

Middle Point R/C Flyers

July 2017 Newsletter

Upcoming Events:

August 3 – Membership Meeting

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

September 7 – Membership Meeting

September 8-10 – MTRCCA Fall Fly-In
– Dickson 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

May 3 – Membership Meeting

June 7 – Membership Meeting

July 5 – Membership Meeting

Prez Says

If you are on Facebook, but haven't joined our group, please do so. There are more day-to-day updates of what is happening with the club there than anywhere else. The link is at the bottom of this page.

Some good news on the field development! During the week of July 24, Rollins Excavating Company was able to get to our job. They put in our driveway (including widening the entrance to enable left turns from Central Valley Road), prepped the parking areas, and did 90% of the runway grading and preparation. The remaining tasks for Rollins is to lay the remaining stone for the parking area and parking entrance; place some dirt on, and smooth, the pit area; finish the grading of the runway, and correct some areas of the driveway that need tending to due to drainage or other issues.

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July Meeting Minutes:

The meeting was called to order by Dan Wandell @ 6:31pm. There were 12 members present. Several family members were present as guests.

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

The June Treasurer's report was read and accepted.

There was one new member added during June.

Old Business:

Upcoming local events:

- 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

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 the Disabled American Veterans (DAV). The date will be August 26, assuming that the field is ready by that date. If the field is not ready the event will be cancelled and members will be encouraged to attend the Cane Ridge club's event. Details will be worked out at the next meeting.

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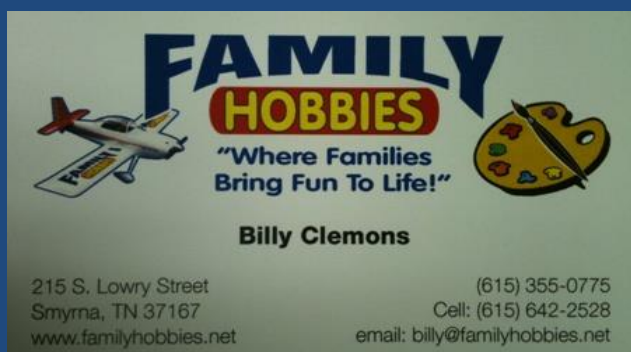
Prez Says (cont.)

I cannot say enough about the work that Rollins has done for us. I expected that the driveway would be topped then stone spread. Instead, they not only topped the driveway, they cut into the outer edges of the driveway and the hills to create drainage that would in the long-term prevent erosion of the stone. Additionally, they put in drain pipes and created drainage runoff areas.

Equally impressive is the work that Rollins has done on the runway. I expected that they would push some of the dirt around to improve the runway grade but not necessarily make a significant improvement. Instead, they have significantly leveled the runway both north-south and east-west. They also feathered-in the pit to runway area since there was a big drop in elevation when they leveled north-south. Equally important to us, but for which I didn't expect we would achieve, is that they were able to add fill and level the area to the north that previously contained the trees that were removed. This has effectively lengthened the runway/runway overrun area by another 100+ feet. This was desperately needed to aid in any long landings made to the north, which runs slightly downhill.

In the next few days Rollins will be done, and it will be up to us to finish off the work needed. We have already installed two gates, one at the road entrance to prevent the public from driving up to the field, and one at the field to prevent the public from accessing the field should they come up from the trailhead area

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July Meeting Minutes (cont.):

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
- Establish sound abatement program

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 June. The contractor is behind due to the rainy weather experienced during April and which continued into June.

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
- 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

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June Meeting Minutes (cont.):

- 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

August Meeting Location:

The August meeting will be held at O'Charley's Restaurant on August 3.

New Business:

FAA Ruling:

The recent federal court decision regarding the FAA's oversight of model aircraft activity was discussed. Anyone who had registered and paid their \$5 registration fee can request a refund and have their record expunged. If you plan to fly outside of the auspices of the AMA or for commercial purposes you must remain registered. See the FAA website for more details.

There was no other new business.

Meeting adjourned at 7:17pm.

Prez Says (cont.)

with horses, ATVs, motorcycles, bicycles, etc. Interestingly, there have been horse riders in our area who thought that it was available for their use. If you are ever at the field and anyone comes onto the property for any reason other than to spectate, kindly let them know that our area is private use and that they are not to use it for whatever they are doing. No cutting through our area to access the Greenway. Be nice, you never know when someone will get the R/C bug after seeing what we do.

We will very soon lay the fabric runway. Keep an eye out for my request for volunteers to help lay the fabric runway and please be generous with your time. This is a big job that needs many helpers.

Even though we now have the major work done on the runway, and should have the fabric laid soon, we have decided to cancel our National Model Aviation Day (NMAD) Fly-In scheduled for August 26. We believe that without the grass area growing in it would not be prudent to hold an event. I had remained optimistic that we would be able to hold it but it's not to be. 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 NMAD event on August 12. Please make an effort to attend their event so that we can show our support for the DAV organization. See the event flyer later in the newsletter. Later in the fall we might hold an Open House Fly-In and invite all local area RCers.

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*Next
Club Meeting !
August 3, 2017*

Prez Says (cont.)

Remember that next month, from September 8-10, the Middle TN R/C Clubs Association, of which MPRCF is a member, will hold its Fall Fly-In at the Dickson County Municipal Airport. Mark your calendar and plan to come out and enjoy this great event. Overnight camping is permitted and many folks campout for the weekend. So, load up your camper or bring your tent and come on out and enjoy good fellowship and good flying. If you register in advance for the Fly-In you can save 25% on your landing fee. The advance registration system is now open, which you can reach at [http://www.mtrcca.org/MTRCCA/Fall Air Show Registration %26 Information.html](http://www.mtrcca.org/MTRCCA/Fall_Air_Show_Registration_%26_Information.html). You don't need to register in advance, but who doesn't love a 25% savings? Try beating that return at the bank.

BTW, If you want to see photos of the field development, go to: <https://www.mprcf.com/photos/> and drop down to "2017 – New Field".

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

Dan

July Meeting Show-and-Tell: Greg Doe's EF-1 Pylon Racer – "Estrellita"





MEMBER OF: MTRCCA - MIDDLE TENNESSEE R/C CLUBS ASSOCIATION AMA CHARTER #65

MODEL AVIATION DAY

SUPPORTING DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS (DAV)

AUGUST 12, 2017

LANDING FEE \$ 15 - 100% DONATION- DOES NOT INCLUDE MEAL – "CONCESSION WILL BE AVAILABLE"

EVENT LOCATION: CANE RIDGE PARK - 419 BATTLE RD - ANTIOCH, TN 37013

PILOT'S MEETING 9 AM

MUST BE A CURRENT AMA MEMBER

100% PROCEEDS DONATED TO DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS (DAV)

CONCESSIONS / PUBLIC WELCOME/FREE R/C FLIGHT LESSONS

CONTACT INFO – MIKE CONNER 615-975-1808 - mtrcs@mtrcs.com

CONTEST DIRECTOR: DICK TONAN

DRAWING PRIZES DONATED BY LOCAL MERCHANTS

215 South Lowry Street – Smyrna, TN 37167 615-355-0775



[Click here for a video of the Fall Fly-In's flight line at the
Dickson County Municipal Airport](#)

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.
Foamies To Giant Scale! Primitive Overnight camping

- \$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