

UPCOMING EVENTS

- June 7th Membership Meeting 6:30pm New Club Field (note time change)
- June 16th MTRCCA Fellowship Fly-In MTRCS Field Cane Ridge Park, Antioch, TN <u>www.mtrcca.org</u>
- July 5th Membership Meeting 6:30pm New Club Field (note time change)

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May Meeting Minutes

The May meeting was held at Legends Steakhouse on Thursday, May 3rd. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by President Jim Powers. There were 26 members present. The April Minutes and Treasurer's Report were read and accepted.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. <u>Landfill Expansion</u>: President Jim Powers updated the members on the construction timeframe for the landfill. Blasting will start near the end of May. During the process of loading and initiating the blast there will be no flying. Also, during the installation of the liner (which will be installed some time after

the blasting and preparation work is complete) there will be no flying at all until the liner installation is complete. Jim Powers will send out an email once Allied has given him their blasting schedule. During the time that we are not allowed to fly, the gate will be double-locked and a sign will be posted. It is very important that no one enter the field during these times.

- 2. <u>Current Flying Site</u>: In a meeting between Allied Waste's representative and Jim Powers and Dan Wandell it was mentioned that Allied would be drilling ground survey holes on our current site to determine the extent of dirt available in that area. Allied needs more dirt for their operations and if our flying site has dirt that can help them they will likely take it. Jim was also asked by the Allied Waste representative about the cancellation clause that is in our lease agreement. The general impression is that it may only be a matter of time before we will need to leave our current site.
- 3. New Flying Site: Jim Powers brought the members up to date on the new flying site. Carl Brogunier purchased 37 acres off of Coleman Road on the southeast side of Murfreesboro and is going to lease the site back to the club. Not all of the lease details have been worked out at this time but once they are, it will be presented to the membership. On Saturday, May 5th, there will be an open house at the new field so that the members can come out and look it over.
- 4. A motion was made and approved by the membership to authorize the spending of up to \$10,000 for improvements to the new field.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. No new business was discussed

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 pm.

May 22, 2012 Special Meeting Minutes

The meeting was held at the new MPRCF field on Tuesday, May 22nd. The meeting was called to order at 6:10 pm by President Jim Powers. There were 22 members present.

BUSINESS DISCUSSED:

- 1. New Field Lease: Treasurer Dan Wandell reported on the proposed lease for the membership's consideration. The lease is based off the same lease agreement that the club has had with Allied Waste with the necessary wording changes that will cover the requirements of both parties. The start date will be June 1, 2012, and will run for an initial term of ten (10) years at a \$250.00 per month rental. We anticipate a rolling five (5) year extension period every five (5) years unless either party cancels the lease. Other terms and conditions were generally consistent with the current Allied Waste lease agreement. There remained some final details yet to be worked out. The first two years (24 months) rent would be paid in advance. The membership agreed with these lease terms and with the advance payment of rent.
- 2. New Field Improvements: President Jim Powers reported on bids that he had received to do the improvement work on the new field. These bids ranged from \$6,000 to \$7,500. Jim advised that Carl Brogunier agreed to do the same improvement work for \$4,000. There will be additional costs that the club will incur later as the project progresses, but the work that Carl does will be the majority of the "heavy" improvements that are needed. The membership agreed to have Carl do the improvements.
- 3. New Field Layout: Steve Petty had a scale drawing of the proposed field layout that he and the Site Development Committee had been working on. The drawing was shown to the members in attendance for their input. The next step will be to stake out the layout and make any changes that might be necessary.
- 4. <u>Landfill Expansion</u>: Jim Powers updated the members on the construction at the landfill. Jim was advised by Allied Waste that our restrictions during the blasting would be less than originally anticipated. Rather than not flying during both the loading and initiating of the blast, there can be no flying only during the initiating of the blast. A blasting company representative will come to the field and ask us to vacate just before they set off the blast; then, the field will be reopened after the blasting is complete. There may only be a half hour to an hour time period when we need to vacate. Jim will advise a more formal procedure once he has had a chance to talk to the blasting company representative.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Prez Says

The following is a reprint of comments that were sent to members on May 9th.

