



UPCOMING EVENTS

- February 2nd – Membership Meeting (Legends Steakhouse)
- March 1st – Membership Meeting (Legends Steakhouse)
- March 17th – MPRCF 18th Annual Swap Meet – Murfreesboro, TN
- 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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January Meeting Minutes

The January Meeting was held at Legends Steakhouse on Thursday, January 5th. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Jim Powers. There were 24 members present. There were no minutes from the December Holiday Meeting. The December Treasurer's Report was read and accepted. Membership now stands at a record high 114 members.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Landfill Expansion: Jim Powers gave an update on the present flying site and Allied Waste schedule on the expansion plans. Jim was told that the blasting portion of the expansion would start sometime in February and that they could possibly be blasting every day. Allied will be having a meeting on the blasting and will notify Jim as to what the schedule will be. Jim also advised that the gate would be double-locked on those days when flying would be prohibited. An email will be sent out as far in advance as possible to advise when the field will be closed.
2. 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. MPRCF Swap Meet: The 18th Annual MPRCF Swap Meet will be 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. A DX8 radio has been purchased as a raffle prize.
2. Safety: A safety observation involving a young child was brought up. It was mentioned that the child was in both the covered and open pit areas tossing a bottle filled with rocks up into the air while around the aircraft and was later tossing a broken giant-scale propeller. At one point, the child was seen on the runway side of the pit fence very close to the edge of the runway while several aircraft were flying. Members are asked to keep an eye on their children, guests, and animals while at the field. Also, everyone is reminded that we are each responsible for safety and if we see something unsafe, we have a responsibility to speak up and/or take action.
3. Membership Cards: Dan Wandell mentioned that if anyone wanted to have a custom membership card, for a donation to the club of \$5.00 he would add a picture on the card for them. An email will be sent out with the specifics.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

President Powers' Pontifications

One of the many concerns today is how to get kids involved in model aviation. The AMA helped to address those concerns by offering free membership to youth and by teaming up with the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) to try and engage more youth in aviation activities. Our club has offered free membership to students, including college students, for some time now. I think we can do a better job of getting the word out to kids that their AMA and MPRCF club membership are free. There are many activities vying for our kids' attention. Therefore, it is incumbent upon all of us to help out a kid by getting them involved. This could be a life changing experience; just ask retired astronaut, AMA Ambassador, and MPRCF member, Hoot Gibson. Teaching a kid to fly and watching as he grows into manhood can be a very rewarding experience.

I am very happy to report that everyone has been doing a great job of not flying over Jefferson Pike. We need to continue to watch and to let our fellow members know if they are getting too close to the road. Thanks to everyone and let's keep up the good work.

The expansion at Allied Waste will continue next month when they start their blasting. As of now, I don't know how the blasting will affect our ability to fly. The good news is that the last time I talked to them they seemed very willing to work with us to allow us to fly when they were not blasting. I will let everyone know as soon as I hear something.

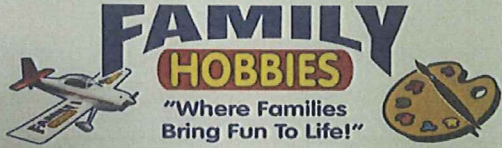
Our search for a new flying site continues and I would like to thank the members for the leads we have been getting. Mike Avery has given Mike Dunphy several good leads. Myron Noyce has driven around and looked at several locations. He has also given us some good leads. We are looking at a site now that we might be able to work out a lease on, but several things have to fall into place for it to work. It's a tough job trying to find a new flying site, but it is one we will accomplish. So hang in there. I realize how important this is to everyone and I will let you know as soon as there is something to report.

You wouldn't know its winter with all the flying that has been going on. I see new planes and new members every time I go to the field. I am also impressed by the improvement that I've seen some of our members making. Sebastian and Brent have teamed up and are doing some great formation flying. Watch out

Brent, Sebastian is starting to grease those landings! The light has come on for Mike Avery. He is doing touch and go's with the best of them. Ron has found the secret and he is doing some great flying. Johnny has made some big improvements in his flying too. Robert Brown gave him his 50cc profile and now Johnny has the same profile but with a DLE 30 riding up front. I'm sure there are a lot of you out there, like me, that want to see how the 30 will fly that profile. The guys I've been talking about are some of the regulars that have been coming out a lot so, I guess it's true what they say: burning lots of fuel (or electrons) will help make you a better pilot.

Dues for 2012 are due this month and we will be changing the combination at the gate on February 1st. If you want to keep flying get those dues in. The next meeting will be on February 2nd at Legends Steakhouse in Smyrna. The room is reserved for 6:00 pm and the meeting will start around 7:00 pm. Remember to keep up on those batteries during the cold weather so that you will be ready to fly when it warms up. See 'ya at the meeting. And remember, make someone happy...teach a kid to fly.

Jim Powers
President, MPRCF

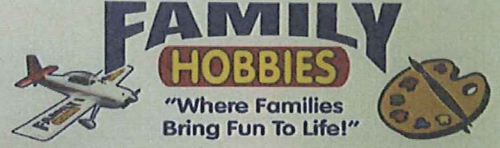


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