



UPCOMING EVENTS

- July 2nd – Club Meeting (Legend’s Steakhouse)

June Meeting Minutes

President Jim Powers called the June Meeting to order with 20 members and 4 Board Members present. Vice President, Jeremy Woodside read the Minutes from the May Meeting. A motion was made and seconded to accept the Minutes as read. Treasurer Dan Wandell presented the Treasurer’s report. Motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasurer’s Report. In old business, discussion ensued about the ad for the MAFSC. A motion was made and seconded to purchase a ¼ page ad. In new business, Safety Officer, Troy Ball, presented the annual safety presentation. In other business, a motion was made and seconded to use Legends as a meeting place thru December. Motion carried. Mark Kramer proposed a “Dawn Patrol” event for warbirds. The event was scheduled tentatively for July 11th. Finally, Jim informed the club that we will participate in the Allied July 4th event. Meeting adjourned.

President’s Comments

Hello everyone and welcome to Tennessee the land of excitement, friendliness and hot summer days, don't you just love it? This has been a busy month, and as is the case sometimes, weird things seem to happen. As I'm sure most of you know by now we had an unusual situation come up, when Tim DiPrie of the Cane Ridge club ran into a problem with the park authority about hosting his 14th annual Helicopter pattern contest at Cane Ridge Park. It seems if you are going to have an event like this you must reserve the field for the weekend and get permission from the park authority, the park authority gives preferential treatment to the club that fly's there for such events.(because anyone can reserve the field for a special event) Tim applied for this permit months in advance, as he always had done, but apparently the people in charge of the parks did not realize that Tim was a member of the club and at the last minute wanted to charge an exorbitant rate for the three day event. Tim figured that there must be a mistake and tried to work it out with the park authority to no avail. Then Friday, the first day of the event, a park ranger showed up and told Tim he could not have the event there and all of the contestants that had showed up from hundred of miles away would have to leave the park. I want you to understand this is a premiere event with some of the worlds best Helicopter pilots competing, for thirteen years this event had been held at Cane Ridge and with pilots here from Florida, North Carolina, Illinois, Virginia and Tennessee what were they going to do? Now to explain how we got involved. I got a call from Steve Petty, one of our members, telling me he was at the field and wanted to know if I was coming out. I wasn't doing any thing so I decided to take a drive out just to visit for awhile. When I got there Barry Pope one of the helicopter pilots that joined our club this year, was there and just getting ready to leave. He explained to me what was going on with the Cane Ridge Helicopter event and that they didn't know what they were going to do. I ask if they would like to use our



field for the weekend and have their event there. Barry called Robert Hughes, another Cane Ridge member that was involved in this event, Robert called Tim and then Tim called me, I explained that they could use our field for the event and that I understood the field would have to shut down to anyone else wanting to fly and I was sure there would not be a problem. Tim ask if I could wait at the field for about an hour and he would come out to check out the field and talk to me. While waiting I called the board members and explained the situation and ask if they were in agreement with allowing them to hold their contest at our field that weekend, all agreed. About an hour later I saw a car coming through the gate, then another and another, there were about ten cars that showed up in a convoy from Cane Ridge. I met and talked with Tim, Robert and some of the other pilots in town for the event and told them I had contacted the board members and everyone had agreed to allow them to use our field for their event. Within minutes helicopters were in the air as the pilots started to practice for their contest the next day. Tim and everyone there couldn't be more thankful and wanted me to thank every member of our club for their hospitality, in his words it was unbelievable that we would do this for them. There event started Saturday with them flying three rounds and they finish the final two rounds on Sunday around 1pm. At that time the field was open back up for anyone wanting to fly. Before leaving on Sunday Tim and Robert thanked me again and told me there had been a number of our members from our club that had stopped by to watch the contest and welcome them to our field, I have never been more proud of our club members and I want to let you know that I have received a number of emails saying that we did the right thing and not one complaint. Thanks to you all for your support I'm sorry if this caused a problem for anyone but as one of our members said to me in an email, clubs must support each other or parish. I think we were lucky to be given a chance to step up and show what our club is willing to do to help other clubs in our area, Tim says he hopes he will get the chance to pay it forward.

