

Creswell RC Flyers

14OCT25

Meeting Minutes

David called the meeting to order at 5 p.m.

We did not have any visitors/prospective new members.

David read and reviewed Tim's minutes of August meeting/BBQ, which were accepted and approved.

Bill Schneider presented the treasure's report: after expenditures of \$53.98 for ammonium nitrate and \$56.34 for electricity our bank balance as of the end of September is \$5,504.34. The budget as read was approved.

Old business:

Field maintenance for winter: Bill Schneider will winterize the irrigation pump and we will need to further assess the gopher situation (see "New Business). No one could think of anything else.

New meeting site seems to be acceptable. Mike is currently being treated for a detached retina and will be unable to attend our meetings because of his inability to drive in the dark. He is hopeful we can find a meeting site closer to or in Creswell.

Our annual Christmas Dinner is scheduled 09DEC25 at Lani Moku Grill (5547 Main St. in Thurston area) and is slated to begin at 5 p.m. (website: <https://www.lanimokugrill.com/>). It was decided that everyone would order pay for their own meal(s), spouses/significant others are invited and we will also have our usual White Elephant gift exchange.

Reminder: Annual club dues are due before the end of the year.

New business:

Gopher situation at the flying field: Did ammonium nitrate help/fix our infestation or do we need to do further work (poison and/or gassing)? If this treatment did not help/rectify the situation, their tunnels will need to be dug up and treated with a blowtorch to ignite sulphur that has been placed in the tunnels or use an appropriate poison. If we need further work, it will need to be done as a club. Due fog and low clouds this past Saturday (18th of October) morning I elected to not drive all the way the field as I had previous plans with my wife for the afternoon (i.e. did not have time to see if the weather improved). Therefore, I do not know the current status of the gopher situation. Has anyone assessed the gopher situation at the flying field?

Election of officers for 2026: Nominations for all positions will need to be presented at our November meeting with an election to be held during the December meeting. Please come to the 11NOV25 meeting prepared with nominations and/or volunteering for a stated position.

Ideas for meeting “show and tell”? No one offered any suggestions. We will revisit this at our next meeting. Unless someone has a specific need or wants help, we may just drop this and replace it with flying in the gym.

New members? Suggestions on how we can add a few new, but good members were discussed. Several members indicated, that if needed, they would be okay with paying higher annual dues vs adding to our membership roster. We discussed the need for attracting young people and new members to our hobby. It was suggested that we could offer a “trial membership” lasting 1-3 months to see if RC flying was a “fit” for their lifestyle. We also discussed the idea of having an “open house” at the flying field for prospective new members. This would be advertised on social media and locations like our Swap Meet and Eugene Toy & Hobby. The idea would be to have a trainer plane with buddy box so visitors could fly an RC airplane. This will be added to “old business” to further explore and work out before the 2026 spring/summer flying season.

The meeting was adjourned for flying in the gym at 5:55.

Several club members brought “flying machines” and flew them in the gym. They included a small RC airplane, helicopters and a drone (Bill Hand emailed out an Amazon website where a drone like his could be purchased).