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Georgetown Aero Modelers Association

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**The Next GAMA Meeting is on September 12th,
The Second Tuesday at:
Mel's Lone Star Lanes, 1010 North Austin Ave, Georgetown.**

2017 National Model Aviation Day Event

The Georgetown Aero Modelers Association hosted a fun fly event on Saturday August 12th at the club flying field to celebrate the 2017 National Model Aviation Day. We had 21 AMA members in attendance as well as several guests.

We had many AMA members flying and displaying their aircraft much to the enjoyment of all who attended.

In addition to actual flying we had a member bring his laptop and flight simulator for people to use.

We had 2 preteen girls who spent some time on the flight simulator and then each of the girls got some actual stick time with a club trainer aircraft and club instructor. They were all smiles and said that they really enjoyed the experience.

Yes it was HOT. The club had plenty of COLD drinks available which was really great. Andy Sharp, who is a photographer for the Williamson County Sun newspaper was there and took many photos. The Sun published several pictures in the August 16th paper and additional pictures can be viewed on the Sun's Facebook page.

GAMA raised \$172.00 in donations at the event and we will send a donation to the AMA Foundation to support their efforts.

I would like to thank all the club members who came out and helped with the setup and take down for the event. You are the ones responsible for making the 2017 National Model Aviation day event a success.

Thank you,

Mike Hunter

2017 National Model Aviation Day Event Manager



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Board Meeting

August 1, 2017

Meeting called to order Gary Fisher at 6:30 p.m.

Members present:

- Gary Fisher – President
- Bob Petrenic - Vice President / Treasurer
- George Gilliam – Secretary / Membership Director
- Safety Director

Members not present:

- Charles Esh – Newsletter Editor

Business:

Approval of Minutes

- Motion: Approved Minutes of the July 3, 2017 Board meeting
- Vote: 3 for, 0 opposed
- Resolved: Minutes of the Board meeting on July 3, 2017 approved without modification.

Bob Petrenic - Reported the July 2017 Financial report.

George Gilliam - Reported the July 2017 Membership report. Total membership for the month of July 2017 is 90 members.

Bob Petrenic – Reported officers of GAMA must provide personnel information to be provided or updated with the State of TEXAS Comptroller's office.

The EC Board accepted the resignation of Randy Kendzior (Safety Coordinator) effective July 31, 2017.

- Motion: Gary Fisher – President Proposed the appointment of Richard Paul to fill the remaining term of the Safety Coordinator
- Vote: 3 for, 0 opposed
- Resolved: Motion carried.

A discussion was held on an Inventory of all GAMA owned property and where located.

A discussion was held on the 2018 Swap Meet. Due to the lack of help at the 2017 Swap Meet, the 2018 Swap Meet will be brought up for discussion at the next General Membership meeting.

Richard Paul – Lead a discussion for the Field Chairman to look at installing a game camera and propose a flying field Safety rule. Proposed “No flying while field maintenance is being performed”.
The Board will consider along with a review of all Safety Flying rules.

The board discussed security concerns at the GAMA flying field. A new lock was purchased for the lawn mower shed.

Insurance quotation for the GAMA field equipment was continued to the next Board meeting.

**Meeting adjourned at 7:48p.m. By Gary Fisher
George Gilliam - Secretary**



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Georgetown Aero Modelers Association Inc. General Meeting

August 8, 2017

Meeting called to order by Gary Fisher at 7:01 p.m.

Member Officers present: Members present: 26

Gary Fisher – President
Bob Petrenic - Vice President / Treasurer
George Gilliam – Secretary / Membership Director

Officers not present:

Charles Esh – Newsletter Editor
Richard Paul – Safety Coordinator

Guest – None

Approval of Minutes

- Motion: Approve Minutes from the July 11, 2017 General meeting
- Vote: Motion carried
- Resolved: Minutes from the meeting on July 11, 2017 approved without change.

Business:

Bob Petrenic, Treasurer - Reported the July Financial report, only income was \$50.00 dues Account Balance was \$21698.68 for the end of July.

- Motion: Approve the July Financial report. Seconded by Rene Grebe
- Vote: Motion carried
- Resolved: Treasurer's report approved.

George Gilliam, Membership Director - Reported the Membership report

- Total Membership is 90 Members
- Mike Hunter lead a discussion on the National Model Aviation Day celebration event. Mike stated he was notified by the Williamson County and Cities Health District that GAMA would have to obtain a temporary permit to sell food at the event. The permit would cost GAMA \$50.00.
- Mike said GAMA would not sell food.
- Mike Hunter asked membership for volunteers to help set up canopies and take down canopies. The time for the event will be from 10:00am to 3:00pm. This is a sanction event and all pilots will need a current AMA card. The charity supported this year is the AMA Foundation. Mike Hunter said he notified area R/C clubs, Boy and Girl Scouts in the area, Hobby Town hobby shop, and posted notices at the Georgetown library. The membership thanked Mike Hunter for the effort he put forth for this event.
- Mike Hunter and Richard Rays worked on inventory of GAMA equipment a revised form has been developed.
- The 2018 Swap meet was discussed and is in doubt whether it would be held due to legal problems the club has experienced this year.
- A motion was called for by Carl Bogart and seconded by John Price
- Motion: Direct the Executive Board to hire a Civil Attorney to handle the current legal problems that GAMA is in.
- Vote: 24 Yes, 1 Opposed, 1 Abstained
- Resolved: Motion carried
- Members asked, if the power installation was complete. Gary Fisher, President - said the power installation would not be complete for the up coming event
- due to on going problems the club had to deal with. A discussion was held on location of a new flying field. There was a committee appointed to search
- for a flying field. A suggestion was made to re-establish the committee to start a new search.
- Paul Clark will take the lead and get with a landowner he knows in the Jarrell area. It was also noted the land that the existing flying field is occupying will have to be return to it's original state. This would be a major cost.
- Bob Petrenic said Brett Lester is the manager of land where GAMA's existing flying field is located.
- Bob Petrenic and Paul Clark will schedule a meeting with the land manager.

SHOW and TELL

NONE

Edgar Blackledge – Directed the meeting raffle

Moved that the Meeting be adjourned, and this was agreed upon at 8:16 pm.

George Gilliam Secretary



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Picture of the Month



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Europa and Jupiter from Voyager 1

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