



UPCOMING EVENTS

- March 10th (**NOTE DATE CHANGE**)– Membership Meeting (Legends Steakhouse, Smyrna)
- March 19th – MPRCF Swap Meet (National Guard Armory, Murfreesboro)
- April 23rd – MTRCCA Spring Fellowship Fly-In (Cane Ridge Field, Antioch)
- May 21st – MPRCF Electric Jet Fly-In and Open Night Fly (Club Field)

See www.mprcf.com's calendar page for more information.

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February Meeting Minutes

The February Meeting was held at Legends Steakhouse on Thursday, February 3rd. The meeting was called to order at 7:06pm by President Jim Powers. There were 14 members present. The January Minutes were read by Mike Dunphy and the Treasurer's Report was read by Dan Wandell. Both were accepted as read.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Swap Meet: Myron Noyce reported that as of February 3, 2011, the club had 23 tables sold for the Swap Meet. Jim Powers gave the members an explanation of a problem that was encountered this year in renting the armory. Jim was told that even though we were a not-for-profit organization, we did not qualify as a charitable organization and would therefore be required to pay a \$500 fee, plus the minders fee to rent the hall. It was

mentioned that Matt McKnight was checking to see if he could get the fee reduced. Regardless of what the fee ends up being, the Swap Meet is still going to be held.

Jim also reported that the armory was short on tables this year and that we might need to rent some tables. Scott Patton said that he might be able to get some tables for free. Scott will let Jim know as soon as possible about the tables.

2. Wind Sock: L.A. Johnston donated a new wind sock to the club for the field.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Flag Pole: Myron Noyce and James Ridley brought up the fact that we do not have a flag or pole at the field. Myron and James both felt that the flag should be part of the field and used during events such as fly-ins. Those in attendance thought that this was a good idea. A motion was made and approved to secure a pole and flag. James Ridley will look into getting the pole and flag.
2. Field Maintenance: Jim Powers said that some of the starting tables at the field are in need of repair. He is going to check with George Schmidt from the Tullahoma club on the design of their tables. Jim felt that their table setup was a little better than ours. Table repair might be on the field maintenance day agenda.
3. Instructor Program: Troy Ball discussed the instructor program. This year we will try to have a schedule where at least one instructor is on site one day each weekend to help new pilots. Instructors would rotate one day per month. The instructor's primary job will be to work with entry level pilots. Troy mentioned that when the flying season gets busy, those that can instruct need to help whenever possible.
4. Safety: Troy Ball reminded everyone that we need to be very careful and avoid flying over Jefferson Pike. Troy also mentioned that those who fly off of the grass runway at the south end of the field must let the people that are flying off of the paved runway know that they are going there to fly. To avoid airspace conflict, when flying off of the grass runway we should not cross over the main paved runway. Troy also asked that everyone, regardless of runway being used, announce their take off and landing.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:04pm.

President Powers' Pronouncements

Welcome to 2011. This year promises to bring new challenges for everyone. The FAA will release their proposed regulations for small unmanned aircraft systems this summer. Their notice of proposed rulemaking will likely have some impact on model aviation. The proposed

regulations will likely address things such as how high, how fast, and where a model aircraft may fly. Keep in mind that a proposed rulemaking is just that, a proposal. If there is something in the proposal that we as modelers don't like, we need to make sure our voices are heard during the comment period. The AMA has been working hard to limit any restrictions on radio controlled aircraft but the membership must be aware and prepared to react, if necessary, when the time comes.

The Perry, Georgia swap meet is the first weekend in March (Friday March 4th and Saturday March 5th). As we have done in the past, we are moving the March meeting back one week to Thursday, March 10th, so that the many members who attend this event won't miss the membership meeting.

The MPRCF Swap Meet will be on Saturday, March 19th, and everything is looking good so far. We have about 30 tables rented at this time but we need to rent a lot more. If you have stuff that you would like to sell, call Myron to reserve your tables now. For more information the flyer is on our website at www.mprcf.com. We still need volunteers to help with the Swap Meet. If you are able to help, please contact our event coordinator Jim Palmer at jpal1107@bellsouth.net.

The gate combination has been changed and all members in good standing (membership dues paid and AMA current) have been e-mailed the new combination. At the end of this month any member that hasn't renewed for 2011 will be dropped from the club's e-mail list; so, if you haven't paid yet, try and do so ASAP. If you've paid your dues and your AMA is current, and you haven't received your new card or the e-mail with the new combination, please contact me or Dan Wandell and let us know.

I sent out an e-mail the other day to let everyone know that a new hobby shop will be opening up where PAC R/C Hobbies was. The new owner is getting things together and wants to open the first of March. The new shop will be called Family Hobbies and Mike told me that they will be stocking Cool Power fuel and 30% helicopter fuel. It will be great to have a hobby shop still in our area and I encourage everyone to show their support by shopping there.

At the Association meeting Tuesday night in Nashville, a decision was made to have the Spring Fellowship Fly-In at the Cane Ridge field on April 23rd. This Fly-In will only be open to members of clubs that belong to the Association. There will not be any restriction on the type of aircraft that you can fly. Anything from park flyers to giant scale are welcome. This Fly-In is to give members of the Association a chance to meet and enjoy a day of flying. I hope to see a good turnout from our club.

That's going to do it for this month. Maybe I'll see ya at Perry or at the club meeting on March 10th.

Jim Powers
President, MPRCF