



UPCOMING EVENTS

- June 2nd – Membership Meeting (Club Field)
- June 4th – IMAA Fly-In (VSMA Field, Cedar Hill, TN)
- June 24th–26th – Music City Helicopter Championships (Club Field)
- July 2nd – 4th of July Family Fun Day and Fireworks Show (Club Field)
- July 7th – Membership Meeting (Club Field)

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

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May Meeting Minutes

The May Meeting was held at the club field on Thursday, May 5th. The meeting was called to order at 7:03pm by Vice-President Mike Dunphy. There were approximately 20 members present. The April Minutes and the April Treasurer's Report were read. Both were accepted.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Field Maintenance Day: Mike Dunphy informed everyone that the new date for field maintenance was Saturday, May 7th. Everyone was asked to be there around 9am and that breakfast would be provided by the club. E-mail reminders will be sent out.
2. Flag Pole: James Ridley purchased the flag pole and has installed the base at the far corner of the fence near the bleachers. James has the flag and it will be flying for the Electric Jet Fly-In and Night Fly.

3. Electric Jet Fly-In and Night Fly: Jim Palmer asked for volunteers to help with the set-up, tear-down, and cooking for this event, which is scheduled for Saturday, May 21st. Starting time for the event would be 9am so volunteers were ask to be at the field around 7:30am.
4. MTRCCA Spring Fellowship Fly-In: Members were reminded that the Association's Spring Fellowship Fly-In, which had to be rescheduled because of foul weather, would be held at the VSMA club's field near Springfield on May 14th. It will be combined with their Jim Bush Memorial Fly-In, the same as last year.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Instructor Program: Troy Ball discussed the instructor program. Members were informed that there would be an instructor at the field every Sunday, weather permitting. Troy is compiling a list of instructors that will be posted on the website and at the field when complete. Mike Dunphy mentioned that he would be at the field on Wednesday's and would be able to offer instruction to anyone that needed it. Jim Powers mentioned that new volunteer instructors would first work with a current instructor to learn our program before being released to instruct.
2. Smyrna Air Show: The question came up about MPRCF participating in the Smyrna Air Show. Mike Dunphy advised that he checked into it but that we were too late in requesting to participate.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:04pm.

President Powers' Pronouncements

Here we go. This has been an interesting month for me. I am still under the weather and fighting the effects of whatever it is that I have. I have been able to make it to a few fly-ins that took place, regardless of the weather. On May 1st the EZ flyers had their annual Helicopter Fly-In and Barbeque at Zimmerman's field. The morning started out bad with rain and cloudy skies; but it takes a lot to keep this bunch down. They showed up early, set up, and started cooking. The rain quit, the sky cleared up, and the sun came out. What a day of helicopter flying they had! I think anyone that hasn't seen this group fly would be surprised by the number of good 3D helicopter pilots that fly there. I had a great time, the food was great, and a good time was had by everyone.

On May 14th, Dan Wandell and I drove to Springfield for the MTRCCA's Spring Fellowship Fly-In that had been rescheduled (because of bad weather) and combined with the Springfield club's annual Jim Bush Fly-In. The weather was a problem again with a little rain and cloudy skies and cold temperatures. The hard core flyers were out so we watched for a

little while until the cold got to me and we had to leave. We were able to have a hamburger while we were there and it was great. I saw Dan sneak back for seconds just before we left.

This past Saturday, May 21st, we had our 2nd Annual Electric Jet Fly-In and Night Fly. For a change the weather was good; a little windy early, but after a brief rain in the afternoon it calmed down. One of our newest members, Matt Collier, took care of the cooking duties for the whole day and he did a fantastic job. Not only did he do the cooking, but he was there the first thing in the morning to help with set up and he stayed until late at night to help with the tear down. And, when the open flying started at 4pm, he even found time to fly. Keep an eye on Matt; he has the skills to become one of the best pilots at the field. Thank you Matt, I can't tell you how much we appreciate everything you did. Of course, there were many other members that helped. You can't put on an event like this without the support of the club. Dan Wandell was the CD of the event and he did a great job. Not only did he organize everything but he brought a couple of EDF jets and flew the heck out of them. On a special note, I want to thank Mike Dunphy for the way he has stepped up to help out with me being sick. I can't tell you how nice it is to have a go to guy when you are sick and just can't do anything. Talking about go to guys, I can't forget Myron and Dan; they have been there too whenever I've needed anything. Thank you just doesn't seem like enough, but it comes from the bottom of my heart – thank you. Ok, I've gotten a little off track. I wasn't feeling good in the morning and had to go home, but I was able to return about 4:30 just before it rained. After it rained the sun came out, the wind got calm, and everyone had a great time flying. The open flying continued until dark when the night flying started. Greg Doe did so many touch and goes with his night flyer that I was getting dizzy. Mark Cannon brought his flat foamy out with lights on it and did a great job. Steve Petty lit up the sky with his plane. He had so many lights on it that when he turned them on you couldn't stare at the plane without hurting your eyes. There were other night flyers there and they all seemed to be having a ball. I left around 8:30, but I think the flying went on until around 10pm. Overall, we had a good turnout, the food was great, and everyone had a great time. A big thumbs up to Dan Wandell for a job well done.

Keep an eye on the weather. The winds are getting calmer and the good flying weather is just around the corner. If you haven't had time to fly in a while get your plane ready and come out and enjoy the fun of flying again. Remember, we will try and have an instructor at the field every Sunday afternoon and Mike Dunphy will be at the field to help on Wednesdays, weather permitting. If you would like to have an instructor work with you at a different time you can contact me or any of the other instructors to set up a time.


That is going to do it for this month; I can hear my wife calling me to help with the yard work. Do something special and bring a friend flying. Until next time, gear down and don't forget to flare.

Jim Powers
President MPRCF

2011 Electric Jet Fly-In and Night Fly (thanks to Dave Derrick for the pics):



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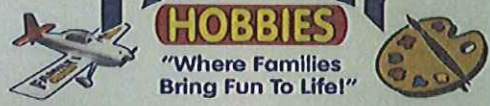


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