



UPCOMING EVENTS

- August 28, 2010 – Giant Scale Fly-In – Tullahoma
- September 2nd – Membership Meeting (at the field)
- October 2nd and 3rd – Middle TN R/C Clubs Association Fly-In – Maury County Airport
- October 7th – Membership Meeting (location TBD)
- October 23, 2010 – Giant Scale Fly-In – Cane Ridge Park

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

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August Meeting Minutes

The August meeting was held at the MPRCF field on Thursday, August 5th. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Jim Powers. The July 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 101 members (highest was 107 set last year).

OLD BUSINESS:

1. The upcoming Giant Scale Fly-In was the main topic of conversation. Myron Noyce was getting the food together and said that he was planning to cook pork butt, corn on the cob, polish sausage and potatoes. Frank Venture said that he would help Myron with the

cooking and serving. Jeremy Woodside volunteered to take charge of parking. Troy Ball and Jim Palmer would handle safety. Dan Wandell will handle registration, and Steve Petty said that he could help with the registration, cooking or wherever he would be needed. Paul Moore and several other members said that they would come out early Saturday morning to help get things set up. Troy Ball said that he would bring a big fan to help in cooling down the cooking area and Myron said that he would bring his generator.

2. Jim Powers brought up the fact that we are doing a better job of not overflying Jefferson Pike and that all members should keep up the good work.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Robert Bell said that his wife is a teacher and asked if we could have someone go to the school to talk with the kids about R/C. Steve Petty said that he would work with Robert to help any way he could.
2. The members present voted to hold the September meeting at the field.

The meeting was adjourned.

President Powers' Pontifications

Hi everyone! I hope that you have been enjoying all the hot weather. I know that I'm ready for a break from the heat. The good news is that it has been a little cooler; and better weather is on the way. The last few weeks have been very busy for me. We had our Giant Scale Fly-In on Saturday the 7th. I also went to the Giant Scale Fly-In at Bowling Green at the end of July, and last weekend I went to Cookeville's Giant Scale Fly-In. This Saturday is the Giant Scale Fly-In at Tullahoma. As you can see, giant scale fly-ins are very popular and most of the clubs are having them.

This year was our first attempt at hosting a giant scale fly-in and it turned out great. I don't know where to start when it comes to thanking people for their help because so many stepped up and contributed. An event like this can't be a success without the help of a lot of people and that's why ours turned out so well. I have received calls, emails and have had people stop me to say what a great time they had at our event. I've heard comments like: the food was the very best I've ever eaten at a radio control event; tell the person that took care of the parking that they did a great job; the guy handling registrations was the consummate professional (had to sneak that one in (Ed.)); the safety meeting was short and to the point; and that the entire Fly-In was laid back and fun for everyone. Mike Dunphy, from PAC R/C

Hobbies told me that customers coming into the shop were making comments about what a great time they had. He also said that he received calls from people that attended as spectators saying that they had a great time too.

With Myron doing the cooking we knew that the food would be good, but he outdid himself this time. He wanted to do something different, and did he ever. I don't know if we realize how much work goes into cooking for an event like this. Friday morning Myron was out buying the food; then Friday afternoon he had to cook the pork and get things together for Saturday. Saturday morning it's off to the field to get things set up and start cooking the rest of the food. On Monday, while the rest of us were reflecting back on what a great time we had, Myron was finishing up by washing the pots and silverware and getting everything put away. We are lucky to have someone like him in our club and I'm proud to call him one of my best friends. Thanks Myron, job well done! While talking about the food, I don't want to forget the people that helped with the final preparations and serving. Frank Ventura and Jeremy Woodside pitched in as did my wife—she took care of the money and helped ensure that things ran smooth (I hope I got that just the way she told me to).

Jeremy Woodside took charge of parking and did a great job. He made sure that the trailers were parked in the right places and that no one was blocked in. Dan Wandell was in charge of registration, helped with the food (he ate), and worked with a small group of Cub Scouts that came out to watch and learn about R/C flying. Dan spent over two hours with the Scouts and their families explaining all about radio control and showing them some of the airplanes and just what makes them fly.

A special thanks goes out to O'Neal Galbraith for agreeing to come out and put on an exciting noon-time demonstration with his BVM Bandit turbine powered jet. Talk about FAST!! O'Neal was probably pushing close to 200 mph with his passes and he was really impressing the crowd. Thanks O'Neal. I want to also give a big thank you to Tom Albert for doing the announcing. He came to fly but ended up being "volunteered" as the voice of the event. What a great job he did. Thanks Tom. You didn't have to help, but we're all glad you did. Just one more thing...any special event like this must have the support of the club members to be a success; and we had better support from our members than I have ever seen before. Not only did members come out to fly, but even those that don't have big birds stopped by to say hi, see the show, and enjoy the food.

We did have 14 of our MPRCF members register as pilots and they bring out some of the best looking airplanes there. Tom Nelson took first place in the pilots/spectators choice with his new de Havilland Tiger Moth. What an airplane! Tom is a true craftsman and I know that the Tiger Moth was a labor of love. Ralph Foll showed up with some of the most unique airplanes ever built. He has a 40% Carden, which is normally a 40 lb. airplane that uses a 150cc engine, flying on a 100cc engine. He also has had (mine now (Ed.)) a 35% Carden that is flying with a 50cc engine instead of the usual 100cc engine. There are only a handful of builders that can build airplanes that light, and the way they fly is unbelievable. Paul Moore brought out his new Wild Hare 50cc Edge 540. Steve Petty bought a big gas powered Piper Cub from Jim Palmer

so he would have a plane to fly in this event and he showed us how a scale Cub is supposed to fly. Stanly Johnson took top place in the crash department when he showed what can happen when a Yak hits the ground at high speed...not a very pretty sight. But Stanly walked away with a smile on his face (as always) and is flying his new 100cc plane better than ever. We could all learn something from Stan, what a great attitude. If you want to see video footage of the actual crash, and if you are a Facebook user, go to the MPRCF Facebook group page (see the web address above). Footage is also available of the "line-up" of airplanes for the pilots/spectators choice award.

I did it again...I can hear Jeremy yelling at me now about how this is just way too long. But wait...I can't end without giving a big thank you to Mike and Maureen Dunphy at PAC R/C Hobbies. Not only do they support us by donating prizes, but they send us a large number of new members each year. And of course they support us by having the parts, kits, tools and other stuff we need for this hobby. And to top it all off they are two of the best people you could ever want to meet. Sorry Mike, I know you don't want me to ruin your reputation, but you did it yourself by helping so many of us out and being such a nice guy. I know I have forgotten to thank many that helped to make this such a great event, but I'm sorry, my spell check is starting to overheat and my fingers are getting tired.

The meeting next month will be at the field on September 2nd. We will be cooking hot dogs and hamburgers starting around 5:30pm. Please bring your own beverage. Until then, I'll be seeing ya at the field. Fly hard and land soft.

Jim Powers
President, MPRCF