



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- August 4<sup>th</sup> – Membership Meeting (Club Field)
- August 6<sup>th</sup> – Big Birds Over The ‘Boro Fly-In (Club Field)
- September 1<sup>st</sup> – Membership Meeting (Club Field)
- September 30<sup>th</sup> – October 1<sup>st</sup> – MTRCCA Fall Fly-In (Tullahoma Airport)

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

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## July Meeting Minutes

The July Meeting was held at the club field on Thursday, July 7<sup>th</sup>. The meeting was called to order at 7:10pm by President Jim Powers. There were approximately 13 members present. The June Minutes and the June Treasurer's Report were read and accepted.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Charge Stations: As agreed at the June meeting, breakers were placed between the batteries and the charge terminals on both circuits. Jim Powers advised that he had disconnected the breakers sometime later because they kept tripping. Don Mofield looked at the setup and advised that the breakers were in fact the correct size for the wire that is currently being used. Don also said that one of the solar panels was not working correctly. Steve Petty also mentioned that the solar panels were not set at the correct angle to the sun for optimum performance. Steve will advise the setting needed. Don and Jim volunteered to work on the charging station.

## NEW BUSINESS:

1. Generator: Jim Powers brought up that we need to purchase a generator and possibly a charger to help keep the batteries topped off during heavy use or periods of low sun light. A generator would also be used for club events; rather than borrowing member's generator. General discussion followed with the consensus being that we need to buy a quality generator, like a Honda. Don Mofield volunteered to look into the purchase and report back to the club. Jim Palmer made a motion that we budget \$1,500 for the purchase. The motion was seconded and passed.
2. Carport: Mike Dunphy brought up adding onto the existing roofed area by purchasing a portable carport. This additional roofed area would be used for model set-up and shade. It was suggested that this would be a much lower cost alternative than constructing an extension to the current roofed area. The carport would have to match the existing roofline of the current cover and comply with any restrictions that Allied Waste might have. Jim Powers will check with Allied Waste and report back. No budget was requested at this time.
3. Field Cleanup Day: On Saturday, July 23, at 9:00am, we will be holding a field cleanup day. Volunteers were asked to come out and help.
4. MTRCCA Fall Fly-In: The Middle TN R/C Clubs Association, of which MPRCF is a member, will hold their Fall Fly-In on September 30 and October 1 at the Tullahoma Airport. Flying will start at noon on Friday. MPRCF volunteered to do the cooking for both days of the event. Aside from sharing in the gate proceeds, MPRCF will be able to keep 100% of the profits from the concession sales. This is a low-risk fund raiser for MPRCF since any of the food that is not used at the Fly-In will be sold back to Myron.
5. Enclosed Room: Paul Allen made a motion that the club finish off (ceiling, floor, etc.) the small room that is under roof. The room could be used for things other than storage if it were finished. The motion was seconded and passed. No budget was requested at this time.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12pm.

## *President Powers' Publishing's*

I know you don't need me to tell you this, but it has been one hot summer. Along with the heat we have had some very good flying weather...low winds and clear skies. The late afternoon seems to be the most popular time to come out; more shade and calm winds. The electric guys show up around 5:00 o'clock and fly until the sun goes down, or even after. So even with the hot weather there has been a lot of flying going on. Pull your plane out, charge

the batteries and come on out and have some fun. Remember...you are never younger than you are today, and tomorrow is already here.

Yesterday I was at Family Hobbies and visited with Billy and Mitch for a little while. As I looked around I could see that Billy is getting more stuff in all the time. Billy asked that our members let him know the type of stuff that we use most often and he will try and keep those items in stock. No hobby shop can stock everything, but with our help Billy will try and keep the items we need most often in stock. And remember, if you don't see what you need they will be glad to order it for you.

I am seeing a lot of new faces at the field lately and our membership is again over 100. With all the new members it is probably a good time to go over some basic safety rules. Please refer to the MPRCF Safety and Flight Rules attached to this Newsletter. Remember, safety is no accident, and everyone must follow the rules to ensure that we all have a pleasant experience when we are at the field. As I said this has been a very hot summer. With the wheels on the starting stands it is easy to move them toward the covered area and into the shade. But remember to push them out again before starting your engine. The amount of shaded area is limited; and, if we're not careful, it will become congested causing an unsafe condition. Keep plenty of room between you and the next person when starting your plane. I have also seen pilots launch their plane from the pit area, and taxi their plane into the pit area after flying; neither of these is allowed.

When heading out to the flight line, if there is someone else flying, be sure that they know you're coming out. Announce your takeoff and landing so that they know what you're doing. Today, with all the electrics, this is especially important because the other person can't hear your plane and may not know you're on the runway or in the air until they see you in their sights. When there are others flying, be sure you are both following the same flight pattern, especially when below 75'. When you come out either ask the other person if they are flying left or right turns, or observe their plane and fly the same direction. Communication between pilots can avoid midair collisions.

