

# MIDDLE POINT R/C FLYERS

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

- July 1st.      \*CLUB MEETING (at the field)
- July 3rd.      \*Allied Waste 4th of July Family Fun Day (note Saturday July 3rd)
- July 11th.     \*Helicopter Fun-fly
- Aug. 7th.     \*Big Bird Fly-in

The June meeting, which was held at the field, was called to order by President Jim Powers at 7pm. Jeremy Woodside read the Minutes from the April meeting and Dan Wandell read the Treasurer's Report, both were accepted as read.

In old business we reminded everyone that the Association's Fellowship Fly-In would be hosted by the Springfield club at their field in Cedar Hill, TN on Sunday June 13th. Everyone was also reminded about the upcoming helicopter contest, to be held from June 25th until June 27th, and that the field would be closed to open flying during the contest. Also in old business we talked about what was needed to complete the solar panel project. Jeremy Woodside told us he had a list of supplies needed and as soon as they were purchased he would complete the project. There was some discussion about the best type of battery to get and it was decided to let Jeremy make the final decision on the batteries. Everyone was reminded that they must put their cards on the board when flying and that all guests must put up a current AMA Open Membership (not Park Flyer) card.

In new business Dan Wandell reminded us that the CD at Wilson bank was coming due this month and suggested, because of upcoming projects, that we might want to keep more money available in the checking account and reduce the amount of the CD. The members in attendance agreed and decided to let Dan do what he felt would be best. Jerry Miller brought up the fact that our first aid kit did not have the right supplies and needed to be updated. Just before the start of the meeting Dan Fry cut his fingers on his prop and had to go to the hospital. That's when we discovered our first aid kit did not have the right kind of bandages to treat his cuts. A motion was made and passed to get a new first aid kit with the proper supplies and Jerry Miller volunteered to find a good first aid kit for the club.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn.

## PRESIDENTS COMMENTS:

"To Hot to Fly"...could that be possible? I never thought it could get to hot to fly but I'm starting to wonder lately with the weather we've been having. I see more fliers coming out later in the day to try and beat the heat. Those of us that love to fly will find a way.

We have a lot to go over this month so let's get to it. First, I would like to report that the Fellowship Fly-In was a huge success and was well attended by our club. The weather was hot, the winds were calm, and the food was great. There were lots of door prizes handed out and the Springfield club did a very good job of hosting the event.

I am happy to report that the Helicopter Contest, held at our field from June 25th to the 27th, went great. The weather was good. There was a 45 minute delay Saturday afternoon because of rain but other than that no weather problems. I heard a lot of comments about how good the field looked and what a great flying site we have.

Because of Rick Keisler being on vacation and Ken Caissie being busy, I volunteered to cut the grass. And in my infinite wisdom, I decided to wait until the day before the event, not thinking about the weather or how high the grass would be. Well it rained that morning and it wasn't looking good as I loaded up my lawnmower and headed for the field. On the way I called my buddy Myron and told him I was headed to the field to cut the grass and hoped I could get it done before it rained. Myron says ok I'll see ya at the field in about 10 minutes. I just get started cutting and here comes Myron with his lawnmower and the next thing I know the grass is a flying. We cut until a huge storm blew in, stopped, and then finished just before it started raining again. I really want to thank Myron for coming out and helping, I couldn't have done it without him. I also realize how much it takes for Rick and Ken to keep the field looking as good as it does. Man, I'm thanking everyone and I can't say it enough, you guys are the best.

Jeremy was able to get the solar panels hooked up for the Helicopter Contest and we were able to get a good read on how well they worked. At one time there were six, 6-cell 5000ma batteries charging at the same time and the solar panels were able to keep up. They more than met our expectations! I would like to thank Mike Warpole for donating the batteries for the charging system and Jerry Miller for making us a sign. Jeremy also dug a trench from the building to behind the porta-john and wired an outlet so that we can put a generator behind the john, plug in our cord and supply juice to outlets located around the building without having to run an extension cord across the road. I'm sure that as everyone has a chance to check out the new solar charging station there will be suggestions for improvements. Our goal was to get the system up and running ASAP. We are always open to suggestions on how to make it better so please, if you see a problem or know of anything we could do to improve the system, let us know.

The 4th of July is just a few days away and Allied Waste has asked us to participate in their annual celebration as we have in the past by having a static display set up over in their area and by having the club trainer available if any of their people want to come over and try their hand at flying an R/C airplane. Please note that the Allied Waste Family Fun Day activities will be on Saturday July 3rd. I will make sure the plane is at the field and ready to go but I will need some help from other instructors

with the flying. We will have a canopy set up for the static display and could use a couple of volunteers to sit with the planes, answer questions, and direct those interested in flying to our field. It is going to be hot so I would like to change people as often as possible. If interested in volunteering please contact me or any of the club officers. Allied will have inflatable's for the kids, a water slide, and fireworks at dark. The last couple of years there has been a group gathering at the club site sitting and watching the fireworks. They have a great display, there is no problem finding parking, and we have a great time. It is a good idea to bring bug spray. If you go to [www.mprcf.com](http://www.mprcf.com), or our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=123327474373735](https://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=123327474373735), Dan has posted a flyer that Allied put out for the event.

At the June meeting Dan Fry cut his fingers when his hand got too close to his prop with the engine running. Dan is one of the most experienced and cautious pilots in the club so this shows that it can happen to anyone. I haven't talked to Dan; I hope he is healing well. As a result of his injury, and thanks to Jerry Miller, we have purchased a new first aid kit and supplies. You will find the new kit hanging on the wall just inside the door to the left as you enter. Please don't waste the supplies but don't hesitate to use them if needed. If you pick up on the box and lift it off the screws it can be carried to where it is needed. This is much easier than opening it on the wall and having things fall out. Been there done that.

This past Saturday I attended the get together that Donna had for Luci. We had a great time. It was nice to get together and tell stories and remember Luci. I only knew her for a short time, but I won't ever forget her; she had such a love for this hobby and was always there if we needed help. I think there were only two or maybe three times that she wanted to hit me with the buddy box, but I was able to talk her out of it.

That's it for this month; don't forget the meeting Thursday night at the field. The meeting will start at 7pm and we will be cooking hamburgers and hot dogs starting at around 5:30. I'll see you there.

Jim Powers  
President MPRCF