



## ***UPCOMING EVENTS***

- February 4<sup>th</sup> – Club Meeting (Legend's Steakhouse)

### ***January Meeting Minutes***

The January 14th, 2010 meeting was called to order by President, Jim Powers. Twenty two members were present including six board members. The treasure's report was presented by Dan Wandell. The report was accepted as read.

No Old business was discussed. In new business the March 20th swap meet was discussed and a budget was established. The membership also voted to raffle a DX7 radio system. Volunteers were asked to contact Event Coordinator Paul Moore for setup and tear down. In discussion of Flying site maintenance and upkeep, Jim reported that he received a quote of \$12000 for the resurfacing of the runway. The general consensus was that we would continue patching and sealing the runway. Jim also reported that Allied Waste was open to the removal of the trees around the flying site. The final approval should come within the next few weeks. The new gate combination will take effect as of February 1, 2010. Paid members will receive the new gate combination by email. The membership was strongly encouraged to help police the field and contact officers when they witness unauthorized people or events at the MPRCF flying site. Jim reminded everyone that membership renewal could be accomplished at the meetings, at PACS, or by mailing dues to the P.O. box. If anyone has questions about renewing they are encouraged to contact Dan Wandell. The ideal of a flower committee was discussed and directed such tasks to the board as they arise. Lastly, Jim announced the intent to sanction a spring helicopter fly-in. Further information about the date and logistics will follow. Meeting adjourned.

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

It's that time of the year to stay inside and keep warm. I've been working on building a Wild Hare 40% Giles. It isn't a tough build but it does take some time, the kit is very well done and a lot of the work is done for you like hinging the elevators and ailerons. When I get done with this project I am going to go over all of my planes and see what needs to be done to get them ready for another flying season. I always check the gas tank and fuel lines, control linkages, hinges, and airframe for any possible problems. These planes get a lot of stress and a little maintenance now goes a long way in keeping them flying. If anyone has an idea on winter maintenance they would like to share, something you may have found that most of us miss, please send me an email and I will send it out. Just remember the warm weather isn't far off so let's get ready now while we have the time.

The indoor flying in Smyrna and Shelbyville has been going great. There have been some real standouts this year, Mike Dunphy has been selling a very good foamy called the Pac Yak. He has them in



two different sizes and they have been very popular with the Smyrna bunch. Check with Mike at Pac Hobbies in Smyrna he has everything you will need to join the indoor fun. Another real standout is Mike Boyle, he comes out every week with a bunch of different foamy's that he has built and refined into some really good flyers. Barry Pope is making a name for himself as one of the best flyers at the gym. Barry is an outstanding helicopter pilot and is becoming a very good airplane pilot, watch for him at the field this spring with his 35% Wild Hare. I know he is going to love me for writing this, don't look now Barry but everyone is watching.

As we near the end of January it is once again time to renew you membership. On February 1st I will be changing the combination on the lock at the gate. Dan will be emailing the new combination to all members that have paid dues for 2010 and have a current AMA. If you haven't already done so you can renew by mail, at our monthly meetings or at Pac Hobbies in Smyrna, the dues are the same as last year \$45.00. Remember when you get the new combination to not share it with anyone. We have had a few problems with non-members getting the combo and we plan on changing the numbers a few times this year to better control access to the field. As always we welcome guest as long as they come with a member and have their AMA. Our goal is to provide a safe and fun environment for our members and to respect the families that live in the area. We will all be held accountable for what happens at our field, so please conduct yourself accordingly.

The swap meet this year will be held on March 20th from 7am until 1pm, as always we can use help in set-up and tear-down as well as at the door collecting money and selling tickets for the DX 7 Spectrum radio that we will raffle. If you are able to help, please contact Paul Moore our event coordinator or any of the club officers.

Enjoy the new year and lets all hope that times get better as the year goes on. That's it for this month. When the weather warms up I will see you at the field.

Jim Powers  
President MPRCF

