



UPCOMING EVENTS

- November 1st – Helicopter Fly In
- November 5th – Club Meeting (Legend's Steakhouse)

October Meeting Minutes

The October meeting was called to order by President Jim Powers at 7pm with eight 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 Mid America Fun Scale Classic was discussed, and everyone agreed that the attendance was very disappointing. The event lost \$245.50. There was discussion about having a different type of event next year that might attract more filers. It was also suggested that we might consider taking a year off from this event and see if there would be enough interest in having it the year after. No decision was made.

The final cost of the PA system was \$264.51 over the \$1,500 previously budgeted because of extra wiring that was needed. A motion was made and approved to increase the budget to cover the overage. Special thanks were given to Luci Buhler for her help in selecting the PA system.

NEW BUSINESS:

Jim Powers stated he would like to CD a big bird fly-in next year, around the first weekend in August. I.M.A.A. requirements of 80 inch minimum for monoplanes, 60 inch minimum for biplanes, or true quarter scale would be observed. I.M.A.A. membership would not be required however.

Mike Dunphy said he is working to secure a location for indoor flying for this winter. He will get back to us when something is finalized.

Mike Dunphy agreed to chair the Nominating Committee for the 2010 Officer and Board Member elections. Anyone that would like to nominate someone for office, or that would like to run themselves, should contact Mike at PAC R/C Hobbies, 615-220-0655. Nominations will close at the end of the November membership meeting. Voting will take place at the December membership meeting.

The meeting was adjourned.

President's Perspective

For me, there is nothing more exciting than to take a new airplane out to the field for its first flight; checking and double checking to be sure everything is right, tight and ready for flight. Oh, what could be more enjoyable? Ok, so there are a lot of things that would be more enjoyable, but, you've got to admit that the first flight on a new airplane really gets the juices flowing. The other day, Barry Pope and I flew his new Wild Hare 100cc Edge 540 for the first time. Barry is a very good helicopter pilot and a good airplane pilot, but this was Barry's first giant scale airplane and he was a little nervous. Barry and I had worked on getting the airplane together for about a week. It is an ARF so assembly went quickly. With everything checked over, we headed to the field. After a few minor adjustments and a range check, we were ready to go. I took the controls for the maiden flight, and everything went great; CG seemed to be right on, trust angles were ok, engine ran great (a DLE 111), and the landing was uneventful. The airplane tracked like it was on rails (I've always wanted to write that), power was fantastic, and overall it flew great. After seeing how well the airplane flew, Barry was ready to give it a try. As soon as the airplane left the ground I saw a smile on Barry's face and I new he would be fine. After about a five or six minute flight he was ready for his first

landing. He turned to final, let the airplane settle, and with just a little flare had a picture perfect landing. Way to go. I forgot to mention that this was also Barry's 40th birthday. What a great way to celebrate. About an hour later he did it again, and had another perfect flight. As I'm sure you all know, I love R/C airplanes, and I really love giant scale. So when I help someone fly their first giant scale airplane, it feels great. Congratulations Barry on a job well done...and happy birthday!

While we are on the subject of flying, I have got to tell you what I saw happen the other day, or should I say "you ain't going to believe this"? It was Wednesday afternoon, and Mike Dunphy was at the field with a couple of students he has been working with. One of the students had a new airplane (Solo Star .40 trainer). Mike was making some last minute adjustments before the first flight. He asked me to help him set the trims on the trainer box. As he took the airplane back, he yelled "Oh no, I haven't got any elevator!" I'm thinking that something might be stuck so I said "Try the elevator stick again." Mike said "You don't understand, the elevator has come off the airplane. I ain't got no elevator." Mike makes a turn to the right to head back toward the runway using the throttle to control the altitude. Once lined up, he cuts the throttle and the airplane starts to drop. Now he is losing altitude a little too fast. So using his head, Mike steers to the side where the ground drops off and somehow makes a perfect landing. I thought I had seen everything, but making a perfect landing without an elevator, now that takes the cake. We all had a good laugh. I want to thank Mike for one of the best "I remember when" stories that I have ever been a part of.

On November 1st, there will be a Helicopter Fly-in at our field. Robert Hughes and his heli buddies are hosting this event, which had previously been held at the high school in Smyrna. Robert is a new M.P.R.C.F. member, but is well known in the Nashville area and across the U.S. as a very accomplished helicopter pilot. Bar-B-Q will be available to pilots and spectators for a cost of \$6 each. Advance notice and payment is required, so please contact me or Robert before October 26th to make arrangements. Bring your own drinks and whatever else you may want, and come out and be a part of some of the best helicopter flying you will ever see. There will be helicopter flying only, and the field will be closed to everything else for this one day event. Spectators are welcome at no charge.

Next month, at the November meeting, we will be taking nominations for club officers for next year. Mike Dunphy has agreed to head the Nominating Committee, so if you would like to nominate someone, or if you are interested in

running for office yourself, please contact Mike at PAC R/C Hobbies. The three



current officers, Jim



, Jeremy



, Dan

, and



our Safety Coordinator, Troy

, have agreed to run for another term. But there are still two positions not filled, Field Maintenance Director and Event Coordinator. Nominations will be taken for all positions through the close of the November membership meeting, and elections will be held at the December meeting.

As we get closer to the end of the year, we need to make plans for the December meeting (Thursday, December 3rd). It will be held at the Legends Steakhouse. Hopefully we will have a good turnout and hopefully everyone will bring their family with them. We hope to do something special this year, so make plans to attend. I think you will have a great time. Ok, that's it for this month. If the weather cooperates, I'll see ya at the field. Gear down and don't forget to flare.

Jim Powers
President M.P.R.C.F.