This is the fifth year that I have been president of the Middle Point R/C Flyers club and I hope that I haven't overstayed my welcome. There have been many changes in the last five years and I'm happy to say that most of them have been positive. We ended last year with 114 members in our club, an all time high. Faced with having to find a new flying site because of the expansion at the landfill has been the toughest task to date.

The search for a new field hasn't been easy, and at times I wondered if we would ever find one. But whenever I would feel like giving up I would get a call about another site to check out and I would get excited that this might be the one. Mike Dunphy never let it get him down, he would just keep on looking and knew one day the right site would come along.

When we did find the right place it happened so fast that we were in shock. I'm sure that this site was destined to be our next field; so many things just fell into place that it was almost impossible to believe. We looked at a lot of different sites and I can tell you this is the best of the best.

Now the work begins, and we will need all the help that we can get. We will have to improve the road going to the field, cut down some trees and develop a runway that all planes can fly from. Mike Dunphy is in charge of the Site Development Committee and several members have already signed on to help. This committee will try and figure out the best way to set up the field for our use. The most important thing is to do it right the first time so that we only have to do it once. I am confident that we have the know-how and drive to get the job done right. We will be scheduling work days as soon as possible so that we can get the field ready to fly from as quickly as we can.

Our goal has been to find a new field and have a place to fly without interruption. Our number one priority was to have something that is private so that we don't have to worry about bothering anyone while flying our models. I think we have done just that. I don't know right now how long we can continue to fly at the Allied Waste location but we couldn't just sit around and do nothing. If we woke up one morning and found out that we didn't have a place to fly, that could have very well been the end of this club. I wasn't going to let that happen. There are a lot of people to thank for us getting this site and I know that every one of them was driven by their

love of the hobby. I can't say thank you enough, so let's all get ready to roll up our sleeves...the work is about to begin.

We had an open house at the new field to let members come out and get a look at the site for themselves. From what I heard everyone liked the new field a lot. I know they liked the hamburgers because we went through 60 of them. We really did have a great time; some of the members brought out planes and did a fantastic job of dodging trees. Some of the neighbors stopped by and shared some food and good times with us. Ron Sturgill asks that when at the new field, if you look off to the northeast and see something red, please let him know. Steve Petty was a little disappointed because we hadn't put up a wind sock yet for target practice. The day went very well and I want to thank everyone for stopping by. Chris Chester sent me some pictures that will be posted on our web site soon. If anyone didn't get a chance to see the field and would like to, you can contact me at 479-6385 and I will be happy to go out there with you. Until all of the paperwork is done, members are asked not go out there on their own.

For me this has been a dream come true; I will always be proud knowing that I was, in a small way, responsible for our club finding a place to fly for many years to come. I also want to thank Dan Wandell, without him this wouldn't have happened. He does more for this club than anyone knows. I'm just a person in a position; Dan is the driving force that gets things done. Thanks Dan for everything that you do. Mike Dunphy, your help has been invaluable; Myron, you push me when I get lazy and without your call we wouldn't have known about this site. And last but not least the Doghouse crew: Carl, Bill, Bill 2, Daryl and Eddie. I'm proud to call you all friends. Now let's get that 75% plane flying.

I will let you know about the location of the next membership meeting. Several of the members have asked if we could have it at the new field; I will let you know.

I will continue to keep all members informed about the status of the new field and when we expect to start its development. In the meantime...let's go do some flying. Remember to stay away from Jefferson Pike and remember too that "Safety is No Accident."

Jim Powers
President MPRCF

Now is a great time to join the AMA...Did you hear about our discount?

Attention: if you're thinking about becoming a new member or you have not been a member for the past 5 years you will qualify for a 25% discount off your full open membership April 1st through June 30th. If you are age 19 to 65 the charge with your discount is \$43.50, regularly \$58.00. If you are 65 years of age or older you only pay \$36.00, regularly \$48.00. With the warm weather approaching it's a great time to either start flying or get back into our wonderful hobby of flying, so please take advantage of this offer!

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