



## ***UPCOMING EVENTS***

- March 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> – Perry Georgia Swap Meet
- March 11<sup>th</sup> – Club Meeting (Legend's Steakhouse)

## ***February Meeting Minutes***

The February, 2010 meeting was called to order by President, Jim Powers. Fifteen members were present including five board members. The minutes were read by Jeremy Woodside and the treasure's report was presented by Dan Wandell. The reports were accepted as read.

In old business Jim briefed the membership about the March 20<sup>th</sup> Swap Meet at the National Guard Armory. Orders for tables are being taken and flyers are posted promoting the event.

In new business solar charging stations were discussed. A motion was made and seconded to purchase supplies for the stations. The motion authorized expenditures up to \$800. Tim Deperry was present to discuss our club hosting the helicopter contest at the end of June. Robert Hughes also presented his plans and ideas for the helicopter fun-fly later in the year. Meeting adjourned.

## ***President's Comments***

There are two things I don't like one is coffee and the other is cold weather. I can avoid coffee but the cold weather has been getting the best of me. The good news is it won't be long until the warm weather is here and I can drink OJ or water. I've been staying busy working on a couple different planes for people and trying to get mine ready for spring. I'm excited about this years flying season because there are going to be some new planes at the field and I can't wait to see them fly. It feels great to see a plane you've worked on make it's maiden flight, as long as that flight is a success, and when the first flight goes bad there aren't enough good places to hide. I was talking to another member the other day and he informed me that one of his wings had been damaged while sitting in his garage inside it's wing bag. Seems one of those little critters (a mouse) had taken up residents inside his wing. The sheeting from the leading edge to the first spar had been eating in a couple different spots and it will take some work to repair it. With all the cold weather we've had this doesn't surprise me, check out planes, wings or just wood that has been sitting around during the cold weather and be sure no little critters have made your pride and joy their new home.

As I'm sure most of you know the indoor flying in Smyrna is done for this year. Tim Lavender has a new place for us to fly on Tuesday evenings, it is located in Lavergne just off I-24 and exit 64 I sent out an email with the directions on how to get there if you have any questions you can contact Tim or Mike Dunphy at Pac's Hobby Shop. Mark Cannon also has a new school in Shelbyville for indoor flying on Sunday afternoons. I sent out an email with directions, if you have any questions contact Mark Cannon. While we're



on the subject of indoor flying the other night I went to Mike Boyles house with Jeremy Woodside to observe while Mike helped Jeremy put together a new foamy Jeremy had bought. Mike has built a lot of foamies this winter and with his help they had the plane completed in about three hours. I have very little experience building foamies and watching as Mike showed Jeremy all the little tricks, was great. Thanks for letting me watch I really did learn a lot.

Our March meeting will be one week later, the second Thursday (March 11th) of the month, because a lot of our members are attending the swap meet in Perry, Ga. This will be the last meeting before our swap meet, which is March 20th, this will be an important meeting so please try to attend. While I'm on the subject of the swap meet, I want to thank Maureen and Mike Dunphy of Pac's Hobby Shop in Smyrna for their support again this year. I can't say enough about how much support they give our club, from bringing in new members, to collecting dues, and supporting every event we have. Let's all show our appreciation by supporting them. The weather is warming up and we have seen more activity at the field, please remember that if you haven't renewed your AMA for 2010 it must be renewed before you can fly. AMA expires on December 31st of every year not one year from the date you purchased it, so check and make sure your card is up to date. MPRCF dues are also due for 2010 if you haven't renewed yet please do so asap. That's all I have for this month, get those planes and heli's ready. See ya at the field.

Jim Powers  
President MPRCF