Our safety rules state that everyone must fly from behind a flight station, we all get a little lax about this at times but I have seen a couple of close calls lately and one pilot destroyed his plane when he flew into himself. Lucky for him he wasn't hurt, but he was only an inch away from disaster. Get used to flying from behind the flight stations...the plane you save may be your own.

Remember to put your membership card on the board before flying. I can't stress this enough. We need to know that everyone that flies at our field has an AMA Open Membership and is a club member; or, if they are a guest of a club member, that they have their AMA. The only exception to this is a pilot being buddy-boxed by a designated club instructor, and only for a couple of flights or so. We must be able to verify a person's AMA before they are allowed to fly. If no AMA or club membership card is presented, they cannot fly; no exceptions. Our lease with Allied Waste requires that all pilots must have AMA insurance coverage. Someone flying without AMA could cost us our flying field. It isn't worth taking a chance. So that there



is no misunderstanding, no AMA, no flying, no exception! AMA does have a low-cost thirty day temporary membership available for anyone that would like to try flying but is not sure that they would want to continue.

We have designated club instructors. If someone shows up at the field wanting instruction and they are not a club member, even if they have their AMA, they must fly with a designated club instructor only. We have a training program that our instructors follow to ensure that the aircraft is in good flying condition and that the person flying is capable of flying that type of aircraft. There will be an instructor available on Sunday afternoons and Wednesday afternoons weather permitting. If anyone is interested in becoming an instructor, please contact me.

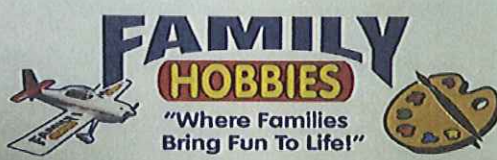
As a final note, safety is our number one concern. It is up to everyone to do their part in keeping a safe flying site for all. If you see someone doing something that is unsafe, please speak up and let them know. They may not realize that what they're doing is unsafe. Accidents are going to happen; but if we all do our part the damage can be kept to a minimum.

Although not directly related to safety, parking is another area that needs to be addressed. Please don't block the entry areas through the fence. If you're pulling a trailer, either leave room so that others can get through the fence or park past where the fence ends. Also, there should be an open walkway between the fence and all parked vehicles so that members (and their airplanes) and spectators can walk behind the fence unimpeded. Please don't block this area with your vehicle or with your trailer's open gate. Be courteous; treat others as you would want them to treat you.

The Big Bird Fly-In is coming up in a week, August 6<sup>th</sup>. I hope to see everyone there. Please don't be confused; this is not a "scale" event, but a fly-in for big airplanes: 80 inch minimum wingspan for monoplanes; 60 inch for biplanes; or ¼ scale or larger scale airplanes. There's no judging, only fun and good food. Even if you don't have a big plane come out and enjoy the fun anyway.

That's going to do it for this month. I hope to see you at the field. Fly safe and have fun.

Jim Powers  
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## MIDDLE POINT RC FLYERS (MPRCF)

### SAFETY AND FLIGHT RULES

1. A valid AMA license or MPRCF membership card is required in order to fly.
2. Frequency Control Board use is mandatory at all times. Flyers are expected to maintain proper rotation when sharing frequencies with other pilots. If there is a conflict with channel use, only the pilot flying should have their card on the frequency board.
3. Transmitters **WILL NOT** be turned on unless your channel is currently not in use, and you have placed your AMA or MPRCF card over your channel number on the Frequency Control Board. Violators of this rule are financially responsible for any damages that result.
4. The pit area is restricted to AMA members and their guests. Pilots are responsible for the safety and behavior of their guests when in the pit area.
5. No powered taxiing into the pit area.
6. All pilots must fly from behind the Pilot's Station safety fence. Exceptions are allowed for flight instruction and for activities in the grass runway area.
7. All flights will originate from the runway, including hand launches, with takeoff and landing direction determined by reference to the windsock.
8. All air traffic below seventy-five (75) feet altitude must follow the prevailing traffic pattern direction.
9. Landing aircraft have the right-of-way, dead stick landings have priority.
10. All two-stroke powered aircraft must be equipped with a functional muffler system. All aircraft are limited to sound levels of 90 db or less, when measured at nine (9) feet.
11. No alcoholic beverages are allowed on-site, and no pilot may fly within eight (8) hours after consuming alcoholic beverages.
12. Each member is responsible for their own trash removal. If you brought it, take it home with you!
13. **Absolutely no flying permitted over Jefferson Pike or the Allied Waste Ind. buildings.**
14. **No flying is permitted over the pit area or behind the zero line.**
15. It is the responsibility of all club members to enforce these rules. The Board of Directors is charged with the responsibility to administer discipline in cases where warranted.

BY FLYING AT THIS SITE I AGREE TO HOLD ALLIED WASTE INDUSTRIES AND THE MIDDLE POINT SANITARY LANDFILL HARMLESS FROM ANY AND ALL CLAIMS RESULTING FROM MODEL AVIATION OPERATIONS AT THIS FACILITY.