



UPCOMING EVENTS

- January 7th – Membership Meeting (Legends Steakhouse)
- Every Tuesday – Indoor flying.

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

December Meeting Minutes

The December meeting was called to order by President Jim Powers at 6:30pm with twenty-seven members and four Officers and Board members present. Jeremy Woodside read the minutes, and Dan Wandell read the Treasurer's Report. Both were approved as read.

OLD BUSINESS:

The 2010 Officer and Board Member elections were held, with the results as follows:

President – Jim Powers
Vice-President – Jeremy Woodside
Treasurer – Dan Wandell
Safety Coordinator – Troy Ball
Contest/Event Coordinator – Paul Moore
Field Maintenance Director – Steve Petty

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion was made and approved to allocate \$400 for door prizes for the December Membership meeting.

Special thanks were given to President Jim Powers, and to all of the current Officers and Board members, for their service and dedication to MPRCF during 2009.

The business portion of the meeting was adjourned. The social portion continued well into the wee hours of the morning.

President's Ponderings

The New Year is just around the corner. And as we say goodbye to 2009, I can't help but think what a good year it has been for MPRCF:

In March, we held our 15th Annual Swap Meet. With the help of Matt McKnight, and many other volunteers, it was the most financially successful Swap Meet that we have ever held.

In April, MPRCF hosted the MTRCCA's Fellowship Fly In. Everyone had a great time, and I heard a lot of positive comments about our field and the way the event was run.

In August, we received national recognition for opening up our field to the participants of the Music City Helicopter Championships when AMA President Dave Mathewson, in his column published in the September edition of the Model Aviation magazine, printed a letter of appreciation from the helicopter event organizer, Tim DiPeri.

In September, we held our 7th Annual Mid America Fun Scale Classic, organized by Matt McKnight.

In November, Robert Hughes, and his fellow helicopter pilots, held their annual Fly In and Cook Out at our field. They generously donated over \$400 to MPRCF to help us with our Toys-for-Tots annual contribution. Also in November, MPRCF held our annual Toys-for-Tots Fun Fly Fund Raiser. Combined with the money raised from the helicopter event, MPRCF made the largest ever contribution to Toys-for-Tots in our history.

As you can see, it has been a good year for us. But we couldn't have done it without the help of a lot of people that volunteered their time, and donated their money. I would like to thank every member for their support. Even if you were not able to come out and volunteer or participate in these events, your membership nonetheless helps us to accomplish everything we do. So, I would like to say thanks to each and every one of you. Let's hope that 2010 will be even better. We have plans for some new events this year, and we hope to make some improvements to our field. So, stay tuned!

Along with the New Year, there comes the time to renew your AMA and MPRCF club membership. Remember, your AMA expires on December 31st, and you must have your 2010 AMA membership to be able to fly. The MPRCF club membership expires on January 31st, and Dan will be sending out reminders and information on renewal.

Last month, I told you about an incident that occurred when a non-member showed up at our field and flew without any club member present. I wanted to follow up and let you know that this person created a problem that caused the people across the street to call the police about him flying over the road and their house. I don't know how this person gained access to our field, but either the gate was left open, or a member was already there when he arrived. If you are at the field and someone comes out that you don't know, before leaving, ask if they are a member, or check the frequency board for their card. If they are not a member, tell them that they must leave because you have to lock the gate. Do not leave and allow them to stay there. If they refuse to leave, call me or another club officer and let us know. We will post a list of emergency phone numbers at the field next to the frequency board for this purpose. Remember that our field is private, and it is reserved for the exclusive use of club members only. We have rules that must be followed. Although we welcome visitors, there must be a club member present when they are there. Also, please remember to not give the gate combination to anyone. We will be changing the combination the first of February, and we will only give it out to members who have renewed.

The December membership meeting was a big success. The food was great, and everyone who attended won a prize. A good time was had by all! We had about 50 people there and I would like to thank everyone that attended. The officers for 2010 were elected; see the minutes above for the results. I want to thank Jeremy, Dan and Troy for continuing to serve, and I'd like to welcome aboard Paul and Steve; I know their help will be invaluable. (thanks also to Jim for continuing to serve - Ed.)

We have what I think is the best club in the Middle Tennessee area. And it's not because of our field, or our location, but it's because of our members. If you haven't been able to make it out lately, come out some warm and sunny Sunday afternoon and enjoy the fun. Even if you don't bring an aircraft, just stop by and say "Hi", you'll be glad you did.

That's it for this month, except to say that I hope you had a Merry Christmas, and I hope you have a Happy New Year. Don't forget that the next meeting is Thursday, January 7th, at Legends Steak House in Smyrna. I hope to see you there.

Jim Powers
President, MPRCF