



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- January 5<sup>th</sup> – Membership Meeting (Legends Steakhouse)
- January 21<sup>st</sup> – Swap Meet – Columbia RC Flyers – Spring Hill, TN
- March 17<sup>th</sup> – MPRCF 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Swap Meet – Murfreesboro, TN
- Tuesdays – Indoor Flying 6:30 to 9:30 pm (Highland Heights Church of Christ, Smyrna)

See [www.mprcf.com](http://www.mprcf.com)'s calendar page for more information.

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## December Meeting Minutes

The December Holiday Meeting was held at Legends Steakhouse on Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup>. The meeting was called to order by President Jim Powers. There were 55 members and guests present. Due to the primarily social nature of this meeting the November Minutes and Treasurer's Report were deferred to the January meeting.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Officer Elections: 2012 Officer and Board Member elections were held with the results as follows:

President – Jim Powers  
Vice-President/Secretary – Mike Dunphy  
Treasurer – Dan Wandell  
Safety Coordinator – Sebastian Krauss  
Contest/Event Coordinator – Tim DeWitt  
Field Maintenance Director – James Ridley

The meeting was adjourned.

## **President Powers' Presidings**

Christmas is less than a week away and I still haven't done any shopping. I guess I like doing the last minute thing, that way I can get the best buys and have more money for airplane stuff. Or maybe I'm lazy.

I was at Family Hobbies checking out their Christmas specials; and let me tell you, they are loaded with lots of goodies for us R/C guys. Horizon Hobby has cash-back on their ultra micro flyers: buy one and get \$10 back, buy two and get \$20 back, or buy three and get \$30 back. Family Hobbies has a big selection of the ultra micro planes with many cost less than \$100 - with the rebates what a deal!! These are perfect for the indoor flying being held Tuesday nights in Smyrna (see Family Hobbies for more information on the Tuesday indoor flying). OS Engines is also running a special of up to \$100 back on select glow and gas engines. Hurry into Family Hobbies because both of these promotions end on December 31<sup>st</sup> ...get yours while supplies last. Mitch also told me that new KMP aircraft are in stock and selling fast. Features like landing/nav lights, retracts and larger wingspans are standard. Cubs, L-4 Bird Dogs, warbirds, and EDF's are available. Their hours are 10am-6pm Tue-Fri and 10am-3pm on Saturday. Mitch asked that we let them know if they are not stocking some of the more common items that we need.

Remember, if we don't support our local hobby shop, they won't be there when we need them.

Our annual Christmas dinner/meeting turned out great again this year. We had 55 people attend and everyone seemed to have a good time. The officers for next year were announced, they are: Jim Powers, President; Mike Dunphy, Vice-President; Dan Wandell, Treasurer; James Ridley, Field Maintenance; Tim DeWitt, Event Coordinator; and Sebastian Krauss won the run-off between him and Jim Palmer for Safety Coordinator. This next year has us facing some big challenges and I am glad to have a Board of Directors that I think will be up to the task. I would like to thank Jim Palmer for everything that he has done to help our club. As a Board Member Jim could always be counted on to be there when needed. Jim not only has volunteered his time at the local level but he has also been very involved with the Association. We are not compensated for doing these jobs; we do them because we enjoy flying and feel the need to help. So the next time you see Jim tell him thanks for a job well done.

We all know there are changes coming with our flying site. Right now we need to take a wait and see position and not jump ahead with changes that might not work as Allied continues to develop their waste storage area. We are looking for a new flying site so that we will be prepared if the day comes when we can no longer fly here. We are not giving up this site and we hope to continue to fly there for a long time. If you have any questions please direct them to me or to Mike Dunphy. If we don't have the answers we will get them for you. If anyone knows of a possible site that we might be able to use let me or Mike Dunphy know and we will check it out. Right now I am waiting to hear from Allied regarding when they plan to start their blasting. Once I know I will pass the information along to all members.

Now on to another problem, flying over Jefferson Pike. There have again been complaints made to Allied Waste that we are flying across Jefferson Pike and the houses on the other side. Allied Waste is taking these complaints very serious and they do not want us flying over Jefferson Pike. It is the responsibility of EVERY member to watch and make sure that they do not fly over the road. We ALL must keep an eye open for anyone else that may fly out too far and let them know. If we can't control this problem we may find ourselves without a place to

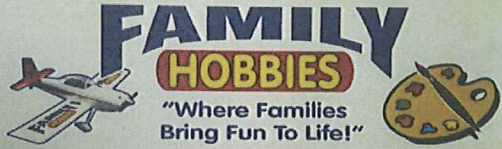
fly sooner than we think. Because of this issue, Allied Waste has asked that we not fly on Christmas day. So this Sunday (Christmas Day) the field will be double locked and no flying will be allowed.

Don't forget, if you haven't renewed your AMA, it expires on December 31<sup>st</sup>. No AMA, no flying!!!

The next membership meeting will be held at Legends Steakhouse on Thursday, January 5<sup>th</sup>. The room is reserved for 6pm and the meeting will start at 7pm.

I hope that everyone has a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Jim Powers  
President, MPRCF



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