



UPCOMING EVENTS

- October 29th – Giant Scale Fly-In (MTRCS Field - Cane Ridge Park)
- November 3rd – Membership Meeting (Legends Steakhouse)
- November 5th – MTRCCA Swap Meet (TN State Fairgrounds)
- December 1st – Membership Meeting (Legends Steakhouse)

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

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October Meeting Minutes

The October Meeting was held at the club field on Thursday, October 6th. The meeting was called to order at 6:40pm by President Jim Powers. There were approximately 20 members present. The September Minutes and the September Treasurer's Report were read and accepted.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. MTRCCA Fall Fly-In: This Association event was discussed. Final figures on the income earned by the club were not yet available. A report will be made at the November meeting.

2. Toys-For-Tots Fly-In: This October 16th event was discussed. Members were encouraged to come out and help support our annual charity fundraising event.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. 2012 Officer Nominations: Nominations are now being accepted for 2012. Tim DeWitt volunteered to head the nominating committee. Anyone who would like to nominate someone for office, or who would like to volunteer to run, needs to contact Tim. An email will be sent out to let all members know to contact Tim. Nominations would also be taken during the November membership meeting.
2. Landfill Expansion: Jim Powers advised that he was waiting to meet with the general manager of the landfill to discuss their expansion plans. Jim will send out an email letting everyone know about those plans after their meeting. In the meantime, Mike Dunphy volunteered to head a Field Search Committee to explore other options should the club be impacted by the landfill's expansion plans. Any member who knows of any potential sites that might work is asked to contact Mike or Jim Powers.
3. Tall Grass Mowing: We were advised that Allied Waste was not going to cut the tall grass surrounding the field this fall. Brent Savage said that he would bush-hog the area for \$75.00 if the club agreed. The membership thought it was a good idea and the decision was left up to the Board due to the small dollars involved. Jim Powers said that we would need to get permission from Allied Waste before we could cut the grass. Jim said that he would check with Allied Waste and then get back with Brent.
4. Meeting Location Change: With it getting darker in the evenings, the meetings will move back to Legends Steakhouse in Smyrna starting in November. The meeting will start at 7:00pm but the room will be reserved starting at 6:00pm for those who would like to come early and eat.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52pm.

President Powers' Pontifications

Goodbye hot weather and hello fall. As the weather cools off we have been seeing some very good flying weather. So don't wait, grab a plane and get in a couple of flights before winter gets here. You'll be glad you did.

The landfill is making some changes that are going to impact our ability to continue to fly at our current location. If you've been to the field lately I'm sure that you have seen the fence posts that were put up at the south end of our runway. This is the first stage in their process of starting a new hill for waste. As of now, Allied Waste is not sure if the construction of the new hill will start this spring or a year from this spring. We hope to know more later this year. We asked them if we could take down the portion of the fence that runs across the end of the runway until construction actually starts on the new hill. We are waiting for an answer and we will let everyone know as soon as we hear something. As I'm sure most of you know, Allied Waste has offered us a new location west of their main landfill entrance. Almost everyone that has looked at the new site seems to agree that if a clump of trees that sits just to the left of where we would put a runway were removed, that we might have a good location to move to. If it works out, it will take a lot of work and money to develop this into a flying site and we will need all the help that we can get. I would also like to ask everyone to keep looking for alternate sites. If you see, or know of, a site that might work please let me or Mike Dunphy know. Our club has always had a site that everyone could enjoy no matter what kind of aircraft they fly; and, the Board's intentions are to be sure that any new site meets the same criteria.

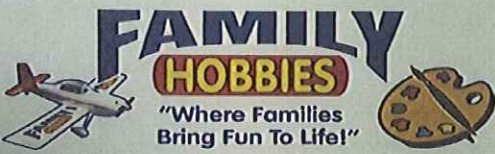
Officer nominations for 2012 are now being taken. Tim DeWitt is in charge of taking nominations. If you would like to nominate someone or if you are interested in running yourself, please contact Tim at 751-7258. Remember, nominations must be made through Tim or from the floor at the November 3rd meeting.

The Association is holding their annual Swap Meet on November 5th at the TN State Fairgrounds. If you haven't gotten your tables yet time is running out and you better hurry. This will be a great opportunity for you to clear your shop of all of your surplus items and then turn right around and load up on someone else's surplus items. ☺

Just one more thing, I would like to personally thank Dan Wandell for everything that he does to help with club business. Not only does he do the duties of the Treasurer but he helps with the minutes, the newsletter, and is the go to guy whenever I need something. It can be very hard to find help with swap meets, fly-ins, meetings and the like. At the Association's fly-in on Saturday, Dan and Chris Chester stepped up and worked all day to give the rest of us a break and an opportunity to fly. Dan is always there when something needs to be done and I just want to say thank you Dan for a job well done. While I'm in the mood for thanking people, I don't want to forget Mike Dunphy. Mike served as Vice-President this year and did a great job. It has been a real pleasure working with Mike. Sadly, Mike won't be running for office next year; I think he is going to spend more time enjoying his retirement with Maureen and Misty. I could go on and on thanking people that have helped to make this club the best in the area but you all know who they are. I want everyone to remember that member participation is important. Even if you can't find time to help, coming out and supporting the club is one of the most important things that you can do.

That is going to wrap it up for this month. Remember the Giant Scale Fly-In this Saturday at Cane Ridge and that the November 3rd meeting will be at Legends Steakhouse in Smyrna. I hope to see you at both.

Jim Powers
President, MPRCF




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