



UPCOMING EVENTS

- February 3rd – Membership Meeting (Legends Steakhouse, Smyrna)
- March 3rd – Membership Meeting (Legends Steakhouse, Smyrna)
- March 19th – 17th Annual MPRCF Swap Meet (National Guard Armory, Murfreesboro)
- April – MTRCCA Spring Fellowship Fly-In (date and location TBD)
- Tuesdays – Indoor Flying 6 to 9 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 6th. The meeting was called to order at 7:11pm by President Jim Powers. There were 18 members present. The December Minutes were read by Mike Dunphy and the Treasurer's Report was read by Dan Wandell. Both were accepted as read. The treasury balance is \$19,889.05. We tied 2009 for the greatest number of members ever with 107.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Officers/Board Members. The new slate of Officers and Board Members for 2011 was introduced. President: Jim Powers; Vice-President/Secretary: Mike Dunphy; Treasurer:

Dan Wandell; Safety Coordinator: Troy Ball; Field Maintenance Director: James Ridley; and Contest/Event Coordinator: Jim Palmer.

2. Swap Meet. Myron Noyce is in charge of the Swap Meet for 2011. Myron indicated that the Swap Meet this year would not be canceled, unlike last year's event. Flyers for the Swap Meet have been printed and the flyer is posted on the website and is available for download. Myron or Jim Palmer will place a free ad in the events section of the Murfreesboro newspaper for the Swap Meet. Paul Moore volunteered to place an announcement on RC Universe. The clean-up deposit is \$300, not \$500 as previously announced.

Volunteers for the Swap Meet are needed. Mike and Jennifer Walpole volunteered for admissions and Frank Ventura and Steve Petty volunteered for concessions. Volunteers are needed for the Friday set-up and the Saturday tear-down. If you are unable to volunteer, then consider purchasing a table, or show your support by attending. Contact Jim Palmer (391-3979) if you can help with the Swap Meet.

3. Field Mowing. President Jim Powers has been looking into getting the field mowed this upcoming flying season. Three bids of \$85, \$80, and \$65 were obtained. Member Mike Walpole submitted the low bid of \$65 per mowing. A motion was made and approved to accept Mike Walpole's bid.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Windsock. The windsock at the field needs to be replaced. L.A. Johnston thinks that he has a windsock that he is willing to donate to the club. A motion was made and approved to buy a new windsock if L.A.'s windsock is not available.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55pm.

President Powers' Palaverings

It's cold outside and the snow has been falling. Not the kind of weather that makes you think about flying R/C aircraft. But even though the weather is not cooperating we can spend our free time getting our aircraft ready for the warmer weather. I know I've talked about this before but one of the things that need to be done before Spring is to re-plum those fuel tanks. The tubing can get stiff over time and that little excess fuel sitting in the tank that we never seem to be able to draw out, can cause problems. If I haven't plumed my tank in a couple of years I will just replace the tank and all the lines. A new tank doesn't cost much and I feel better knowing that I won't be drawing all that gunk in the next time I run the engine. The clunk line should have plenty of clearance from the rear of the tank and should move freely

when the tank is moved around. Check the vent line and the brass tubing that goes to the top of the tank for wear and replace it if needed. Another thing I do when servicing the tank is to clean the area around the engine and the firewall. If the wood is oil soaked you may have to replace it. If not, you can clean it and coat it with epoxy to keep it from getting oil soaked. The thing I find is that after working on my aircraft and making needed repairs I can't wait for the weather to warm up so I can fly again. It's a great feeling knowing that your aircraft is ready to go and repairs have been done. Now, where is that warm weather?

As I'm sure all of you know by now PAC R/C Hobby Shop is closing in just a few days. I remember when they opened across the street from where they are now; and, how excited they were to move to their present location because the extra room would enable them to carry more of the stuff that we needed. I have watched over the years as Maureen has worked her butt off ordering, stocking, cleaning and surfing the internet looking for those hard to find parts that we needed. Mike opened up the back area and has been a tremendous help to many of us in need of repair or advice. I have enjoyed many afternoons just sitting in the back shooting the bull with Mike and the regular bunch that always seemed to be around. I will truly miss those times. So it is with mixed feelings that I say so long to PACs. Although I know I'll miss them, I also know that they will be getting a well deserved break. Mike told me he intends to do a lot more flying this year and yes, he is going to keep coming out on Wednesday's to fly and to help train new students. I would like to say to Mike and Maureen, "job well done", and thanks for the memories. PAC R/C Hobbies will be sorely missed.

We are only about seven weeks away from our 17th Annual Swap Meet, which will be held at the Murfreesboro National Guard Armory on March 19th. The event flyer is on our website. You can get tables now at a reduced price if you pay in advance. So, get all that stuff you haven't used in years and turn it into cash. If you don't have anything to sell, please stop by anyway. You might be able to find that part that you've been looking for. Jim Palmer, our Event Coordinator, is pulling together a list of volunteers to help out at the Swap Meet. If you are able to help, please contact Jim (391-3979) or any of the club officers to volunteer.

Our good friend and club member, L.A. Johnston, has contacted me to let me know he has a wind sock that he is willing to donate to the club to replace the tattered one we have now. Thanks L.A.!

We are fast approaching the end of January and club dues are due. As always, we will be changing the combination on the gate the first of February. After the combination is changed, Dan will e-mail the new combination to everyone that has paid their dues and who have their AMA up to date. If you have paid your dues but haven't renewed your AMA yet you will not receive your new MPRCF membership card until Dan verifies that your AMA is current.

I look forward to warmer weather and seeing everyone at the field. Until then, stay warm and practice on your flight sims.

Jim Powers
President, MPRCF