



UPCOMING EVENTS

- December 2nd – Holiday Membership Meeting (Legends Steakhouse, Smyrna)
- Tuesdays – Indoor Flying 6 to 9 pm (Highland Heights Church of Christ, Smyrna)
- January 6th – Membership Meeting (Legends Steakhouse, Smyrna)

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November Meeting Minutes

The November meeting was held at PAC R/C Hobbies on Thursday, November 4th. The meeting was called to order by President Jim Powers. There were 22 members present. The October Minutes were read by Jeremy Woodside and the Treasurer's Report was read by Dan Wandell. Both were accepted as read. We now have a total of 104 members (highest was 107 set last year).

OLD BUSINESS:

1. The Association's November 6th Swap Meet was discussed. The location is the Sports Arena at the TN State Fairgrounds in Nashville. The doors open at 6:30 am for those working the event; 7:00 am for vendors; and 8:00 am for general admission. MPRCF is in charge of concessions so volunteers were solicited to help run the concession stand. We plan to serve hotdogs, chili, chips and drinks. Members were reminded that our club receives a portion of the net proceeds from this event.

2. The Annual Toys-for-Tots Fun Fly will be held on Sunday, November 14th starting early in the afternoon. There will be no landing fee but cash donations would be appreciated.
3. 2011 Officer/Board Elections were reported on by Mike Dunphy, the Nominating Committee Chairperson. Running unopposed are the following:

President – Jim Powers
Vice-President/Secretary – Mike Dunphy
Treasurer – Dan Wandell
Safety Coordinator – Troy Ball
Contest/Event Coordinator – Jim Palmer
Field Maintenance Director – James Ridley

(Note: James Ridley had advised the Nominating Committee of his interest in running as Field Maintenance Director but it wasn't until after the meeting that we were able to receive positive confirmation. At the meeting, Bill Day volunteered to run for this position but only as a backup should James Ridley decline. Thus, the minutes will reflect James Ridley for this position since Bill Day withdrew his nomination.)

4. The training program was discussed. Troy Ball will be coordinating this program. Once compiled, a list of club instructors will be placed on the club's website.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. The December membership meeting was discussed. Since this is our annual Holiday Meeting, members are encouraged to bring their family. The "meeting" will start at 6:00 pm. More details will be forthcoming. A \$500 budget for this event was voted on and approved.
2. Mike Dunphy commented on the indoor flying being held at the Highland Heights Church of Christ in Smyrna, the same location as last year. Flying will be from 6:00-9:00 pm every Tuesday starting November 16th. To fly, an AMA membership is required and a seasonal membership (\$10) to the Rotors and Wings club is required. Aircraft size limits apply. Check with Mike for more information.
3. The status of the field mowing for 2011 was discussed. Jim Powers reported that Ken "Doc" Caissie and Rick Keisler were unable to do the mowing after this year. Jim acknowledged the nine years of volunteer service that Doc has offered the club and the several years that Rick has offered. Several ideas for the mowing were discussed. It was decided to let the Board develop a recommendation, with members' input, on what to do for next year. All members are asked to contact Jim Powers with any suggestions or contact him if they have connections with any low-cost lawn mowing services.

4. The 2011 MPRCF Swap Meet was discussed. The tentative date is March 19. More details will be forthcoming as they are available.
5. Jim Powers agreed to bring up items at the meeting if contacted in advance.

The meeting was adjourned.

President Powers' Ponderings

The Holiday Season is upon us. Thanksgiving is just a few days away, and our thoughts turn to family and loved ones. Our annual Holiday dinner meeting is coming up on Thursday, December 2nd. It will be held at Legends Steakhouse in Smyrna beginning at 6:00 pm. We invite everyone to bring their family, and let's all enjoy an evening together. The focus will be on having a good time and not club business. We need to give Legends an idea of how many people will be there so please RSVP to kijorski@comcast.net and let me know if you're planning on coming and the number of people in your party.

