



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 1<sup>st</sup> – Field Maintenance Day (Club Field)
- May 5<sup>th</sup> – Club Meeting (Club Field)
- May 14<sup>th</sup> – MTRCCA Spring Fellowship Fly-In (VSMA Field, Cedar Hill)
- May 21<sup>st</sup> – MPRCF Electric Jet Fly-In and Open Night Fly (Club Field)

See [www.mprcf.com](http://www.mprcf.com)'s calendar page for more information.

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## April Meeting Minutes

The April Meeting was held at Legends Steakhouse on Thursday, April 7<sup>th</sup>. The meeting was called to order at 7:03pm by Vice-President Mike Dunphy. There were 11 members and 4 Board Members present. The March Minutes and Treasurer's Report were read by Dan Wandell. Both were accepted.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Swap Meet: Myron Noyce gave a report on the March 19<sup>th</sup> Swap Meet. The Swap Meet was very successful with all tables being sold and with good gate receipts and concession sales. Thanks went out to everyone who volunteered, especially Matt McKnight who was able to secure the Armory at a greatly reduced fee and Myron Noyce who took on additional responsibilities after Jim Powers fell ill.

2. Flag Pole: James Ridley said he was intending to purchase the flag pole and install it on Monday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, weather permitting.
3. MTRCCA Spring Fellowship Fly-In: Jim Palmer advised that this year's Fly-In is being held at the Cane Ridge Field in Antioch on Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>. There is no requirement for MPRCF members to work the event. As a reminder, this event is restricted to member clubs of the MTRCCA only.
4. Electric Jet Fly-In and Night Fly: Dan Wandell briefed the members on the Fly-In. This year's event will be held on Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup>. The first half (9am-4pm) is for electric powered jet type aircraft. The second half (4pm-10pm) is open to any aircraft type (jet/sport/giant scale, etc) and any propulsion type (electric/gas/glow). Volunteers will be solicited as we near the event.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Field Maintenance: It was agreed that this year's Field Maintenance Day would be scheduled for Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup>. All club members are encouraged to come out and help.
2. Meeting Location: It was agreed that the membership meetings would be held at the club field starting with the May 5<sup>th</sup> meeting.
3. Tables: Myron Noyce advised the membership that there were 5', 6', and 8' folding tables available from a source for only \$20 each if the club was interested. It was pointed out that we could have sold more tables at the Swap Meet if more tables beyond that available at the armory were available. The members agreed to authorize up to \$240 for the purchase of 6' or larger tables.
4. Family Hobbies: Mike Dunphy noted that Family Hobbies is now open at the former PAC R/C store location.

Show and Tell: Cyril Weinberger brought in an engine nacelle template that he constructed for a 16' wingspan B-52. The template will be used to construct a fiberglass nacelle for the plane.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12pm.

#### **March Meeting Minutes (included here since no March Newsletter was published)**

The March Meeting was held at Legends Steakhouse on Thursday, March 10<sup>th</sup>. The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by President Jim Powers. There were 14 members present. The February Minutes and Treasurer's Report were read by Jim Powers. Both were accepted as read.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Swap Meet: The status of the March 19<sup>th</sup> Swap Meet was discussed. Everything seems to be on track.
2. Flag Pole: James Ridley has located a 20' retractable type flag pole that he will purchase and install. The members agreed that it should be installed along the fence line north of the club building.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Field Maintenance: James Ridley volunteered to look into finding out the cost of getting some gravel for the road.
2. New Signs: James Ridley secured and installed signs at the gate and on the club building directing anyone interested in learning more about the club to our website. Thanks James!

The meeting was adjourned at 7:57pm.

## **President Powers' Pronouncements**

Hello everyone and thanks for all the good wishes and prayers over the last several weeks. I'm still sick and cannot do very much but I'm slowly getting better and I hope to be back up and running in the next few weeks.

Ok, enough about me. From what I understand, I haven't really missed any good flying days due to the wind. Well, that will change soon and the wind should let up in May. Then we will see some of the best flying weather of the year. With the help of Mike Dunphy and Greg Doe my Red Bull is ready to fly again. It suffered some damage after a mid-air with a plane Jim Palmer was flying last year. I can't wait to get it back in the air and see it flying again.

I have been impressed with some of our newer members and the progress they've made with their flying. One person that has really made progress and has that go-get-um attitude is Mike Avery. Mike is a perfect example of what it takes to succeed in this hobby. So Mike, keep up the good work. Another couple of guys that impress me are Steve Petty and Robert Bell. I love seeing them entertain everyone when they fly their Strikers. I could go on and on but the bottom line is we have a great time at the field whether we're flying, watching, or just sitting around shooting the bull.

The MTRCCA Fellowship Fly-in at Cane Ridge this Saturday, April 23, has been cancelled because of the weather forecast. It has been rescheduled for Saturday, May 14, at VSMA's field at Cedar Hill.

We have our field maintenance scheduled for Sunday, May 1. If you can come out and help it would be greatly appreciated. We'll be serving breakfast to everyone that comes out to help. Hope to see you there.

On Saturday, May 21, we will hold our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Electric Jet Fly-In and Open Night Fly. If you have an electric ducted fan or prop driven "jet" type airplane, come on out and have some fun. If you don't, then come out after 4:00pm for the "anything that flies" fly-in that goes until well after dark. See the MPRCF website for the flyer.

During this past month Family Hobbies hobby store opened at the former location of PAC R/C Hobbies in Smyrna. They are stocking a good variety of parts and kits for R/C airplanes, helicopters, and cars/trucks. They are also stocking fuel, balsawood, props, engines and radio accessories. Stop by sometime and check them out. Further on in the Newsletter we have copies of their business cards.

One last thing, our monthly meetings will be held at the field starting in May. We are again planning to have hamburgers and hot dogs at the meetings held at the field.


That's going to do it for this month. I wish everyone well and I will see you at the field.

Jim Powers  
President MPRCF

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