

2009 SPARKS Event Calendar

January 6th	General Membership Meeting
January 13th	Board Meeting 7:00pm at Embassy Limos
January 24th	Spot Landing Contest

SPARKS Board Meeting Minutes December 9, 2009

The new Officers (5) and Board members (4) attended this meeting, held in a new location (the office for Embassy Limousine, at 9525 66th St. N., Pinellas Park) kindly made available by a new Board member, Doug Chancey.

Meeting called to order at 7:04 PM.

The President initiated discussions about the following topics:

- Runway re-sealing. Member opinions were split between having a professional company do the job and doing it ourselves (approximately \$1,000 for material cost of a single application). In addition to a previous bid by Ulrich's Roofing and Paving, it was requested that new estimates be obtained before making a decision. Also, it was asked to clarify what exactly is covered by the guarantee in these estimates and to specify a less sticky sealer material than currently in place. Consideration should be given to approaching AMA about a monetary contribution to the Club's runway improvements (both extension and re-sealing);
- A \$300 cash donation, to be made directly to Toys for Tots this year. It was recommended that a mention to this donation be made in the official annual report of Club operations to the County (which is part of the lease agreement).

Additional general discussions were focused on:

- Proposal to add to the Club by-laws specific rules to fill officer vacancies during the year, to avoid situations occurred during the last few administrations, which had to operate short of officers after their early withdrawal;
- Establishing plans (dates, types) for Events during the year. Consider Heli, Fun-fly, Combat, Warbird meets. Ask general membership (possibly via e-mail) for input on desired events. Set up committees to help the Vice President with event planning. Consider also educational events, such as show-and-tell or clinics, on areas of general interest, e.g. computer radio programming, aircraft flight trimming techniques, flight skill improvement, etc.;
- Flying out of bounds (e.g. over the ramp on Highway 275). Some members continue doing so, in spite of reprimands by the Safety Officer. Two verbal warnings, followed by a written notification will result in 30-day suspensions.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

NOTES

\$300 Donated To Toys For Tots

Sam Ackley and Jerry Thornton attended a Toys for Tots rally at Biff Burger to hand over a check from Sparks for \$300. The club received a good round of applause from the patrons.

Improving Landings

If you have trouble slowing your plane on landing, see Ken at the field and ask about "trim speed" and how it affects landing airplanes.

NOTICE:

THE FIELD WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL FLYING DURING FIELD MAINTENANCE AND MOWING.

Thanks Bob

The best performance your plane will ever have will be between "Oh damn" and splat, and will be talked about for weeks.

Visit our club Web site at www.sparksrc.org

Support your local R/C Hobby Shops

Archie's Hobbies & Helis, 4200 62nd Avenue North 526-0394

Charlie's Discount Hobbies, 7530 W. Waters Ave. 882-4007

Phil's Hobby Shop 6050 Park Blvd. 545-1251

January Meeting Events

If you have trouble setting up your computer transmitter to use all the special functions that can make it easier to fly your favorite plane, bring it to January's Meeting for expert instruction. We will have a **Transmitter Seminar** after the meeting with members familiar with all brands.

Sealing the Runway

We will have discussions and present bids for sealing the runway. Something should be done to preserve the club's \$20,000 investment.

Show and Tell

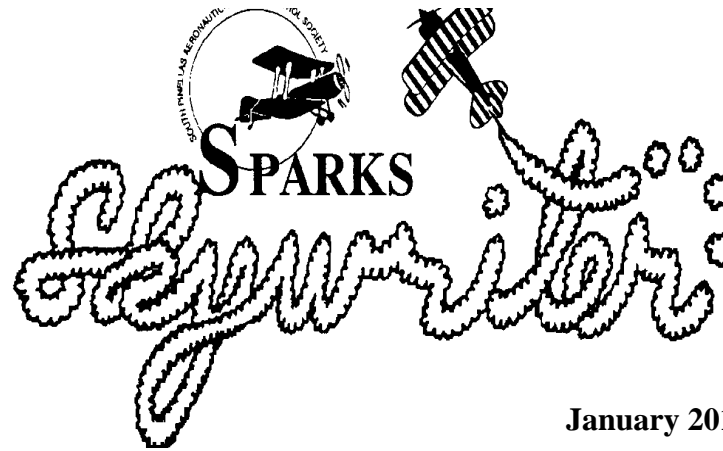
The Board would like to have volunteers do a Show and Tell. You will be rewarded.

Fourth Sunday Fun Events

Starting Sunday January 24th we are going to start a 1 hour competition on the 4th Sunday of the Month. January's event will be a spot landing contest with prizes for the winners. Starts at noon for airplanes, and we'll see how it goes. Heli's up at around 12:30. If this goes well, we may do an event every month.

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January 2010

The Sparks Board Wishes You A
Very Merry Christmas



Next General Membership Meeting

Wednesday, January 6th, 7:00 pm @ at the Pinellas
Park Library 7770 52d St North, P.P – beside the P.P.
Post Office

Minutes of SPARKS December 2, 2009 Meeting

The 2010 Elections took place, with 40 members (including the Officers) voting and attending the meeting, which was held while the votes were counted.

Meeting called to order at 7:06 PM.

November General Meeting minutes were read.
Treasurer reported the Club started the period with a cash position of \$9,346.90, had \$3,352.78 income and \$826.11 expenses and closed with \$11,873.57 cash on hand.
Both minutes and Treasurer report were approved.

Vice President noted that a copy of the Palm Beach Radio Control Association Rules were available and could possibly be used as a guide for improvement of SPARKS

2010 SPARKS OFFICERS

President	Jerry Thornton
Vice President	Steve Laymon
Secretary	Giovanni Recchia
Treasurer	Bob Shadroui
Safety Officer	Tom Elder

by-laws in the future.

Unfinished Business: nothing to report.

New Business: the topic of resealing the field runway was discussed.

A preliminary estimate by the Treasurer for the material-only cost of a single coat of sealer is \$1,000. A written estimate by the Ulrich's Roofing and Paving Company was also obtained, for \$3,150.00, which includes the application (material and labor) of 2 coats of premium-grade sealer to the runway and all walkways/pits areas and a 5 year guarantee (seal is likely to last at least 7-8 years, given the light use by the Club activities).

The Treasurer indicated this work could be paid out of the normal Club budget, as outlined by a proposed 2010 Budget, presented for the first time.

It was asked by Members that the Club obtain additional estimates, before proceeding with a decision.

Sparks is donating a check for \$300 to Toys for Tots.
Art Lavalley announced the Sparkets is donating \$800 to the Channel 10 ToyBox.

. The newly elected Officers and Board Members are:

- President: Jerry Thornton
- Vice President: Steve Laymon
- Treasurer: Bob Shadroui
- Secretary: Giovanni Recchia
- Safety Officer: Tom Elder
- Board members: Ken Elder, Ernie Gatlin, Doug Chauncy, Hunter McGaughey.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.