

Middle Point R/C Flyers



June 2017 Newsletter

Upcoming Events:

July 6 – Membership Meeting

August 3 – Membership Meeting

August 12 – National Model Aviation Day
Fly-In – MTRCS – Antioch, TN

August 26 – National Model Aviation Day
Fly-In – MPRCF Club Field

September 7 – Membership Meeting

September 8-10 – MTRCCA Fall Fly-In
– Dixon Airport

October 5 – Membership Meeting

November 2 – Membership Meeting

November 4 – MTRCCA Swap Meet
– Antioch, TN

December 7 – Membership Meeting

January 4 – Membership Meeting

February 1 – Membership Meeting

March 1 – Membership Meeting

March 17 – MPRCF Swap Meet

April 5 – Membership Meeting

Prez Says

Unfortunately, I need to repeat the opening paragraph that I wrote in the May newsletter: “This month has been another difficult one for our field development. While the weather has been more cooperative, the local excavating company that we are receiving assistance from has not yet been able to get to our job. Because of the rainy April (and continued rain thereafter) they are trying to catch-up on their “paid” jobs. We hope that they can get to our job soon.”

I realize that everyone’s frustration level is pretty high with the current rate of progress. However, since the cost savings will be substantial versus our contracting for the work ourselves, we agreed at the last membership meeting that we would remain patient and hope that the work can be done soon. I continue to work with the contractor to get

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June Meeting Minutes:

The meeting was called to order by Dan Wandell @ 6:09pm. There were 11 members present. There were no guests.

The May meeting minutes were accepted as published in the newsletter.

The May Treasurer's report was read and accepted.

There were no new members added during May.

Old Business:

Upcoming local events:

- Memorial Fly-In at Cedar Hill – June 3
- Warbird and Classic Fly-In at Cane Ridge – June 17
- National Model Aviation Day at Cane Ridge – August 12
- National Model Aviation Day at MPRCF Field – August 26
- Association Fall Fly-In at Dixon, TN Airport – September 8-10
- Association Fall Swap Meet at Antioch, TN – November 4

Association Fellowship Fly-In:

This year's event was held at the Cumberland Flyers' field in Cedar Hill, TN. The members who attended all had a good time. It was a successful event and the Association generated decent profits which will be returned to the Association member clubs. Thanks go out to the Cumberland Flyers for hosting this Fly-In.

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Prez Says (cont.)

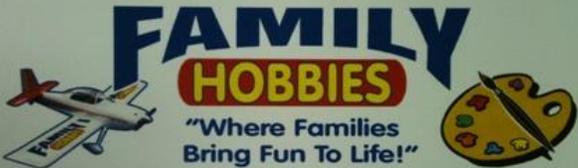
the work scheduled.

We are still planning to hold a National Model Aviation Day (NMAD) Fly-In on August 26, to raise funds for the Disabled American Veterans. In years past we have held a joint event at the MTRCS field in Antioch since we were without a permanent club field. The Cane Ridge club will hold their own NMAD event on August 12. If our field isn't ready in time our event will be cancelled and I will encourage all members to make the effort to attend the Cane Ridge club's event.

From September 8-10, the Middle TN R/C Clubs Association, of which MPRCF is a member, will hold its Fall Fly-In and Airshow at the Dixon County Regional Airport. The airport administrators are very excited to be hosting our event. They are actively promoting the event locally and they are providing us with amenities that will help make the event even more successful than it has been in the past. As usual, MPRCF will provide resources in support of this event with both labor and equipment. Mark your calendars and plan to come out and enjoy this great event. There is a flyer at the end of the Newsletter. If you register in advance you can save 25% on the landing fee. Advance reservations are now open: www.MTRCCA.org.

Earlier this month I vacationed in the Dallas area for a few days. While there I visited the Cavanaugh Flight Museum. What an outstanding museum! Nearly all aircraft are restored to flight condition and many regularly

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June Meeting Minutes (cont.):

National Model Aviation Day Fly-In:

The club will hold a Fly-In/Open House in recognition of National Model Aviation Day. The proceeds from this event will be donated to a charity to be decided upon at our next meeting. The date will be August 26, assuming that the field is ready by that date. Details will be worked out at the next meeting.

New Field:

The following list of action items was discussed.

Completed Actions:

- Lease Agreement signed
- 2017 lease payment issued
- Certificate of Insurance Issued
- Announcement to general public
- Murfreesboro and Stones River airports notified
- Remove and burn trees
- Close/block unused service road entrances and place no trespassing signs at the Greenway entrances to the service roads
- Determined runway layout
- Determine pits and parking layout
- Grading has begun
- Determined driveway layout
- Began driveway improvements
- Small field – Board approved the field's use for drones, etc. – no further action until interest is expressed

Since Last Meeting:

- We have been waiting for the local excavating company, who is assisting us with the driveway and grading, to get to our job; so there has been no meaningful progress at the field during May. The contractor is behind due to the rainy weather experienced during April which continued into May.
- The Sound Abatement Committee has developed preliminary guidelines for a sound abatement program using actual sound testing measurements. These guidelines were discussed at the meeting and will be refined as flying activity occurs at the field.

