



Please see the important comments on field security in the President's column.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- December 3rd – Membership Meeting (Legends Steakhouse) – 6:00pm – this is our Holiday meeting so we hope to see you and your family there.
- Every Tuesday – Indoor flying.

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

November Meeting Minutes

The November meeting was called to order by President Jim Powers at 7pm with eleven 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 AMA sanction was approved for a big bird fly-in to be held next year on Saturday, August 7th, with a rain date of Sunday, August 8th.

Mike Dunphy advised that indoor flying will be held every Tuesday at the same location as last year (see the MPRCF website for more information).

Mike Dunphy, as the Nominating Committee Chairman, reported on the 2010 Officer and Board Member nominations. The following have been nominated:

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

Nominations were closed at the conclusion of the meeting with no additional nominations received. Voting will take place at the December membership meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Jim Palmer volunteered to be MPRCF's representative at the MTRCCA meetings.

Members were reminded that the MTRCCA Swap Meet will be held on Saturday, November 14th. MPRCF receives a share of the profits from this event.

A Fun Fly will be held on Sunday, November 8th, to benefit the Toys for Tots charity.

Jim Powers presented to the membership a signed and framed photo given to MPRCF by the organizers and participants of the Music City Helicopter Championship in appreciation of our making our field available to them earlier this year. The photo will be on display at PAC R/C Hobbies.

It was agreed that the membership meetings will continue to be held at the Legends Steakhouse for 2010.

The meeting was adjourned.

President's Perspective

Hello again everyone. I hope you are all doing well. As I write this, I'm sure that Thanksgiving and Christmas is on everyone's mind. I am happy to report that thanks to the generous contributions we received from the Helicopter Fly In and our annual Fun Fly, we were able to send a check to Toys for Toys for \$711. A copy of the letter that was sent with the check to Toys for Tots can be found on the MPRCF website on the communications page. I am very proud that we could support this organization and could help some children have a Merry Christmas. Thanks again to everyone for your support.

I want give special thanks to Robert Hughes, Barry Pope, Troy Denson, and the entire contingent of helicopter pilots that helped make the Helicopter Fly In a success. Not only did I see some fantastic helicopter flying, but I saw a well organized and well run event too. The pilots went out of their way to make sure that everything was safe, and they showed the utmost respect for our field and our rules. The food was great, and they raised over \$400 for Toys for Tots. We are planning another helicopter event for this spring. I'll let you know when, as soon as the details are worked out. I would also like to thank everyone that helped make our annual Fun Fly a success; with special thanks to Greg Doe for allowing us to give him a reason to recover his airplane. I had a great time and can't wait until next year to do it again.

I received an email from a member that stated he went out to the field this past Sunday, and because of poor weather conditions, only saw one other car there. This person was pulling a trailer, and he was parked in the pit area backed up to the flight line fence (not the spectator fence!). When he was told that we don't allow parking there, the person said that he had parked there because it was raining. It is important to note that this individual was NOT a MPRCF member, and he had just crashed his airplane (suffering "catastrophic damage") before this conversation took place. What's wrong with this picture? First, if he isn't a member he cannot fly at our field unless he is an invited guest and has a valid AMA. Second, how did he gain access to our field? The gate was either left unlocked; he was given the combination; or the last member to leave left it to the non-member to lock the gate. I find this situation very disturbing, and the Board will take appropriate action. Allied Waste expects us to live up to our agreement with them and make sure that anyone that flies at our field has their AMA and follows our rules. This is the type of thing that could cost us our flying site. It is each member's responsibility to

keep the gate locked when the field is unattended. And, only members are allowed to have the combination. And lastly, if a member is leaving the field with only a non-member left, then the non-member should be asked to leave so that the field can be secured. If you are not sure of the membership status of a person at the field, then simply ask them. If you are ever uncomfortable or meet resistance, then contact any of the MPRCF Officers. We have one of the best flying sites in this area and we must all do our part to help keep it.

Coincidentally, I just received an email tonight from a member who reported that when he arrived at the field this morning, that the gate was wide-open and no one was there. Please ensure the gate is locked.

Regarding the lock, if you are the first to arrive at the field and unlock the gate, please leave the lock unlocked and roll the numbers. A few times over the last couple of weeks I was leaving after dark and I found the lock closed and locked. It's hard to see the numbers when it's dark, so please leave the lock unlocked when you open the gate. Rolling the numbers prevents someone from looking at the lock and getting the combination.

One week after Thanksgiving, on December 3rd, we will hold our December membership meeting. This is our annual holiday dinner meeting open to all members and their families. There will be some great prizes. I also have coupons good for half off a second dinner, which I will pass out that evening. We need to give the restaurant an idea of the number of people coming. So please RSVP me at kijorski@comcast.net, or call 615-479-6385. Time is short, so please respond as soon as possible. If you find at the last minute that you are able to come, but didn't RSVP, please come anyway. We will gladly make room for you. Well, that wraps it up for this month. I hope everyone has a Happy Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas.

Jim Powers
President, MPRCF