



UPCOMING EVENTS

- September 6th – Membership Meeting - 6:30pm – Coleman Road Field
- September 8th & 9th – Tullahoma Electric Fun Fly – Tullahoma, TN
- September 15th-16th – MTRCCA Fly-In – Tullahoma Regional Airport
- Throughout September – Field Maintenance Days as announced

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August Meeting Minutes

The August meeting was held at the Coleman Road Field on Thursday, August 2nd. The meeting was called to order at 6:31 pm by President Jim Powers. There were 17 members present. The July Minutes and Treasurer's Report were read and accepted.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Landfill Expansion: Allied Waste informed us that they have completed the blasting and will start work on the liner for their new fill site sometime in mid-

September. Allied advised that once they start laying the liner there will be no more flying allowed at the old field and it will be permanently closed.

In the near future we will be holding work days to take down and relocate to our new site the fencing, flight stations, building and any of our other assets located at the old site.

2. New Flying Site: Jim Powers brought the members up to date on the new flying site. The fabric runway has been laid and the areas outside of the runway will be seeded soon. The poles have been set for the electric and we are waiting for the meter to be installed to complete the electric installation.
3. Giant Scale Event: Due to the weather delaying the installation of the fabric runway, the Giant Scale Event scheduled for August 4th was cancelled.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Open House: We plan to hold an Open House and Fun-Fly sometime in September or October at the new field once it is ready. The date was left open at this time.
2. Initiation Fee: A proposal to have an initiation fee for new members was discussed. The members voted not to implement such a fee.
3. Trash, Recycling and Field Cleanliness: Due to the large amount of plastic bottles in our trash, the local waste drop-off center asked that we separate our plastic bottles from other trash. One of the trash cans at the field has been marked "Plastic Only" and all members are asked to separate their trash accordingly.

Members were reminded that according to MPRCF's Safety and Flight Rules, each member is responsible for their own trash removal. This means that any trash, including cigarette butts, must either be placed in the trash cans or taken home with you. We do not want our new field to start looking like a trash dump, especially since we just moved from one. Let's keep our field something to be proud of.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm.

President's Podium

I remember when I was younger and finding time to fly was almost impossible. With work, family, and other responsibilities flying time was almost nonexistent. Somehow I managed to find some time. It's been a blast and I have enjoyed every minute of it. Today I think it is even tougher; a lot of wives work and the man of the house has more responsibilities. With so many things to do I would like to thank everyone that has found time to help with getting the new flying field ready and let those of you that haven't been able to help know that I understand. Your support by remaining a member through these tough times is the most important thing you can do. One day when your workload lets up and you have more time to fly, it will be your turn to pitch in and I hope you will enjoy it as much as I have. This is one of those hobbies that can bring a lot of enjoyment as you get older and have more free time. Every year we get new members that used to fly but haven't had the time and want to get back into it. What I'm trying to say is Thank You to everyone, the new field is open and we couldn't have done it without the support of the entire club. If you haven't been able to come out yet, stop by and check things out. There is still work to be done but we have a place to fly and I think you're going to love it.

Yesterday we went out to the old field and took down the building. I couldn't believe how hard everyone worked and how organized everything was. We had planned to work at the new field but couldn't get the equipment we needed. So at the last minute I was told we needed to get a crew together and start taking down the building. The weather forecast was for a 90% chance of rain on Sunday and when I got up it was wet outside, although it wasn't raining at the time. I texted a couple of guys to tell them that the work was cancelled because of the weather. A few minutes later I got a call from Sebastian, "Jim it ain't raining now so let's get that building down. If it rains we will deal with it." I starting calling everyone I could think of telling them that we were heading out to the landfill to take down the building and we could use their help. A lot of guys showed up. The rain held off and the building is down. We still have some things in the back storage area and I will try and get everything moved to the new field over the next few days. The landfill field is now officially closed. We have been flying there for 18 years and I know a lot of us will miss the old field but it's time to move on and make our new field a home. Let's just be happy that we have somewhere to go.

In this area, as we move into September, we get some of the best flying weather of the year. The Association's Fall Fly-In will be September 15th and 16th at the airport in Tullahoma. This is an open Fly-In so any type of aircraft can be flown, and if you've ever wanted to fly off of a full scale runway this is your chance. As a member of the Association we receive a portion of all money collected at their Fly-Ins

and Swap Meets, so let's do our part in supporting the Association and helping our club at the same time. I will go down on Friday to help with the set up and I will set up our canopies also. If you have the time and can help with the set up on Friday it would be greatly appreciated. The fly-in is Saturday and Sunday. Flying will also be allowed on Friday after the set up is complete.

At our club field (it will no longer be described at the “new” field since we only have one airfield now) we are going to have an Open House Fly-In sometime in October. We are trying to work out a date that doesn't conflict with other area events. We will talk more about this at the September meeting this Thursday. The meeting will be at the field starting at 6:30. We encourage everyone to come early and fly; but flying will be suspended once the meeting starts.

We have had several new members join recently and I think we are over the one hundred mark again this year. I have seen a lot of great flying in the last few weeks as more and more guys are flying at the new field. If you haven't seen the striker guys fly you are missing a great show. Steve Petty and Robert Bell got this thing started and now Steve has turned over the controls to his grandson Tyler, and what a job he does. Steve you had better get yourself another one so you can try and keep up with Tyler. Okay, so now we have Robert Bell, Tyler, Tim DeWitt, and Sebastian. It is almost impossible to watch without laughing your butt off. Now that's not the only show in town, here come the T-28's: Sebastian, Brent Savage, Tim DeWitt, Dan Wandell and heck, I don't know who else. These guys put on a great show last weekend; they had 4 landing at the same time: two in front and two in back, great control and great flying airplanes. I wouldn't be surprised to see the number of T-28's flying in formation grow since more and more members are getting them.

I received an e-mail from Maureen Dunphy telling me that she and Mike still have a large inventory of stuff left over from the hobby shop. She is giving HUGE discounts and would like to get rid of everything by the end of the year. Please don't forget to check with them when you need something, if they have it you can save a ton of money and help out someone that has done so much for this hobby over the years. I have a list of their inventory that I will e-mail it or it will be posted on the club's Facebook page: www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=123327474373735

That's going to do it for this month. The weather is right and the field is open so let's get charged up and go flying. Don't forget the meeting Thursday night, 6:30, at the field.

Jim Powers
President MPRCF