

## March 2006 DEAF Meeting Minutes

This month's meeting was held March 16th at the Samuell Grand Recreation Center in Dallas. There were 10 in attendance, including visitors Ted Schroeder and another gentleman whose name we didn't catch. Ralph Snow reported \$4324.16 in the club treasury as of March 15th.

Chris Vanderbilt announced that the DEAF-20 Fly-In will not be held on the first week end of October as is usual because a sanction had already been granted to the Greater Southwest club for a scale contest that week end. Our event will be held on the previous week end, September 23/24. Ralph agreed to check with the Lancaster Recreation Center to see if we can use their gym for indoor flying on the afternoon or evening of Friday, the 22nd.

There was some discussion about sponsors for DEAF-20. Frank Korman said that if members will send him suggestions as to possible sponsors he will undertake to approach them for contributions of items to raffle off. Jim Bourke was mentioned as a possible source of a Real Flight simulation program.

It was agreed that the club will accept the Skyblazer club's invitation to fly with them on May 21st, which is a Sunday. There is a link to the Skyblazer website, which contains a map to the field, on the DEAF website. The field is east of Midlothian.

There was some discussion about the size of the club treasury. Ralph stated that the amount in the treasury has been pretty constant at \$4300-\$4400 for several years, indicating that the amount of dues being collected almost exactly offsets the expenses. Ralph suggested that the size of the treasury could be reduced by declaring a one year moratorium on dues, in other words extending each member's membership by 12 months. After further discussion it was agreed that instead of reducing the treasury in that way it would be better to spend some of the club's money on things like name tags for the members to wear at meetings and events and for pins to give to the DEAF-20 participants. Greg Judy agreed to work up some designs for name tags and pins and obtain cost figures.

Greg distributed the recruiting flyers that he had prepared to the members in attendance for distribution to local hobby shops.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Ralph Snow, Secretary/Treasurer