

Hangar Talk

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NEXT MEETING
Nov. 21st, 7:30

From the Prez'
Club President Bob Kleis



“Hi Guys”

Well, the holidays are near and we have had a great fall flying season. Lots of good flying weather. I won't be at the next meeting; I am traveling to my new Grandson's house for the holidays.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The election is going to be held at the next meeting. Nominations were made at the last meeting. If you have someone else you think should hold office, I suppose you could do a write in vote.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

We have been trying to find a place for the party, like a restaurant or something but so far no luck. Maybe we could just have it at the Maples but have it in early December, before the holidays. If you have any ideas, bring them up at the meeting.

JOHNSON COUNTY PARK

I am enclosing an article from the Daily Journal regarding the park for those that were not at the last meeting where we read the article.

County approves budget that meets expected revenue

Park department facing further trims by Anneth Goeller.

After losing five employees, the county park department is going to have to look for other ways to make cuts.

Park department officials said the county has made their job nearly impossible with the financial cuts they have required. The department runs the 600 acre Park near Camp Atterbury and the 13.5 acre Independence Park in White River Township. Five department employees took the county's early retirement

incentive, cutting 12 percent or \$81,000 from the 2012 budget. County council members required the department to cut another \$60,000, making the total reduction 21 percent from last year's budget. Park officials said they don't know where else they can make cuts and they believe the council wants to **force the park to close**. "I don't know where else they can make cuts, and I believe the council wants to force Johnson County Park to close.

"I don't know what we're going to do. If you want to put a padlock on it, since that seems to be what you want, it still won't solve the problem," said James Kirkham, who has served on the park board since 1988. Council members said they were trying to prioritize spending because of tight funding. The park gets nearly \$800,000 per year in funding from the general fund, or the main spending account, and fees and revenues they collect, council member Josh McCarty said. **He would rather see the county spend money to keep sheriff's deputies or correctional officers in the jail, McCarty said.** The cuts could prompt changes at the parks, including bringing in more money from events, sponsorships and possibly alcohol sales to pay expenses, council member Beth Boyce said. "Maybe this is a step in the right direction and forcing the issue" she said.

But other council members disagreed, saying the department already had exceeded the 9 percent cuts the council had asked all county offices to do. Council member Ron West said he believed the county council **had an ulterior motive of closing the park**. "They have already made cuts, and we haven't asked anyone else to do this." West said. Council member Brian Walker said the county already had met its goal for overall spending cuts without the additional \$60,000 reduction from the parks department. "We're not lying off deputies and correctional officers at the jail. It would be different if we were".

Walker said. Council members approved the cuts 5-2, with West and Walker voting against the measure. Where the cuts will come from isn't known. Park board member Bob Swinehamer said the park board already had met and voted not to change the budget from what already had been cut. "When you just keep cutting and cutting and cutting, we can't maintain it," Swinehamer said. "We've already cut all we can."

I talked to Bob Swinehamer with the park board about this article. He is so dismayed he plans to resign at the end of the year. He told me that sending a petition probably wouldn't work as the groups that use the horse park tried an e-mail campaign and it only made the council mad. If anyone has any ideas on this subject, please let us know at the meeting.

NEW OUTER DOOR It is my understanding that there is a new door and lock on the club house. I am not sure who helped but I imagine Wilson and Denny had a hand.

Thanks to all who helped.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Your President
Bob Kleis, Jr

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Meeting Minutes

October 17, 2011

Meeting called to order at 7:30

Minutes – read and accepted

Treasurer's report – read and accepted

OLD BUSINESS

- 1) Set possible dates for the Christmas dinner of December 10th or 17th both are Saturdays. Still investigating potential sites for this.
- 2) There was an article in the October 14th Courier Journal stating that the Johnson County Park is on the skids and in serious financial trouble. Bob stated that the club should do something pro-active to help the park stay open. A petition signing effort was suggested.

NEW BUSINESS

1. This is the election year for the club officers next 2 year terms and nominations were made at the meeting
2. Nominations were taken for the elected officers
 - a. President --- Bob Kleis
 - b. Vice President --- Wilson Low
 - c. Secretary / Treasurer --- Denny Runge
 - d. Safety Officer ---- Tim Dearth
3. Tim Dearth raised the issue of storing personal items in the frequency shelter. This is becoming a problem since there are quite a few items and space is limited. He suggested we add some clear rules on the use of this building and make it more secure and volunteered to draft a proposal.
4. Steve Wright made a motion that a more substantial door be put in place of the current storm door on the frequency shelter. Tim Dearth seconded this motion, and it was passed.

5. The idea of expanding the shelter to add on a concession area was discussed and judged to be a good idea since the kitchen during the Heartnut Fly-in was so successful. More discussion to follow and a plan needs to be developed.

SHOW & TELL –

None

MEETING ADJOURNED

8:41 pm

The English language has some wonderfully anthropomorphic collective nouns for the various groups of animals.

We are all familiar with herd of cows, a Flock of chickens, a School of fish and a Gaggle of geese.

However, less widely known is:

A Pride of lions, a Murder of crows, an Exaltation of doves and, presumably because they look so wise: a Parliament of owls.

Now consider a group of Baboons.

They are the loudest, most dangerous, most obnoxious, most viciously aggressive and least intelligent of all primates.

And what is the proper collective noun for a group of baboons?

Believe it or not... a Congress!

A CONGRESS OF BABOONS!

I guess that pretty much explains the things that come out of Washington!



From the Editor
Dennis Runge

Hi Everybody,

Well Guys, it's that time of year again. AMA dues and club dues are due the first of January. Remember, you need AMA to fly at most fields in the area, and our field at any of our events.

There is a new door on the frequency shed with a keyed dead-bolt lock. You have to pay your 2012 club dues in order to be able to get a key. There have been new walls put up on frequency shed on the north and south sides extending east to cut down on cold wind blowing across picnic tables this winter. The east end is still open to the pit area and runway.

Tim has the frequency board to repaint and repair it. So if you're flying on 72mh make sure no one else is there flying on your channel.

The park has shut the water off to the restrooms so they are closed until next spring. If you do need a restroom, and can't use a tree ☺☺☺, the new shower house by the camp grounds has restrooms in them.

Remember, every club member is a "field marshal". If you see someone flying in an unsafe manner or doing anything that doesn't follow field rules bring it to their attention, IN A NICE WAY, or tell a club officer.

Let's not forget: the last member to leave the field has to make sure the restrooms and frequency shed are locked and secure.

For those of you that didn't know Bob Bills went into St. Francis Hospital last week in pretty bad shape. He has since greatly improved, is out off the ICU and should be starting rehab the 14th.

Enough said. See you at field. HAPPY FLYING.

Denny

Next Meeting:

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or at Parks Office



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