



UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 3rd – Membership Meeting (Club Field)
- May 12th – May 19th – Joe Nall Fly-In – Woodruff, SC
- June 7th – Membership Meeting (Club Field)

See 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 5th. The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm by President Jim Powers. There were 16 members present. The March Minutes and Treasurer's Report were read and accepted.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. MPCRF Swap Meet: Myron Noyce gave a report on the March 17th 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. The event was a huge success. Dan Wandell presented a financial report on the event.

2. Association Fly-In: Jim Powers reminded everyone of the upcoming MTRCCA Fly-In scheduled for April 21st at Cane Ridge Park. All members were encouraged to attend. As a reminder, as an Association member MPRCF receives a portion of the net proceeds from this event.
3. Landfill Expansion: Allied Waste has advised that the contract for blasting has been issued and that they expect to start sometime in April. Allied advised that they do not want anyone at the field while they are setting up the charges or during the actual blasting. Jim Powers will send out an email once Allied has given him their blasting schedule. During the time 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.
4. New Flying Site: Jim Powers gave a brief update on the ongoing search for a new flying site. It was stated that we have a few leads but there is nothing firm at this time. All members are encouraged to keep looking and to pass along anything that might have promise.
5. Field Mowing: Bids have been received from both club members and professional lawn cutting services. Based on the bids received, Sebastian Krauss was selected to cut the grass at the field this season.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Field Maintenance Day: A field maintenance day will be held on Saturday, April 28th. We will be doing some general clean up as well as repairs on the flight stations and starting stands. We would like to see as many members as possible attend.
2. Club Trainer Radio: The club purchased a used DX6 transmitter for \$30 to be used for buddy boxing student members. This transmitter will be kept at the field with the other buddy box transmitters.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 pm.

Prez Says

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!

Easy ways to join/renew:

Website at <https://www.modelaircraft.org/joinrenew.aspx> and pay with MasterCard, Visa, or PayPal

Call us at 1-800-435-9262 and pay with MasterCard or Visa

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We are glad to welcome you to the Academy of Model Aeronautics!

This is a great deal and it should help to attract new members to the AMA. Spread the word to any prospective MPRCF members that you might run across.

The weather has been unpredictable lately and as a result the Association's Spring Fellowship Fly-In was postponed last Saturday. I will let you know as soon as a new date is set for this event.

The latest word from Allied Waste is that they will start the blasting to clear the new area sometime in May. On the days that they are scheduled to blast they want the field shut down for the entire day. After the site clearing is complete and they start installing the liner, the field will be completely closed until the liner installation is

complete. I'm not sure how long that will take but it could be as long as two months. They also plan to dig some exploratory holes on our site to see how much dirt is available there that they can use for the landfill at some future time.

We have been looking hard for a new flying site and we have found some promising locations. We are looking at a site right now that could work for us but there are still a couple things that need to be worked out. I will know more by our membership meeting this Thursday, May 3rd. So, keep your fingers crossed that maybe this site is the one.

I never realized how hard it would be to find a flying site; there are so many things to consider. How much area do we need? What is going on in the area surrounding a potential site? Are there houses, animals, traffic or anything else that we could have problems with down the road? What is the zoning? How will the sun, the prevailing winds, or the trees come into play? Lastly, since the club has limited resources, we must look to stay within our means. I have come to one conclusion; there will never be a "prefect" site. One can always find fault with any site but if we can find one that meets 90% of our needs, then to me that would be a "perfect" site.

Some of our members have been very helpful with our search. We have had some very good leads and we even have had members driving out and checking out sites themselves. I can't tell you how much this has helped. I know Mike Dunphy and I have both spent many hours and a lot of gas money driving around and checking out potential sites.

It is important for members to know that when we do move to a new location that the Board is committed to having a field and a runway that will work for everyone regardless of the type of aircraft that they fly. Several members have asked if we will have a blacktop runway. When we moved to our current location it was two years before we put the blacktop runway in. Not only is it a huge expense, but before we jump right in and pave a runway we want to make sure that we make the right decision on the runway placement. Once paved, you lose the flexibility to change things around if needed. It might take a season or so to make certain that we have it exactly right. One of the things being considered for the short-term is a fabric runway. Myron Noyce went to Cookeville's field and talked to them about their fabric runway. He has been checking on where to get the fabric and how much it would cost. A fabric runway could be moved around and the cost is a fraction of what a blacktop runway would cost. The Cookeville runway has been down for almost two years and they told

Myron that it works great for them. Another benefit of the fabric is that when we do put down a blacktop runway, the fabric makes a great base.

Because the search for a new location has taken up so much of our time we decided to postpone the field maintenance day scheduled for Saturday, April 28th. If you're at the field and see trash lying around please pick it up; let's try to keep things as neat as possible. We will reschedule the field maintenance day and we will let you know as soon as a new date is set.

I want to thank everyone for doing their part in not flying over Jefferson Pike. When I talked to Allied Waste I was told that they had not received any more complaints. We do need to continue to stay clear of the road and if you're at the field and see someone fly over the road let them know.

I have seen several new planes at the field lately and the one that really has my attention is Tim DeWitt's new Porter. Tim did a fantastic job of getting this plane ready to fly. It is a big electric; and, to make it sound like the real thing he added a sound system. Unfortunately, there was a broken wire the last time I saw him fly so I'm still looking forward to hearing it. Sebastian Krauss has a few new planes, both electric and gas, and he is flying the heck out of them. If you're on our Facebook page you will see pictures of Stanley's Edge 540 that he has recovered and it is looking great. Come on Stan, I want to see you fly the covering off of it! One plane that the covering won't come off of is Dan Wandell's new 50cc Composite-ARF Extra 300.

There are many things happening at the field so if you haven't been out for a while stop by. Mike Avery is still out there running the bull sessions so even if you're not flying stop by and enjoy some of the wildest stories you've ever heard. Don't get mad Mike, I think you do a great job!

That's going to do it for this month. The meeting will be at the field on May 3rd, we will start cooking around 6pm. This could be a very important meeting so please try and attend. Gear up...no down, land.

Jim Powers
President, MPRCF