



UPCOMING EVENTS

- April 5th – Membership Meeting (Legends Steakhouse)
- April 21st – MTRCCA Spring Fellowship Fly-In – MTRCS Field - Cane Ridge Park, Antioch, TN
- May 3rd – Membership Meeting (Club Field)
- May 12th – May 19th – Joe Nall Fly-In – Woodruff, SC

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

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March Meeting Minutes

The March Meeting was held at Legends Steakhouse on Thursday, March 8th. The meeting was called to order at 7:08 pm by President Jim Powers. There were 14 members present. The February Minutes and Treasurer's Report were read and accepted.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. MPRCF Swap Meet: The Swap Meet will be held at the Murfreesboro National Guard Armory on March 17th. The doors will open at 7:00 am for vendors and at 8:00 am for buyers and will close at 12:00 pm. Myron Noyce gave an update and reported that 70 tables have been sold so far.
2. By-Law Changes: With a quorum of voting members present, the proposed By-Law changes previously distributed to club members were voted on and approved.
3. Landfill Expansion: Allied Waste has not started on the expansion yet but they will keep Jim Powers informed as to what their schedule will be.
4. New Flying Site: Mike Dunphy gave a brief update on the ongoing search for a new flying site. No sites have been found at this point and all members are encouraged to keep looking and to pass on anything that might have promise.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Field Mowing: Mowing of the field was brought up and discussed. The club will obtain bids for the mowing. In the meantime, Sebastian Krauss will mow the field when needed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Prez Says

Well, I guess everyone is like me and enjoying the nice weather. Yard work is in full swing and the trees and flowers are all blooming. And of course the warmer than normal weather is great for those of us that enjoy the hobby of R/C flying. There has been a lot of activity and I'm seeing a lot of new airplanes at the field. With the cost of glow fuel at \$20 or more per gallon a lot of flyers are going electric. And, with the new line of smaller gas engines available today I'm seeing more and more gas powered airplanes. Almost all of the new airplanes are ARF's, almost ready to fly. The good news is that the quality of the pre-built ARF's being

sold today is much better than the ARF's of old. Some say that the ARF's are destroying our hobby but I would disagree. I see a lot of new people getting into this hobby that wouldn't if they had to build their own planes. I have also seen a lot of members that got started with ARF's now building and repairing their own models. We all have to start somewhere and for most, the top quality ARF's are the best and safest choice.

Our annual Swap Meet was held on the 17th of this month and this year's Swap Meet was one of the best I have ever seen. We sold out of our tables about two weeks before the event. We could have sold more if we had more tables and more room. The main reason for the success of this year's meet was the hard work of our members. Myron was the CD of the event and he did a great job of taking reservations and organizing everything. He was getting calls daily, often with special requests on how vendors wanted their tables set up. Somehow he managed to pull everything together and helped us to have a great event. Thanks Myron, job well done! Tim Dewitt is our Event Coordinator and he did a very good job of lining up help for the event. We had our usual crew that always shows up to help set up and tear down tables and clean up. The activity at the door was brisk to say the least but Jim Ridley and James Ridley and his son Garrett stayed there from 7am until 12pm collecting money and selling raffle tickets. The concessions went well with Frank Ventura, Steve Petty, Greg Doe and Tim DeWitt taking charge. Kris Wilkin was the go-for guy; he went to the store twice and got change once. He also managed to sell everything he brought. I also want to thank my wife for taking over for Dan Wandell and organizing the money and keeping things straight. I almost forgot her; where would I be sleeping tonight if I had? As I said earlier, this event turned out very well. Dan will have a full report at our next meeting. The list of people that pitched in to help make this event work is too long for me to mention, you know who you are and we can all take pride in a job well done. Just one more thing, why do these people volunteer their time and energy? I know we all have other things we would rather be doing. It sure isn't the pay because we don't get any. So why? Maybe it's to give something back and to help pave the way for others to enjoy this great hobby. This is what it takes to make a club like ours work, members working together to help make their club the best that it can be. So when I say take pride in saying a job well done I mean every word; without you there wouldn't be an MPRCF and that would be a tragedy.

The last word I got on the expansion at the landfill is that they plan to start blasting around the middle of April. I will let you know as soon as I hear anything else from them. We continue to look for a new flying site and we continue to encourage all members to help in our search. If you know of a possible site please let Mike Dunphy or me know and we will be glad to check it out.

The warm weather gives us a chance to get out and meet new members as well as get together with old members we haven't seen in awhile. On April 21st the Association will hold their annual Spring Fellowship Fly-In at Cane Ridge Park. This Fly-In is for members of the clubs that belong to the Association. The idea is to give members of clubs in the middle TN area a chance to meet and spend a day flying together. This year the Association has decided to allow members to invite guests to the Fly-In so that everyone in the area has a chance to enjoy the event even if their club doesn't belong to the Association. There are no restrictions on the type of aircraft that are allowed to fly. So, grab your favorite aircraft and let's go flying.

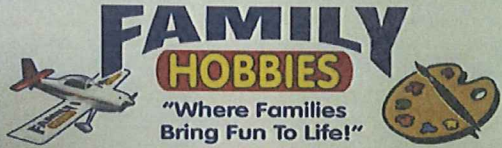
The grass at the field is getting tall and in an attempt to keep maintenance costs as low as possible we have asked anyone who is interested in cutting the grass to submit bids. Last year was the first year that we had to pay to have the grass cut. For years, Doc Caissie volunteered to cut the grass and never asked for anything. Rick Keisler helped Doc the last couple of years, also working for free. The Board had talked about the club buying a mower and asking members to help with the cutting, as some clubs do, but thought paying someone to do the cutting would be a better way to go, at least in the short term. A decision on the mowing will be announced at the April membership meeting.

In this month's Model Aviation, on page 61, there is a review of the Great Planes Mr. Mulligan EP ARF by Stan Alexander. The flying of the plane for the review was done by none other than our own Scott Patton. Scott is a great pilot and it is an honor to be asked to do the flying for a review. The Mr. Mulligan is a great looking airplane and great flying one too; I've seen Tim Lavender flying one at our field.

With the increase in flying activity please remember to stay away from the road on the north end of the field. If you are at the field and see someone flying over the road please let them know. Also, safety is always a concern. As you return to flying this year don't forget to check everything over. If you are bringing out a plane that you haven't flown in awhile it is always a good idea to do a range check. If you are flying a new or repaired plane, the AMA Safety Code requires you to do a range check. Remember too, that everyone is required to put their card on the board even when flying 2.4 radios. Lastly, let's all do our part in keeping the field clean. If you see trash lying around please pick it up. If you smoke, please don't throw your butts on the ground. If you don't smoke, I don't care where you put your butts.

That's going to do it for this month. I hope to see you at the field. The April meeting will be at Legends Steakhouse in Smyrna on April 5th, starting at 6pm. See ya there.

Jim Powers
President, MPRCF

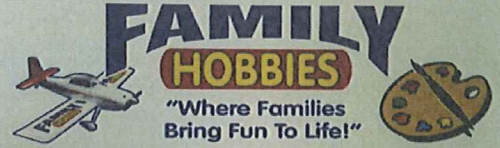


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