



UPCOMING EVENTS

- January 6th – Membership Meeting (Legends Steakhouse, Smyrna)
- March 19th – 17th Annual MPRCF Swap Meet (National Guard Armory, Murfreesboro)
- 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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December Meeting Minutes

The December Holiday Meeting was held at Legends Steakhouse on Thursday, December 2nd. The meeting was called to order by President Jim Powers. There were 46 members and guests present. Due to the primarily social nature of this meeting, the November Minutes and Treasurer's Report will be presented at the January meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. The 2011 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 – Troy Ball
Contest/Event Coordinator – Jim Palmer
Field Maintenance Director – James Ridley

NEW BUSINESS:

1. A motion was made and approved to allocate \$1,500 for the 17th Annual MPRCF Swap Meet to be held on March 19, 2011. It was noted that, aside from the actual Swap Meet expenses, this amount will be used to cover the cost of the DX8 radio to be raffled, and will cover the \$500 Armory cleaning deposit which is expected to be returned to the club treasury in full.
2. Special thanks were given to President Jim Powers and to all of the current Officers and Board Members for their service and dedication to MPRCF during 2010.

The business portion of the meeting was adjourned. The social portion continued well into the wee hours of the morning.

President Powers' Palaverings

As I write this it is Christmas day; and, in one week it will be 2011. Time just keeps flying by and it is so important to try and make the best out of each and every minute. This time of the year is when we need to spend time with family and friends and enjoy the holiday season.

As we welcome the New Year and our lives return to normal, it is a good time to go over our models and make those repairs that we didn't seem to have the time for when it was nice outside. It's time to replace that battery pack that you were going to replace last year but never got around to. It's time to pull off that piece of clear tape and iron on some Ultracote; or, replace those worn out fuel lines, tires, or whatever it is that you've been putting off replacing. As you think about doing those needed repairs don't forget that PAC R/C Hobbies is having a HUGH year end sale this week, so stock up now.

The other day I stopped by Dog House Aviation in Lebanon to visit with Carl and the Dog House crew. I remember when they were just getting started with building big planes up there and it all seemed like such a large task. I recall when they got their big laser cutting machine and how Carl got excited as he explained the things he would be able to do with it. It's been awhile and those visions are becoming a reality. Through hard work and dedication this crew of R/Cers has worked together to put Dog House Aviation on the map. It is very exciting for me to see them grow and to realize that dreams do indeed come true. Keep up the good work guys, we'll be watching.

I know it's cold outside, but as soon as we get a break in the weather we will be out flying again. Just remember that you must have your 2011 AMA to fly after the first of the year. There is no grace period for AMA coverage and no one is allowed to fly at the MPRCF field

without a current AMA membership. Come January 1, we will be checking that all pilots have a valid AMA membership. Also remember that your MPRCF membership expires on January 31. If you haven't renewed yet, you can do so at PACs or via mail. See the MPRCF website for the mailing address.

Safety is always a concern but even more so in the cold weather. I can't tell you how many times I've gotten in a hurry because of the cold and forgotten something. Double and triple check everything you do and don't let the cold catch you off guard. If you need to, get in your car and warm your hands before your next flight. Relax for a few minutes and warm up, you'll be glad you did. If at all possible don't fly alone. Check with me if you want. If it's nice out I will probably be heading out to the field anyway. Just remember that safety is no accident.

That's it for this month. I hope that everyone had a great Christmas and I hope that everyone will have a safe and happy New Year. Our next meeting will be on Thursday, January 6th at Legends Steakhouse in Smyrna. Reservations are for 6:00pm and the meeting will start at 7:00pm. I hope to see you there.

Jim Powers
President, MPRCF

The custom decorated cake that was enjoyed by all at the December Holiday Dinner Meeting.

