



May Meeting Minutes



The April meeting was called to order by President Jim Powers with 10 members present. Vice President Jeremy Woodside read the Minutes from the April meeting. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as read. Michael Young was absent; therefore no treasurer's report was given.

In old business, Jim Powers reported on the success of the work-day that was held. A motion was made and seconded to authorize Jeremy Woodside to purchase a second load of gravel on an as needed basis. Another motion was made and seconded to give Ken Casey a gift for his continued service of mowing the grounds. In other old business Jim Powers reported on the revised financial report of the swap meet. The effort of club members was greatly appreciated and was directly reflected through the financial benefit to our club.

In new business, discussion ensued about the purchase of a receiver, battery, and crystal for the club's demo plane. The discussion was tabled for the Board to review and bring suggestions to the June meeting. In other new business, a motion was made and seconded to continue donating a copy of the AMA Magazine to the Hobgood Elementary School. This will satisfy one requirement for being a Gold Leader Club. Questions were raised about communications between Allied Waste and our club. The lack of communication and development of the land previously set aside for the new field initiated discussion about alternative flying sites. A motion was made and seconded to task the Board to form a committee for site relocation. Finally in new business, corrections to the website regarding the description of the Mid-America Fun Scale Classic were brought forward. In the absence of Michael Young, John Lake was tasked with making corrections to the website as soon as possible. Motion was made and seconded to adjourn. Meeting adjourned.



Minutes of the June 5, 2008, MPRCF Membership Meeting



The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by Jim Powers, MPRCF President. All Officers and Board Members were present except for Jeremy Woodside and Ralph Foll. Twenty-two members were present at the meeting. Jim advised that the May Meeting Minutes were not available, so the vote to approve would be deferred until the July meeting. The Treasurer's Report was read and a motion was unanimously passed to accept the Report.

Old Business:

1. The Flying Site Assessment Committee proposal from the May meeting was discussed. A decision was reached to table further action until a later date.
2. Jim (with Board approval) proposed that we purchase a radio (transmitter & receiver) to go with the club's Introductory Flight Aircraft that Gary Mann donated to the club. Discussion ensued. A motion was made to purchase an unused Spread Spectrum radio offered to the club by Gary Mann for \$170. The motion carried with one nay vote from Matt McKnight.
3. Jim advised that he received notice from the AMA that MPRCF's Gold Leader Club (GLC) status had been approved for another year. Jim also advised that MPRCF had renewed the AMA magazine subscription to Hobgood Elementary School which satisfies one of the GLC requirements.

New Business:

1. Mike Dunphy, of PAC R/C Hobbies, mentioned that they are now offering discounted fuel pricing to their customers. This discounted pricing has resulted in an overall drop in price. Members are asked to contact PAC R/C Hobbies direct for more information.
2. Dan Wandell reported that the Board asked him to explore the potential of holding a Boy Scout Day event at the field to help foster interest in our sport and to meet a portion of the GLC requirement. This program might include basic aerodynamic instruction, the building of an AMA Cub or Foam Plate glider, time on a flight simulator, and hands-on R/C flight. Myron Noyce offered his help. More on this later.
3. Jim Powers announced that John Lake has volunteered to send out the monthly newsletters from now on.
4. Mike Dunphy reported on the upcoming Mid-America Fun Scale Classic. The format will generally be the same as last year.

5. Jim Powers brought to the membership the idea of the club purchasing five (5) 10'x10' EZ Up canopies to replace the canopies the club currently has. It was thought that they could be bought from Sam's Club for around \$90 each. A motion was unanimously passed to approve the purchase of these canopies. Jim will coordinate their purchase.
6. Gary Mann asked that members consider donating miscellaneous repair and maintenance items (nuts, bolts, props, glue, etc.) that members might have lying around their shop to be placed in the secured box installed in the club building to help other members whose aircraft might need repaired while at the field. Gary reminded everyone that all officers and instructors have the code to the box and that he can give a "daily use" code to any member who requests it.

Other Business:

1. Dan Wandell reviewed the AMA Safety Code as well as the MPRCF Safety and Flight Rules. An annual safety review is required as part of the GLC requirement.
2. Jim Powers asked that all members try to call out their actions ("taking off", "landing", etc.) on the flight line whenever possible both as a courtesy to others as well as for safety reasons.
3. Greg Doe brought in for show-and-tell an Ugly Stick that he had on floats. Greg gave some of the history of the Ugly Stick and educated those at the meeting on some of the things to look out for when setting up floats. Thanks Greg for a very interesting demonstration.

