



UPCOMING EVENTS

- June 3rd – Club Meeting (at the field)
- June 12th – Fellowship Fly In
- June 25th-27th – Helicopter Contest

May Meeting Minutes

To follow later.....

President's Comments

Watch out or you just might have fun. This past Saturday we held our first MPRCF Electric Jet Fun-Fly and it was fun from the time the first jet left the ground until the last one landed. This event was set into motion by Tim Lavender, who thought of having a jet fly-in and spearheaded by Greg Doe, who stepped up to help Tim and ended up as CD of the fly-in. The two of them did a fantastic job of coordinating everything with Hobby Lobby and our club. Hobby Lobby brought their sidewalk sale to our field and attracted a lot of flyers from around the area. There were members from almost every club in the middle Tn. area that stopped by, and even two flyers that came up from Atlanta, Ga. Hobby Lobby donated one of their F-86 jets to the club, which we raffled off. The weather couldn't have been better and the food was great. Everyone that came out couldn't stop talking about what a great time they had. Things broke up around 5pm but some of us waited for dark and the night flying. Greg Doe and Steve petty lit up the sky with their planes and Robert Hughes dazzled everyone with his helicopter, what a show he put on. Thanks Robert. Everyone that was there is still talking about it, maybe we could do it again on the 4th of July. Speaking of the 4th of July Allied Waste has asked us to participate again this year by having a static display in their area and offering the chance for anyone that wants to try their hand at flying an R/C airplane to come over and fly the club trainer on a buddy box. The last couple of years we have had a group of members and their families come out to watch Allied's fireworks from our field, no problems with parking and plenty of room for the kids to run around. If you are going out to watch the fireworks you might consider coming to the field.

As everyone knows AMA membership is required to fly at our field. Just over a year ago AMA came out with a Park Pilot Program, which would let those interested in flying the small park flyer models join AMA and get a Park Pilot membership. This is offered at a reduced cost to the member and has restrictions as to the size and speed of the models the Park Pilot member could fly. This type of membership also has a reduced amount of coverage (\$500,000 instead of the 2.5 million dollars coverage we get with an open membership) Because of the reduced coverage the AMA allowed each club to decide if they would except the Park Pilot membership. We took a close look at the Park Pilot Program and from talking to the gentleman from AMA in charge of the program found out that some clubs have a specified amount of coverage in their lease agreement with their landlord. We checked our lease with Allied Waste and found that a minimum of \$2,000,000 coverage is required. The contract reads " Also it shall be lessee's duty to verify that all RC flyers utilizing the facility individually carry AMA insurance coverage for personal injury and property damage in the amount of \$2,000,000 (minimum)". Because of this all members are required to



have an open AMA membership with coverage of 2.5 million dollars. I also want to remind everyone that when flying at the field you must put your club membership card on the board. If you bring a guest to fly they must be an AMA member with full coverage, and must put their AMA card on the board. At the last meeting a motion was made and passed to hold our June 3rd membership meeting at the field. The meeting will start at 7pm and we will have hamburgers and hotdogs and chips for those that come out, please bring your own drinks.

I would like to thank everyone that came out and helped with the field maintenance. We had a good turn out and were able to get a lot of work done on the runway as well as installing wheels on the starting stands. I don't know if you've noticed it or not but Allied Waste brought over a bull dozer and took down the big trees along the fence that runs down the west side of our field. We had asked them to do this so that we could work on making a place for helicopters to fly. While taking down the trees they also took down about two hundred feet of fencing. This should work out well for us because the heli guys can fly in the field on the other side of the fence. There is still a lot of work to do to get the area flyable and we will need to make sure that all safety concerns are addressed. But the bottom line is we should have a very good area for the heli guys to fly once complete.

I got an e-mail from Maureen at Pac's Hobbies today about a Memorial Day sale they are having this weekend, sounds like they will be having some great deals. Some of the planes they are selling there are flying (pun intended) off the shelves, so if you are thinking about getting one now is the time. For those of you that are new to R/C, Pac's is one of the best hobby shops in the area. Mike and Maureen have worked hard to stock the airplanes, helicopters, parts, and support equipment we need. But let's face it sometimes your not sure just what you want or what would be the best airplane or heli for you. As Mike would say, he has been around R/C longer then Mc Donald's has been selling hamburgers, and he is more than willing to help you decide what would be the right choice for you. He will make suggestions, and with the new stuff out today, you just might be surprised at how little you will have to spend. Mike has a work area in the back of the store where he does repairs, if you need his help in finding something or need something fixed just mosey on back. He gets busy at times but just let him know you need help and he will get to you as soon as he can. I do need to warn you to be careful because it's very hard to get out of Pac's without buying something, every time I go there I find something I just can't live without.

Last month Mike Boyle wrote an article about using switches on your electrics to keep them from coming alive when you're not expecting it. I have received a number of inquires about how to install these switches. So I asked Mike to do another article about installing a switch. He has explained it so well that I think I could do it. Open the attached file to read Mike's article.

Ok that is going to do it for this month don't forget the next meeting is June 3rd and will be at the field, I hope to see you there.

Jim Powers
President MPRCF