



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- October 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> – Middle TN R/C Clubs Association Fly-In – Maury County Airport
- October 7<sup>th</sup> – Membership Meeting (at the field)
- October 23, 2010 – Giant Scale Fly-In – Cane Ridge Park
- November 4<sup>th</sup> – Membership Meeting (at Legends)

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

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## September Meeting Minutes

The September meeting was held at the MPRCF field on Thursday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>. The meeting was called to order by President Jim Powers. There were 23 members present. The August Minutes were read by Jeremy Woodside and the Treasurer's Report was read by Dan Wandell; both were accepted as read. Dan reported that we now have a total of 102 members (highest was 107 set last year).

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

The success of the Giant Scale event was reported on. A few improvements for next year include written rules, flight line marshals, and T-shirt sales.

## NEW BUSINESS:

1. Our club is responsible for parking at the Association Fly-In on the first day of the event, October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Members attending on Saturday will be expected to help with the parking for a small portion of the day. Members were reminded that we share in the net proceeds of this event.
2. Morning flying was discussed with many differing opinions about early operations. The concern expressed was that the noise generated too early in the morning posed a potential issue with the nearby residential neighbors. A motion was passed to suspend engine powered flight until 8am.
3. Jim Powers suggested that the club take advantage of late season sales and purchase a new, higher quality grill since our current grill is nearing the end of its useful life. A motion was passed to allocate up to \$500 for the purchase of a new grill and tanks.
4. The club overwhelmingly approved May 21, 2011, for the Second Annual Electric Jet Fly-In.
5. Tim DiPeri briefed the club on the raffle items that go to benefit the U.S. helicopter pilots traveling out of the country for the world helicopter championships.

The meeting was adjourned.

## *President Powers' Pontifications*

As September draws to a close and fall arrives, the cooler weather is a blessing. This has been one hot summer, with over 80 days of 90 degree plus weather. As the temperatures drop we look forward to some of the best flying days of the year. The Middle TN R/C Clubs Association's Fall Fly-In is just a day away and I am looking forward to attending. This Fly-In is open to all types of aircraft and to all AMA members, whether they belong to the Association or not. I will be going down Friday to help with the set up and I will be setting up the club canopies for our members to use. If you're coming, just bring your aircraft and a chair. You can find a flyer with directions on the association website: [www.mtrcca.org](http://www.mtrcca.org). The Fly-In will be at the Maury County Regional Airport in Mt. Pleasant, just outside of Columbia. I hope to see you there.

Despite the hot weather, we have still had an active flying season and members keep bringing out new planes. Stan (smoked-up) has been flying his new Hanger 9 Extra 330 and what a great job he is doing. I remember last year at the Association's Fly-In when Stan had a little crash with his Yak because he got too slow when landing. What a difference a year makes. Stan is flying like one of the big boys now. I think it has a lot to do with his attitude, he never makes excuses or throws a fit after crashing; he just picks up the pieces and starts over.



Rick Keisler has a new gas powered Extra 300 with a Fuji 43 for power. I've been helping Rick with it and so far we have had a couple of successful flights. I want to pass along some information about a problem we ran into with Rick's airplane. The first time we started the engine all of the servos were glitching very badly. Rick is running a JR 2.4 radio system and I had heard that some Hitec analog servos would not operate properly with this system. He had the Hitec 645 analog servos so he changed out all but the rudder with JR 821 digital servos that come with the DX-7 radio. On his next attempt at starting the engine all the servos were fine except the Hitec 645 that was still on the rudder. He changed it out to a JR 821 and hasn't had a problem since.

Mike Dunphy, from PAC R/C Hobbies, has been flying his Aeroworks Extra 260 and what a great job he does with it. I have never seen Mike fly better. Ask him and I'm sure he will tell you that a good quality airplane makes a big difference. His flying skills help a lot too. Jeremy Woodside has a new T-Rex 600 helicopter and has been tearing up the sky with it. Jeremy has very little time flying helicopters but is already doing flips and rolls and inverted flight. He really makes me mad; it's not that easy for some of us. Mike Warpole has a new Great Planes Cap 580 with a ZDZ 100 engine, and after a little fussing the engine is purring like a kitten. He has flown it a few times and says it is the best flying plane he has ever had. Ralph Foll is back at the building table and has two new planes ready to cover, one is a 42% slick 540 with a DA 120 for power and the other is a 35% edge 540 that he hopes to put a twin cylinder 80cc engine on. I can't wait to see them fly. There are a lot of other members coming out with new planes but I haven't got the space to name them all. If it's been awhile since you've been out to the field stop by and see what's new and enjoy the cooler weather.

The meeting next month will be at the field on October 7<sup>th</sup>. We will be cooking hot dogs and hamburgers starting around 5:30pm on our new grill. Please bring your own beverage. Come out, bring an aircraft, and enjoy the food. See ya there.

Jim Powers  
President, MPRCF

Middle Point's contingent of aircraft at the Tullahoma Giant Scale Fly-In held on August 28<sup>th</sup>.

