

## **November Newsletter**

**It's almost Thanksgiving, the weather is cold, and it's time to start those winter projects, so we can be ready when the warm weather returns. This is a very good time to go over everything on our planes and fix those little things we never seem to have time for. I like to rework my fuel tanks before the next flying season; you will be surprised what you can find if you start looking over everything. I've got a 40% extra 260 that has been sitting around waiting to be painted that's going to be my winter project. I'm going to have it ready when it warms up.**

**This is also a good time to look back over the year and see what we have accomplished. We revamped our training program somewhat and have had some very good results. I am very proud of the new pilots we have trained this year. Not only are they flying great but they have become very active members in the club. In our haste to change things in the training program, we did make one big mistake. We set up a standard that required two instructors to sign-off any new student pilots. This wasn't because we didn't have confidence in our instructors, because we have some of the best instructors there are. After talking with the board and the instructors, we have changed this rule and any instructor can sign-off a new student. We are just trying to make our club the best it can be. If you as a member see changes that need to be made, please bring it to our attention. Remember this is an R/C flying club, and we will do some things right and some things wrong. Hopefully we will learn from our mistakes.**

**As the New Year approaches one thing to keep in mind is your AMA renewal. Your AMA expires Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>, 2008 and needs to be renewed before then if you intend to fly in 2009. Remember it is a requirement of our club and Allied Waste that we all have current AMA coverage. If you're at PACs Hobbies over the holidays, let them renew your AMA membership for you or you can renew online. Another focus for next year is going to be safety. There are always improvements that can be made at any club, so let's all do our part and be as safe as we can.**

**I want to update the December meeting/banquet; it looks like we should have a good turnout. If you haven't done so yet please RSVP to my or Jeremy Woodside's email or call me at 615-479-6385. The meeting/banquet is Thursday, Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> at Legend's Steakhouse in Smyrna. Happy Hour starts at 6 p.m., and the meeting will start around 7 p.m. I hope to see you there.**

*Jim Powers*  
**MPRCF President**

## Minutes from November Meeting

The October meeting was called to order on November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2008 by President Jim Powers with 16 members present. Board Members present were Jim Powers, Jeremy Woodside, Dan Wandell, Gary Mann and Michael Young. Vice President Jeremy Woodside read the Minutes of the October meeting. A motion was made and seconded to accept the Minutes as read. Dan Wandell read the Treasurer's Report. A motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report.

In old business, Jim Powers thanked everyone for supporting the Toys for Tots event and making it a success. Thanks also went out to Larry Brown for donating the radar gun used in the Toys for Tots event. Finally in old business, Greg Doe expressed discontent with MPRCF's lack of participation in Association events and urged the club to be more involved next year.

In New Business, Jeremy Woodside covered the logistics for the December meeting at Legend's Steakhouse, urging those who are attending to RSVP. Motion was made and seconded to make an initial donation of \$500 to Toys for Tots and then a second if more money is donated to the club. Dan Fry then reported for the nominating committee and relayed their suggested slate of officers. They are as follows: President Jim Powers, Vice President Jeremy Woodside, Treasurer Dan Wandell, Safety Officer Troy Ball, and Event Coordinator Scott Patton. Troy Ball nominated Larry Jenks for the remaining position of Field Maintenance. After no other nominations were made, Jim Powers closed the floor for nominations and the 2009 Officer/Board Member slate was set for the election in December. Motion was made and seconded to adjourn. Meeting adjourned.