Pending Actions:

- Grade field and pit area
- Relocate road gate or do away with it
- Install field gate
- Improve road entrance to allow left turns – City approved

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June Meeting Minutes (cont.):

- Place rock/gravel on driveway – including drain pipes
- Parking area – leave natural unless rock cost is within budget – outline with logs
- Advise Murfreesboro fire and police departments of our location
- Install fabric runway (30x150)
- Seed outlying areas
- Establish sound abatement program
- Get a porta-potty after road is graveled (City uses Stewart's (\$65/mth-?) / Shamrock was used at Carl's)
- Determine what to move from Carl's and do so
- Establish Safety Program

July Meeting Location:

The July meeting will be held at O'Charley's Restaurant on July 6.

New Business:

FAA Ruling:

The recent federal court decision regarding the FAA's oversight of model aircraft activity was discussed. At this time registration with the FAA is not required nor is the placement of registration numbers on aircraft required. Dick Tonan mentioned that the AMA has advised that there is a bill(s) moving through congress that may prove restrictive on modeling activity that all members will need to be ready to petition their representatives to vote against. More will come from the AMA as there are further developments.

There was no other new business.

Meeting adjourned at 7:03pm.

Prez Says (cont.)

fly at various airshows in the Dallas area and nationwide. Their collection ranges from WWI through Vietnam era military aircraft, a few civilian aircraft and numerous tanks and other military vehicles.

The museum has an interesting collection of foreign aircraft from all eras. Of particular note are the Yak-3M (which in person is a really beautiful airplane), a Me-109, a Spitfire, and several MiG jets. They also have a good collection of WWI aircraft including a Fokker Dr.1 Triplane and Sopwith Camel.

Of particular note is the museum's CASA 2111E, a Spanish-built version of the Heinkel He-111. This rare aircraft is not on display to the general public. Fortunately, I was able to "sweet-talk" my way into the museum's maintenance hangar where it is stored and where I received a personal tour by one of the museum's volunteers. I'm certain that I was only able to gain access because I am a pilot and a member of the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) and not because of my charming nature. Seeing this aircraft was the highlight of my visit; not only because of its rarity, but because it is an amazing aircraft. Although it was outclassed by the fighters of its time, up close you can appreciate its streamlined design and unique features.

I have included some pictures from my visit later in the Newsletter; hope you enjoy them.

Well...that's it for this month.

Dan



**Next
Club Meeting !
July 6, 2017**

Cavanaugh Aviation Museum – Dallas, TX









Match the aircraft:

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|---------------|-------------------|
| MiG 17F | Pfalz D.III |
| Sopwith Camel | FM-2 |
| FG-1D | F9F-2B |
| P-40N | B-25H |
| MiG-21US | Me-109 |
| UH-1B | CASA 2111E |
| PT-19 | Tiger Moth |
| F-86 Mk. IV | Spitfire Mk. VIII |
| A-26C | TBM-3E |
| Yak-3M | F-105F |
| Fokker Dr.1 | P-51D |
| AD-5W | |

Captain Jeff Kuss USMC Memorial – Smyrna, TN

On June 2, 2016, at the age of 32, Captain Jeff Kuss, a Blue Angels pilot, tragically lost his life when his jet crashed a day before the Great Tennessee Air Show in Smyrna. A Blue Angel F/A-18C Hornet similar to the jet flown by Captain Kuss will be on permanent display in Smyrna as part of the Captain Jeff Kuss Memorial. This aircraft is on loan from the National Aviation Museum in Pensacola, Florida, and was recently delivered to the Smyrna airport where it will be housed until it is installed at the memorial. If you are interested in helping to fund the memorial to Captain Kuss, you can find more information at: www.captjeffkussusmcmemorial.com.



MIDDLE TENNESSEE R/C CLUBS ASSOCIATION

12th Annual FALL Fly-in

9 & 10 Sep. 2017

Dickson County Municipal Airport
2372 Sylvia Rd Dickson, TN



This event is for ALL AMA Member Pilots and All AMA Safety Code compliant R/C Models Including Turbines Electric, Gas or Glow - all are Welcome.

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- **\$20 Landing Fee**
- **Great Door Prizes**
- **Food Truck Concessions**
- **Registration @ 7:30 - Pilot's Meeting @ 9:00**
- **Register / pay On Line mtrcca.org**
- **Contact Dick Tonan For Additional Info dtonan@mac.com**