A motion was made and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 PM.

R/C Wings Earned!!



Congratulations to John Lake for successfully completing the MPRCF Primary Flight Training Program and for earning his "R/C Wings". Earlier this month John successfully demonstrated his R/C flight skills to Instructor Jim Powers and Safety Coordinator Dan Wandell. The way John's been progressing, it won't be much longer until his trainer is permanently retired and he starts flying his ShowTime!!

Dan Wandell
MPRCF Safety Coordinator

Our Own LA Johnston

For those of you who haven't seen the July issue of AMA's *Model Aviation* magazine, I would like to draw your attention to a particular article of interest. The unique name of an individual grabbed my attention, and the pictures confirmed it was our own LA Johnston. We are privileged to have such a valuable resource in our club. He has an extensive history in R/C and is very willing to share his knowledge. Check out the article for yourself!

President's Comments



Yes, it's almost the end of June, and the 4th of July weekend is fast approaching. Time flies when you're having fun. Speaking of July 4th, Allied Waste has asked us to participate in their festivities this year. They would like us to set-up a canopy to display some planes at the soccer field and have some demo flights. We are going to have the club plane there for anyone that would like to try their hand at flying R/C. They are going to have food and a fireworks display, starting at 3:00 p.m. and 8:30 p.m., respectively. I hope we can have a good turn-out I know it's the 4th and a lot of you have plans but anyone that can find the time, please come out, and help make this a special day. So there is no misunderstanding, all R/C flying will be done at our field. Being the 4th of July, I would hope to see all you warbird guys out there. Dan Fry is coming and hopefully Matt McKnight. Tim lavender said he will try to come and maybe have some rubber band models to fry at the soccer field. Everyone is invited! Bring whatever kind of plane you have, and let's have a great day. As I get more details I will pass them along by e-mail, I'm looking forward to seeing everyone there Friday, July 4th.

I just wanted to let you know that our training program is moving along and another student has graduated. John Lake has done a fantastic job and is flying great! He already got his second plane, a ShowTime by Horizon Hobby. Keep up the good work John. There are a couple of other members that are ready to graduate soon, Paul Moore and Adam Bond. I would also like to welcome Gordon Boulton, as a new member to MPRCF. Gordon is an experienced flyer and helicopter pilot and has agreed to help as a student instructor. Thanks Gordon, and welcome aboard.

Sunday afternoons have been the busiest days at the field, and it's not unusual to see four or five people flying at one time. I'm happy to report that there haven't been any bad incidents. I've had members make comments to me that more people are calling out their landings and takeoffs too. Remember to let the other pilots know what you're doing. Keep it safe for everyone. Once again our friend from across the street has made a complaint about flying over his house. I know we are not flying over his house as much as he says, but let's all try to keep away from the road; we have plenty of room to fly over the dump, so let's all do our part. If I see someone flying too close to the road, I will say something to them. Please don't take this the wrong way; it's just a reminder. We are also going to be checking noise levels. We have a noise meter at the field and would like to check everyone in an effort to try lowering noise levels. I would appreciate any help I can get in this effort.

On a different topic, we've had an exciting growth in new members during the last year and a large part of this growth has been from those new to R/C. Growth is good, but there are only two ways it can happen...from those already experienced with R/C or from those who will be. A few months back an unused trainer plane (complete except for transmitter & receiver) was donated to the club by Gary Mann. At the June meeting the membership voted to buy a radio system to get this plane flying. It successfully flew for the first time this past Sunday. So, what's the purpose for having a Club Demonstration (Demo) Plane? You'll notice that I didn't say "Club Trainer." "Demo Plane" better describes what the intent is for this plane. The plane is to be used to demonstrate and promote our sport by allowing those who have an interest to experience a hands-on orientation flight or two (buddy-box of course). The Demo Plane will serve as a demonstrator for community events that MPRCF participates in like the Allied Waste 4th of July picnic, the Scout Day activity, and other events in which hands-on flying might be encouraged. We will also try to have the Demo Plane at the field whenever possible for interested spectators to fly. Growth is good, and we hope that the Demo Plane can help stimulate further growth for MPRCF.

Jim Powers
President MPRCF

