



UPCOMING EVENTS

- October 1st – Club Meeting (Legend's Steakhouse)

September Meeting Minutes

Vice President Jeremy Woodside called the September 2009 MPRCF meeting to order with 23 members and 3 Board Members present. Dan Wandell presented the Treasure's report. The report was accepted as read. Jeremy Woodside read the minutes from the July meeting. The minutes were accepted as read. In old business the final touches were put on the MAFSC. Matt and Jim briefed everyone on the logistics of setup through tear down. In new business a motion was made and seconded to purchase (2) 6' and (1) 8' table for \$140. In other new business a motion was made and seconded to allocate \$1500 to the purchase of a P.A. system. Meeting adjourned.

President's Comments

Have you ever been in the middle of working on an airplane and can't find something you need? That's what happened to me the other day so I decided it was time to straighten things up. Two and a half hours later the shop is looking better, but I still didn't find what I was looking for. It will show up someday when I don't need it and I'll put it somewhere special and won't be able to find it next time I want it. I could always go to Pac's and buy it, then I'll have a spare. I just won't know where it is. Do you get the impression this conversation is going nowhere? I do try and keep things organized so that I can find what I need when I need it. I spent many years hauling cars and the secret to getting your truck loaded and unloaded fast and safe was to keep everything in its proper place and to follow a set routine. That is what I try to do when I'm putting my planes together at the field getting ready for a flight. I'm not going to tell you that I don't forget to do something, like plug in the ailerons. However, the other part of my routine is to check and be sure everything is working right before starting the plane. It is easy to get distracted when your doing something at the field, so always turn on your radio and double check your control surfaces before starting your plane. This simple rule has saved me a lot of problems. If you are new to radio control airplanes and helicopters remember to not get in a hurry, the finger you save may be your own. I would hate to have to learn to fly without one of my fingers, but it would make a good war story. Our seventh annual Mid America Fun Scale Classic is over and once again the weather was a big problem. The turn out



was very disappointing. I know that the weather kept people away, however, there just doesn't seem to be any real interest among our club members for this type of contest. It takes a lot of work to put on an event and when only a few people show up to fly it just doesn't seem to be worth it. We passed out more than 150 fliers, talked to other clubs, sent out emails and placed a large add in Model Aviation and still only ended up with 11 pilots. I do want to thank everyone who showed up to help. I want to offer special thanks to Myron and Troy for the great job they did cooking, Myron even brought out his big smoker and cooked some ribs(they were great). The hamburgers and hot dogs were good also--thanks Myron and Troy for a job well done. The new PA system worked great. We only set out two of the four speakers, because of the chance of rain, and I received several comments about how good the system sounded. The flying went good with only one serious crash. Jerry Miller was in the middle of a perfect figure 8 when his P51 Mustang snapped into the ground unexpectedly. I'm sure Jerry would have finished close to the top if this hadn't happened.

Whenever we have special events at our field we always try to have some kind of door prizes to give out, this helps to draw more people to the event and makes it fun for everyone attending. Pac's Hobby shop in Smyrna has provided almost all of these prizes at no cost to our club. When we have raffled off transmitters in the past, they sold them to us at their cost. Maureen takes applications for membership to our club, collects the money, and passes it along to us. When people new to R/C show up at their shop asking for help they tell them about our club. Mike brings them out Wednesday afternoons to show them the field and help them learn to fly. Over the last couple years we've had a lot of new members and a good majority of them have been referred by Mike and Maureen at Pac's. How do we repay them for everything they have done for us? **The only thing we can do is say Thank You and support them the way they have supported us.** We are very lucky to have a hobby shop like theirs in this area. Not only do they try and carry the items we need but Mike is there working on planes and helicopters. I can't tell you how many times someone has told me that Mike helped them with a problem they were having. Don't let me forget to mention Shawn is working at Pac's now and is a tremendous help to anyone looking for airplanes, helicopters, parts or just general information. Shawn is a proficient flier and a master builder who is always willing to help.

October is just around the corner and the weather is cooling off a little but don't put your planes away. We still have some great flying weather ahead. The October meeting is on the 1st this month (this Thursday) at Legends Steak House in Smyrna. The meeting will start at 7pm, so come early if you want to eat--the reservations are for 6pm. See Ya There. Keep your gear down and don't forget to flair.

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