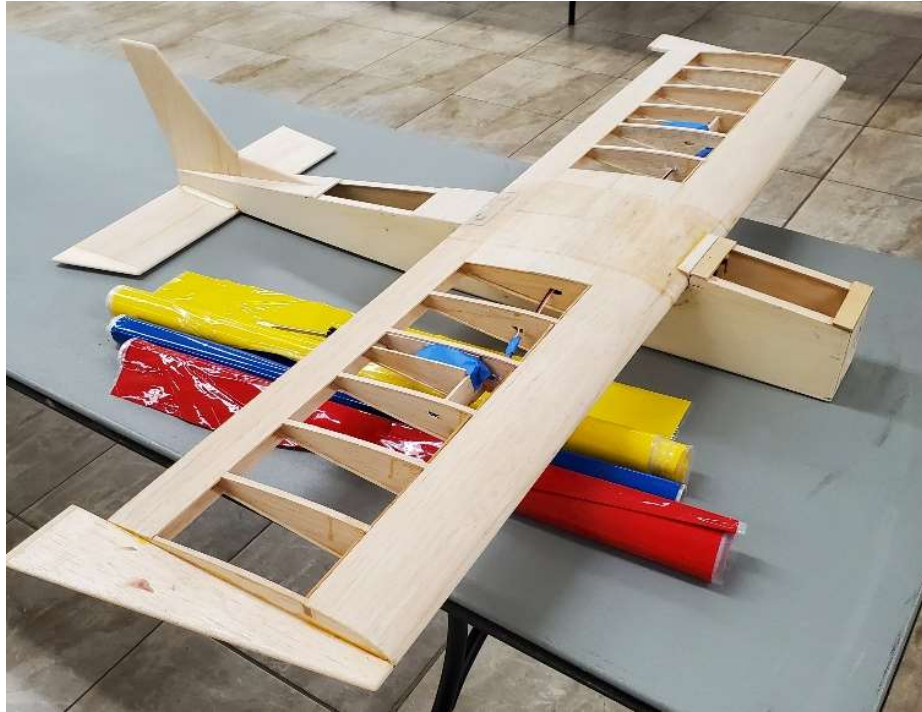
Lloyd's Ultimate Biplane

Jim Deutsch brought in his Fury Control-line stunt plane (below.) An all-balsa/dope model sporting an OS Max 40 engine. Jim said he has about 500 flights on it...and zero crashes. Excellent piloting in the circle Jim!



Jim Deutsch's Fury CL Plane

Jim MacLean shared his latest build with us tonight...an unfinished Midwest Aero-Sport "Stick Something". Jim built the same plane about 30 years ago! He says it is heavy, has an extremely detailed instrument panel, and is designed to have rubber bands holding the wings. Jim decided to get rid of the rubber bands and make a bolt-down type attachment however. He said he is not sure of the CG placement and may use a 40-size engine. Jim also said thanks to Ernie for the Monokote!



Jim MacLean's Stick Something

Lloyd Adkins was voted tonight's Show and Tell/Model of the month winner.

Events: Jim MacLean attended the March 25th Airmasters Aerobatic Clinic which he described as "a wonderful time." He said that Jason Schulman ("the best F3A pilot in the world") was there as an instructor.

Gerry is planning to attend SEFF all next week in Americus Ga., Joe Nall is May 12-20, and Top Gun is next week.

The club Picnic is planned for Saturday May 20th (the weekend after our next regular meeting.) (**Secretary's note:** Subsequent to this being mentioned at the meeting The E-Board has decided to cancel this year's picnic.)

Raffle: John Van Workum once again won tonight's \$20 prize raffle **just for showing up**. Congratulations John (that's twice in a row!)

There was no other business to discuss so the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:10 PM.

For The Good of the Club

Gizmo Night

At this month's club meeting we will be having a Gizmo Night. So bring in your gizmo to share with the club.

So what is a gizmo and what are the rules?

1. It must be tool or jig or thing, that you made, or you bought and then modified to do a particular job, use, or function during your modeling in the workshop or at the field.
2. It cannot be an off the shelf item that hasn't been modified in some way.
3. OK, you can bring an off the shelf item if it wasn't intended for use in modeling, but you've found a use for it in modeling.

It's going to be interesting to see what members have come up with to help them with their modeling.

Creative minds want to know, so we're hoping to see a bunch of stuff at the meeting so bring it out and share.

Ps – If you don't have something that fits the above criteria but want to participate, you can bring an off the shelf modeling tool or gizmo that you're proud of.