



UPCOMING EVENTS

- October 11th – Membership Meeting – Gondolier Restaurant, 219 NW Broad St., Murfreesboro (former Shoney's) – (Note date and location change) – Membership meeting starts at 7:00, arrive earlier if you want to eat.
- October 27th – MPRCF Open House/Toys-For-Tots Fly-In – MPRCF Field
- Throughout October – Field Maintenance Days as announced
- November 8th – Membership Meeting – Gondolier Restaurant, 219 NW Broad St., Murfreesboro (former Shoney's) – (Note date and location change) – Membership meeting starts at 7:00, arrive earlier if you want to eat.

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

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September Meeting Minutes

The September Minutes were not available in time for publication.

President's Podium

It sure seems like there has been a lot going on lately. With the Fly-Ins and field work, the last month has been a busy one. On September 15th and 16th the Association held its 7th Annual Fall Fly-In at the Tullahoma Airport-Beechcraft Heritage Museum. The weather was great this year and so was the turnout. Our club was the envy of everyone. With 23 of the 56 registered pilots coming from MPRCF, our support was second to none. I also saw several members of our club who came out to watch, but not fly. I want to thank everyone for their support and from the comments I heard we all had a great time. The flying was incredible, a mix of big planes, electrics, turbines, and even helicopters. Some of the best flying I saw was by our members. With so many registered pilots it seemed like every time I looked up there was another MPRCF pilot in the air. Although this was the 7th annual event, this was only the second year at the Tullahoma airport; and last year brought some of the worst weather ever. I'm looking forward to next year and to another great Fly-In.

With the arrival of Fall and the cooler weather it is time to move our monthly meetings back indoors. At the suggestion of members at the last meeting we started looking for a new place to have our indoor meetings. The Gondolier in Murfreesboro on Broad St. was suggested. I spoke with the people there and they said they would be happy to have us use the back room for our meetings. Because of scheduling issues our meetings will be moved to the second Thursday of the month for the rest of this year. Our next meeting will be on Thursday, October 11th at the Gondolier, 219 NW Broad St. Murfreesboro. This is the old Shoney's that we had our meetings at several years ago. The food is great and priced very reasonable. The room is reserved from 6pm and the meeting will start around 7pm.

At the October meeting we will open nominations for Officers for next year. I will appoint someone to take nominations and contact those nominated to see if they will accept, then report back at the November meeting. Nominations will be closed at the end of the November meeting and election results will be given at the December meeting. Everyone is encouraged to think about running for office. Just remember, as Officers you are required to attend monthly meetings, board meetings and support the club at club events and work days.

We have set the date for our Open House/Toys-For-Tots Fly-In for Saturday October 27th. I wish it could have been earlier but there were conflicts with other scheduled events in the area. We want to invite everyone (club members or not) out to see our new field, raise money for the club, and raise money for Toys-For-Tots. It would be great to have a good turnout so let's pray for some good weather.

On a different note, I have received some complaints about the language being used at the field. Remember, this is a family oriented environment and we all need to conduct ourselves accordingly. We all know to watch what we say when there are woman and children present, but we also have many members that don't want to come out to fly and have to listen to foul language. We want to convey a family friendly environment to everyone that comes to the field whether they are a member or guest. Please take this matter seriously, I am.

This past weekend equipment was rented (at no cost to the club) and we got a lot of cleanup work done. We had a great turnout on Saturday and an okay turnout on Sunday. I think the problem was that everyone worked so hard on Saturday that they didn't have anything left for Sunday. We were able to run a water line and set a hydrant close to the area that we congregate in. As soon as possible we will be putting up the building we brought over from the old field and running electricity to it. Things keep moving along and every day the field looks better and better. I want to thank everyone that took the time to come out and help. We did have one interesting thing happen on Saturday, if you saw the picture of Dan Wandell's eye on Facebook you will know that the tree won the fight. Dan was cutting a tree and as he cut through it, it sprang back and hit him in the eye. Lucky for Dan he was wearing safety glasses, which I'm sure protected his eye and face from more severe injury. Dan was a real trooper he not only stuck it out and worked hard the rest of the day, he also managed to eat 5 slices of pizza. I did get an email from Dan that he got checked out by his eye doctor and got a clean bill of health. I would have liked to hear the story he told at work when they saw that eye.

I talked to Family Hobbies and they said they are working to have the indoor flying again this year. Right now they are waiting on confirmation from the church. They will have information posted on their website as soon as they know something. If everything goes as planned, look for the flying to start sometime around the end of October or the first of November.

When I was at the field the other day one of our members lost the signal to his airplane as he was turning on final approach over the trees. The trees won and although he found the plane it was a total loss. Post-crash inspection revealed that the battery was at almost at full charge and all servos were working. I asked him which receiver he was using. He removed it from the plane and told me it was a Spectrum AR-500. I told him that several members have experience the same type of problem with that receiver and that Horizon has replaced a lot of those receivers with new Spectrum 6010 receivers. He told me he had another crash a few weeks earlier and thought the receiver in that plane was an AR-500 also. If anyone is flying with the Spectrum AR-500 receiver I suggest you at least do a range check before each flight. I

understand that if you experience any type of trouble with these receivers that Horizon will have you send it in to be inspected and will replace it if needed. I don't know anyone that has sent one in and not received a new receiver as replacement.

The Associations giant Swap Meet is coming up on November 3rd at the Tennessee State Fairgrounds Exhibitors Building. This is the same location as last year. Because of increased costs, tables are now \$15 each. If you rent a table you will receive a parking pass that allows you to park for free (normally \$10). I guess I will be getting at least one table and free parking. The doors will open at 7am for sellers and 8am for buyers. For more information or to rent tables on line go to www.mtrcca.org.

That is going to wrap it up for this month. I hope to see you at the meeting on the 11th at the Gondolier. Aim High, Fly Low, and don't forget to flare.

Jim Powers
President MPRCF

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