Hope that wasn't to drawn out but I wanted everyone to know just what transpired. Now on to other news. The 4th of July is approaching fast and Allied Waste has ask us to participate in their festivities, they would like us to have a static display at their location and to have planes flying at our field with the club trainer set up for anyone that wants to learn how to fly an r/c plane. There will be food and drinks and games set up in the open area just west of the football field and we are invited to join in on the fun. There will be a fire works display after dark and for the last couple of years we have set up chairs at our field and watched the fire works from there. This is a family event that everyone can enjoy so bring your kids or grand kids out for a great time. Oh the club trainer is in good shape, thanks to Greg Doe and the conversion he did to make the wing bolt on instead of using rubber bands, Thanks Greg for the donation of your time and money. So if you know of anyone wanting to try flying an r/c plane bring them out, that's what the plane is there for.

Matt McKnight has informed me that the 1/4 page ad, for the Mid American Fun Scale Classic, has been sent in and will run in the August issue of Model Aviation. As suggested at the last meeting we will be holding flying secessions at the field, to help teach anyone interested in flying in the event some of the maneuvers and explain how everything is run. As far as what type of planes can fly, any scale plane with any type of power source and any size. Extra's, Yaks, Edge's, Warbirds, if you have a plane and are not sure we will check with Matt and find out. The one thing that everyone should know is that this is just like a fun fly event but with judging, it is a lot of fun and anyone can compete regardless of their experience. We have a lot of fun just watching some of the more experienced pilots screw up, last year Scott Patton couldn't get his plane started after the first round then after the flying was complete he realized he had his ignition switch turned off. The year before Scott's airplane battery caught on fire and he had to land his

smoking airplane, when we got there to put out the fire the fire extinguisher was empty. I can't wait to see what Scott will have happen this year. There will be food (Myron is cooking and has promised to have something special) I can't wait to see what he comes up with. We will have flyers ready shortly and we need to get the word out about the event, I will keep you informed.

All you early morning flyers get ready, Mark Cramer is going to have a dawn patrol fly in on July 11th (rain date is July 18th). Mark wants to start early, about 6am (is there a 6 in the morning too?) All the warbirds will go out on early patrol, but any kind of airplane or helicopter is welcome to come fly (let's just not wake anyone up, like me) there will be coffee and some kind of food, so if you like to get an early start and want to fly when the winds are calm, come on out and enjoy the good times. You don't have to be there at 6am it will go on for a while, and remember any kind of plane can fly at this event. I'm sure that Dan Fry, Matt Mcknight and Mark will show us some warbird formation flying. Tim and Low Joe you two need to come out for this too, it's your type of flying.

What else is going on? Dan Fry is putting the finishing touches on his new airplane,(I can't wait to see it fly), Tom Nelson has his Carden back up and flying and it looks better then ever. Just a note here, some of us will try and rebuild a plane after a crash and make it just as good as it was before, but the really good builders aren't satisfied with what they had before they look at a crash as an opportunity to improve on what they had and make it better. This is what Tom did and it worked really well, great job Tom. Troy Ball bought a Matt Chapman Cap 232 (the one with the paint ball's) then striped the covering and recovered it in his own colors, and it looks great, this is Troy's first 100 cc size plane and he **should have** it ready to fly this weekend. Brian Krieger has a new 50cc size Yak, I've helped him work out some of the bugs and somehow it is flying very good, he is also finishing up a 50cc profile, like the one that Troy Ball fly's, and it should be ready to go shortly. I went out to the field yesterday and Troy Denson (helicopter pilot) helped me set up my new Raptor, and I'm happy to report it is once again flying great, Thanks Troy. For anyone that likes electric's Steve Petty has a new mini telemaster, he got rid of the Nimh battery that came with it and went to a lipo and what a difference, it is flying great. There is a lot going on at the field new planes and helicopters, new members, so if you haven't been out in awhile stop by and say hay. I'm out of room, out of ink and getting ready to head to the field. **Don't forget the meeting July 2nd at Legends Steak House in Smyrna 6pm the meeting will start at 7pm. Until next month keep your rotor speed up(see I even learned some heli talk)**

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

