



UPCOMING EVENTS

- March 8th – Membership Meeting (Legends Steakhouse)
- March 17th – MPRCF 18th Annual Swap Meet – Murfreesboro, TN
- April 5th – Membership Meeting (To be determined)
- Tuesdays – Indoor Flying 6:30 to 9:30 pm (Highland Heights Church of Christ, Smyrna)

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

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February Meeting Minutes

The February Meeting was held at Legends Steakhouse on Thursday, February 2nd. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Jim Powers. There were 20 members present. The January 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. The doors will close at 12:00 pm. Myron reported that 29 tables have been sold so far. Volunteers are needed to work the event and anyone who can help is asked to contact Tim DeWitt.
2. 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.
3. 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. March Membership Meeting: Jim Powers advised that the March meeting will be pushed out one week because of the Perry, Georgia Swap Meet. The new date is March 8th.
2. By-Law Changes: Dan Wandell presented proposed By-Law changes to the membership, explained the proposed changes, and asked for membership feedback before the proposals are finalized. The proposed changes will be sent to all voting members for their consideration and vote at the March Membership Meeting. Any member who is unable to make the meeting can mail in an absentee ballot.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Prez Says

It seems like time is flying by. This weekend is the huge Swap Meet in Perry, Georgia. Many of our members are going to this Swap Meet so our monthly meeting will be the second Thursday of the month, March 8th, at Legends Steakhouse in Smyrna instead of the first Thursday.

The MPRCF Swap Meet will be held on Saturday, March 17th, at the National Guard Armory in Murfreesboro. Myron called me a couple days ago to tell me that we have sold out of tables for the Swap Meet. This is the first time that I can remember selling out of tables this far in advance. There may be a couple of no shows so if you want a table there may be something available the morning of the Swap Meet. I expect to see a big turnout this year so come early for the best deals. At our meeting on the 8th, we will be going over the Swap Meet and finalizing our list of volunteers. If you can help, please let Tim DeWitt, our Event Coordinator, or any of the officers or board members know.

I am surprised at how mild the weather has been this winter. There haven't been many days that someone hasn't been at the field flying. We are only a short time away from warmer weather so get those building and repair projects finished and get ready to go flying.

I have not heard anything from Allied Waste on the construction of the new hill or on when they plan to start their blasting. They have been digging on the other side of the new fence so I would think it won't be long before they start the next phase. I will pass along any information as soon as I receive it.

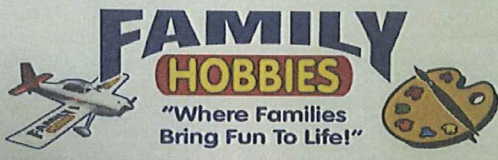
We are continuing the search for a new field. Mike Dunphy is getting leads and checking them out as quickly as he can. With spring just around the corner we are watching for ads for farm land to lease. Again, if anyone knows of any land that might make a good flying field please contact Mike or any club officer so that we can check it out. I will keep you updated on the field search as information becomes available.

It just doesn't seem like February with all the new planes and helicopters I'm seeing at the field. If you follow our Facebook page, you know that Paul Moore is scratch building a new plane from plans. It seems to be coming along great. Tim DeWitt just got a new giant-scale plane that he was going to put a gas engine on but has decided to go electric instead (I know Mike Avery will like that). Brent Savage is doing his thing with a new DLE 20cc engine strapped to the nose of his plane now. Sebastian Krauss has a DLE 20 on one of his planes; he also has a couple new heli's that he is flying the heck out of. Along with Sebastian, Johnny Crowell and his Trex 600 are also tearing up the sky. Every time I'm at the field, I

see Ron Sturgill with a new plane. Robert Bell and Steve Petty have been doing some great flying with their strikers (I think Robert's is a little faster). Robert also has an impressive lineup of gas powered airplanes that he is doing some great flying with. Robert Brown is planning to put the first flight on his new bi-plane this weekend if the weather is good. And let's not forget one of our newest members, Tim Lake. Tim just started flying his new Hanger 9 DH Beaver just a few days ago and he sure loves it. I'm certain that I have forgotten someone but I think you get the picture; there is a lot of activity going on at the field. So, if you haven't been out in awhile, charge up and let's go flying.

That's going to do it for this month. I hope to see everyone at the meeting on the 8th, and at the Swap Meet on the 17th. Fly Hard, Land Soft.

Jim Powers
President, MPRCF



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