

Hardin County Radio Control Modellers conducted a club meeting on Wednesday 15 January 2025.

This was the first meeting of the new year in 2025.

The meeting started at 7.04 p.m. Members present were Al Oertle, George Watts, H. Morgan, Nathaniel Morgan, John Talley, John Suarez, Kevin Cartwright and Bill Rademacher.

First order of business was George Watts thanking all members who participated in the Numb Thumbs, those that were involved in preparation and those that actually came to the event. A special shout out to H. Morgan for bringing his chicken noodle soup and chili and thanks to everyone else who brought food. It was a great event. We got some good flying in and no one got frostbite.

Membership report. Bill Ratamaker said there were 24 paid members and two members still to pay. Total of 26 registered members for the club so far for 2025.

2025 Elections. After small discussion and voting, all club officers remained the same for 2025 as they were in 2024.

If anyone wants to take over the secretarial role from Bill Rademacher, feel free to speak up and get a hold of Bill or George Watts.

Old Business, One item was that several modelers have been leaving trash out at the airfield. We respectfully request that everyone take their trash out as they leave to help keep the place beautiful.

The Bathroom. The club leadership is going to take a look at some other arrangement for a permanent bathroom at the field. The current bathroom, which is right behind the pits is getting a little funky and unserviceable.

Lost batteries. If you crash and you lose a battery, actually one of the larger four or six cell batteries out there, you need to make concerted effort or get people to help you search for and find that battery. We do not want any county equipment grinding up a battery and have it catch on fire. It just cause a mess and a publicity fail for the club. We appreciate your help in this.

New Business. Leadership will schedule a field maintenance day. We will look for some good weather so that we can schedule a day to tidy up the place. We will consider anything that needs to be repaired like benches, etc.

Field Access. The lock on the gate will change February 1st. If you are a paid up member, you will get the combination. If you are not paid up, you will not get the combination until you pay.

Overall, 2024 was a pretty good year as far as maintaining the lock on the gate and solving lock issues. For 2025, if you encounter any lock issues that are or you have any questions while you're at the field, call George Watts first and then call Bill Rademacher for a resolution.

Future events. We will be coming out with a schedule for the club. One item we already know that's going to happen is the glider event from the Glider Club in Louisville. They will use our field May 3rd and 4th. A reminder that our field will be closed to our flyers during that time. Feel free to come up and watch the other club as they compete with their gliders, but there will be no flying from our members.

Our next club event is a potluck, which will be scheduled for some time in March. We will have another club meeting in February.

Any questions about these notes or anything that we got wrong, feel free to reach out to Bill Rademacher for corrections. Thanks to everybody who participated and I hope everyone in the club is getting their building on and getting ready for those first beautiful days probably around March.