This has turned out to be another great year for our club. Our membership is about the same as last year and we have had good participation from club members at events throughout the year. I've had a number of members tell me I'm doing a good job, thank you; but, in reality, it takes everyone working together for our club to be a success. I would be lost without the help I get from the other Board Members. This will be Jeremy Woodside's last year as Vice President. He has been a tremendous help over the last four years. Jeremy is a first class individual and I am proud to have been able to work with him and even more proud to call him a friend. Troy Ball will be back next year as our Safety Coordinator and will be heading up the student pilot training program. Troy has learned a lot over the last few years and we are lucky to have someone of his caliber as an officer of our club. And then there is Dan Wandell, our Treasurer. Dan does more than anyone could imagine. He handles memberships, helps with the newsletter, maintains the website, coordinates everything with the AMA, makes sure I don't goof up too badly, and keeps the books straight. Dan will be back again as our Treasurer. Next year we will have two new board members. Mike Dunphy will be the Vice President/Secretary and Jim Palmer will be the Contest/Event Coordinator. These members bring years of experience and knowledge and we are very lucky to have them as part of our team.

As the New Year approaches we face new challenges not only with the club but in our own lives. The way we handle these challenges can impact us for years to come. I am very proud to serve another year as President of MPRCF and I will try and do the best job I can so that we can all have a flying club that we can be proud of. Just remember, it isn't a one man job. Every member contributes to the success of this club by paying his dues and by supporting what we do. Without *you*, there wouldn't be an *us*.

I've got a few things to go over and some information to pass along. Number one, please remember when unlocking the gate to roll the numbers on the combination lock so that someone can't look at the lock and get the combination. Also, please don't relock the lock after opening it. Many times it's late when we leave the field and it's too dark to see the numbers. Lastly, if you are the last one to leave the field don't forget to lock the gate. Allied Waste requires us to keep our area locked when no one is there.

Our annual Toys-for-Tots Fun Fly held on November 14th was a success. We had a fairly good turnout for a cold day in November and we collected over \$150 for the Toys-for-Tots Foundation. Combined with the proceeds from the radio raffle earlier this year our total contribution for 2010 was \$312. Over the last seven years we have donated \$3,222 to Toys-for-Tots; something all of us should be very proud of.

On November 13th I attended the EZ Flyers Helicopter Fun Fly at their new location at Zimmerman's flying field. They had a great turnout and raised some money to help upgrade their new flying site. When the sun went down the helicopters went up... lights on and here we go. What a sight to see three helis with lights flying at the same time. I'll bet the UFO calls were coming in like crazy.

On November 6th the Association held their annual Swap Meet and it was a huge success. This year the Swap Meet was held at the Nashville Fairgrounds. More than 130 tables were rented and more than 200 people paid the \$5 entry fee to come in and look around. There was a lot of stuff sold and the sellers were very pleased. Our club was in charge of concessions and we made around \$300 profit. I would like to thank Myron Noyce, Greg Doe, Jim Holmes, Steve Petty and Dan Wandell and his son Matthew for their help with the concessions. I hope I didn't leave anyone out. At the recent Association meeting it was announced that the member clubs that helped with the Airshow and Swap Meet would each receive around \$600. So once again, thanks to everyone that took the time to support the Association and our club.

The solar panels have been installed for awhile now and if anyone has any suggestions on changes or improvements that need to be made please let me or one of the club officers know.

As the end of the year approaches it's time to renew your AMA. AMA is good through the end of the year at the top of the card. If it says 2010, it expires on December 31, 2010. The time to renew is now. We will be checking cards starting in January and if you're not current, you cannot fly. Your club dues for 2011 are due by January 31st, 2011.

I would like to wish everyone a happy Thanksgiving and I hope to see you at our Holiday dinner meeting on December 2nd. Until then...fly hard and land soft.

Jim Powers
President, MPRCF