

July Newsletter



Minutes from July Meeting

The July meeting was called to order on July 9th 2008 by President Jim Powers, with 18 members present. Board Members present were Jim Powers and Jeremy Woodside. Vice President Jeremy Woodside read the Minutes of the May and June meeting. A motion was made and seconded to accept both months Minutes as read. Jim Powers read the treasurer's report. A motion was made and seconded to accept the treasurer's report.

In Old Business:

Jim Powers thanked various members for their generous contributions to the surplus equipment cache. Jim also reported on the 4th of July event sponsored by Republic.

In New Business:

There were three new graduates from the training program. Congratulations to Adam Bond, John Lake, and Paul Moore for earning their wings. Securing the club roster on the website was discussed, and Adam Bond made a motion to password protect member information on the website. Rick Clayton seconded, and the motion passed. Finally, Mike Dunphy briefed the club on the progress being made towards the Mid-America Fun Scale Classic. The logistics of the event such as food, judges, and advertisement were discussed. Motion was made and seconded to adjourn. Meeting adjourned.

Minutes from the July Board Meeting

The July MPRCF Board meeting was called to order by Jim Powers on July 15th, 2008. Board members present included Jim Powers, Jeremy Woodside, Ralph Foll, and Dan Wandell. The first order of business was to address the club website. Dan Wandell made a motion that MPRCF password-protect their club member information by incorporating a web site developed by John Lake. The website is developed and maintained using software provided by the website host. The motion was seconded and passed. In other business, Mike Dunphy briefed the Board about the Mid-America Fun Scale Classic. Advertisement, which had been discussed at the regular club meeting, was finalized. Motion was made and seconded to adjourn. Meeting adjourned.

President's Comments

July is almost over, and here comes August with more hot weather. If you can stand the heat, the flying has been great. I've noticed more people coming out late in the day when its cooler and the winds are calm. With it staying light later, more flyers are showing up around 4 or 5 o'clock. That leaves plenty of time to fly for a couple hours and tell a few stories before it gets too dark. If you have some extra time in the evening, come join us! You might have a good time.

Congratulations to Paul Moore and Adam Bond on graduating from flight training. They are both flying great and have proven to be good additions to M.P.R.C.F. Keep up the good work guys, and thanks for allowing us to become part of your lives. Our club is not only about flying but being part of a team and having a good time. I've been having a great time and I hope everyone else has too.

As we roll into August, it's time to start getting ready for the Mid-America Fun Scale Classic. This has become a great event thanks to Matt McKnight and a lot of other members that have volunteered their time and energy. This year, Mike Dunphy is the CD, and he will need all the help we can give him. At the August meeting we will be asking for volunteers to help. The date is September 13th and 14th. Mark you calendar now, and plan on having a very good time. Remember that we need flyers to make this work, so start practicing now to get ready. We will get a list of maneuvers together and have them at the field for anyone interested. You new members start getting ready too. It's great training and will help advance your flying skills. If you haven't flown in one before, you will be in the novice class. The whole thing is conducted in a fun manner, so come join the fun. Let's all try and make this year's event the best one yet. Also remember, we will be taking donations for Toys for Tots. Let's all help raise money for a great cause.

What goes up must come down but sometimes not the way we would like it to. I was just informed of a mishap that happened when someone forgot to raise his antenna before taking off. Shortly after he saw it was down and reached out to raise it..."good-bye airplane." He should have stayed close and landed the plane or tried to get some altitude before reaching for the antenna. I'm not picking on anyone here, rather just trying to prevent this from happening again. Always raise your antenna before taking your plane off the starting bench, do a check of all control surfaces and double check before taking off. The plane you save may be your own.

There is a fly-in this weekend at Castalian Springs, TN. off highway 25, and east of Gallatin. It is being hosted by Sumner County RC Flyers. It will be both Saturday and Sunday, so swing by if you have some time. They are one of our association clubs, so let's try to show our support. That's it for this month. Happy landings.

Jim Powers
MPRCF President