



UPCOMING EVENTS

- November 4th – Membership Meeting ([at PAC R/C Hobbies, Smyrna](#))
- November 6th – Middle TN R/C Clubs Association Swap Meet – TN State Fairgrounds
- November 13th – Helicopter Fly-In – Zimmerman’s Field (Mona Road off West Jefferson Pike, Murfreesboro)
- Tentative – November 14th – MPRCF Fun-Fly for Toys-for Tots
- December 2nd – Holiday Membership Meeting (at Legends Steakhouse, Smyrna)

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

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October Meeting Minutes

The October meeting was held at the MPRCF field on Thursday, October 7th. The meeting was called to order by President Jim Powers. There was a multitude of members present. The September Minutes were read by Jeremy Woodside and the Treasurer’s Report was read by Jim Powers; both were accepted as read. We now have a total of 103 members (highest was 107 set last year).

OLD BUSINESS:

1. The Middle TN R/C Clubs Association Fall Fly-In was reported on. There was a good turnout of MPRCF members. Thanks went out to all club members who helped with the parking. As a reminder, our club receives a portion of the net proceeds from this event.
2. Members were reminded about the Electric Fly-In being held at Tullahoma the weekend of October 9th and 10th.
3. Members were reminded about the Giant Scale Fly-In being held at Cane Ridge Park on Saturday, October 23rd. They will be raffling the new DX-8 radio.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. 2011 Officer/Board Elections will be held at the December membership meeting. A nominating committee consisting of Mike Dunphy (Chairperson), Jim Palmer and Mike Avery was appointed. Contact any of them if you would like to nominate someone or would like to run yourself. Nominations will end at the close of the November membership meeting.
2. The club's instructor program was discussed. It was decided that the club would implement the AMA Introductory Pilot Program which designates a club's instructor as an AMA Certified Instructor. This designation provides several benefits (enhanced insurance, etc.). A discussion ensued about whether the instructor or the club should pay the \$5.00 annual fee charged by the AMA. It was decided that the instructor would incur the cost. More details will be forthcoming as the program is further explored.
3. The MTRCCA's November 6th Swap Meet was discussed. Tables are \$15 for the first table and \$12 for each additional table. The location is the Sports Arena at the TN State Fairgrounds in Nashville. The doors open for vendors at 7:00 am with general admission starting at 8:00 am. The event runs until 2:00 pm. As a reminder, our club receives a portion of the net proceeds from this event. So, volunteers are needed to help run the concessions.
4. It was decided that we would start holding the membership meetings at Legends Steakhouse again.

The meeting was adjourned.

President Powers' Ponderings

The other day I received a call from a friend that flies with another club in this area. He informed me that his new 50cc airplane didn't live through the first flight. After about 30 seconds the wings started to vibrate, the fuselage broke in half, and down she came. I know this was heartbreaking for him because he put a lot of work and money into this plane. But he said the good news is that none of the major components were damaged. So, with a new airframe he'll be back in the air soon. Picking up and starting over is something most of us have had to do at one time or another. Just remember that a crash may be the end of one of your beloved airplanes, but it can also be the start of something new.

The November meeting is just around the corner. Nominations for Officers and Board Members for 2011 will close at the end of that meeting. Mike Dunphy is Chairperson of the nomination committee so if you would like to nominate someone for office, or if you would like to volunteer yourself, please contact Mike. Nominations may also be made from the floor at the November meeting. Results will be announced at the December 2nd meeting. As always, the December meeting is our annual Christmas party and we invite everyone to come and bring their family. The meeting will be at Legends Steakhouse in Smyrna and the focus will be on having a good time, not club business.

The Middle TN RC Clubs Association's annual Swap Meet is November 6th. At last count, almost all of the tables were sold out. This should be a huge swap meet and a chance to pick up something for a winter project or to find that missing part needed to complete a current project. Our club is in charge of concessions and I could sure use some help. If you are planning on coming and could spend some time helping at the concession table please let me know. Remember, all member clubs that help at the Swap Meet will share in the profits.

On Saturday, November 13th, our helicopter buddies have invited us to a Helicopter Chili Fly-In at Zimmerman's, just a few miles down the road from our field. This will be their first Fly-In at this field since they move there from the Smyrna High School. There will be a \$20 landing fee. If you don't want to fly, then \$7 will get you all the chili you can eat. Robert Hughes asks that you let him know if you plan on eating so that he can have an idea of how much chili to make. You can contact Robert at rhughes6@bellsouth.net. Robert is also bringing his lighted helicopter for some flying after dark. If you have not seen this before you are in for a real treat.

I have been informed by Mike Dunphy and Berry Pope that the indoor flying is a go for Tuesday nights at the church in Smyrna; the same location as last year. AMA is required to fly and there will be a restriction on the size of airplanes and helicopters that are allowed to fly. Contact Mike or Berry for more information. If you have not come out to fly indoors or just to watch, you should. We have some really good indoor pilots in this area and flying indoors is more of a challenge than you might think.

For the past nine years Ken “Doc” Caissie has been cutting the grass at the field. For the last two years Rick Keisler has been teaming up with Doc and the field has been looking great. I have been informed by Doc and Rick that due to other commitments they will not be able to continue to cut the grass next year. Cutting the grass at our field is no easy job. During the spring the grass needs cutting every week. This year it had to be cut about 30 times. Doc and Rick have not only taken the time to cut the grass but they have paid for their own gas and repairs. We all owe them a big thank you! So now we are faced with how to cut the grass next year. The lowest price I have from a lawn service so far is \$85 a cut, or around \$2,500 for the year. It was suggested that we could look onto buying our own mower and cutting the grass ourselves. If anyone has suggestions, or if there are members who would like to volunteer to mow, please let me know. This is something we need to have worked out before spring when the grass will need cutting again, so please send me your suggestions.

We hope to have our annual Toys-for-Tots Fun-Fly on Sunday, November 14th. We will firm up the date at our November meeting.

The room at Legends Steakhouse is booked for Thursday, November 4th, so we will hold our meeting at the PAC R/C Hobby Shop in Smyrna. The meeting will start at 7:00 pm and we will have pizza to eat (club’s treat). Bring your own drinks.

It’s that time of the year again – AMA expires on December 31st. If you haven’t renewed, do so now. If you haven’t renewed by the end of the year you cannot fly after December until you do. Remember that your AMA is only good for the year on the card; if it says 2010 then it is not good for 2011. That’s it for this month. I hope to see you at PAC’s on the 4th or at the Swap Meet on the 6th.

Jim Powers
President, MPRCF

Middle Point’s contingent of aircraft at the MTRCCA’s Fall Fly-In held on October 2nd & 3rd.

