

Middle Point R/C Flyers



October 2017 Newsletter

Upcoming Events:

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

August 2 – Membership Meeting

August 24-25 – MTRCCA Fall Fly-In
– Dickson Airport

September 6 – Membership Meeting

October 4 – Membership Meeting

November 1 – Membership Meeting

Prez Says

It's tough to meet a deadline when you've been away most of the month, but it's unlikely that Jim Powers would let me slide if I missed publishing this Newsletter on time.

Since the last Newsletter we've made further improvements at the field. After installing the fabric runway, which included gluing the overlapping seam of the two strips, it was determined that the seam wasn't holding as well as we would have liked. As a result we used a specialty tape to secure the overlap. Hopefully this tape will hold up to the elements. As a side benefit this tape is white, which resulted in our now having a runway centerline...something to shoot for on landings! Later in the Newsletter are photos of the installation.

We also installed four pilot's flight stations. This is an important part of the AMA's, and our, safety program. The placement of the flight stations are

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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/mprcf/>

www.mprcf.com

October Meeting Minutes:

The meeting, held at the field, was called to order by Jim Powers @ 6:15pm. There were 16 members present. There were two guests.

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

The September Treasurer's report was read and accepted.

There were 3 new members added during September.

Old Business:

Upcoming local events:

- Cumberland Flyers (Cedar Hill) Fly-In – October 14
- Association Fall Swap Meet at Antioch – November 4

Association Fall Fly-In:

It was reported that this event, and venue, worked out great. The Association made about \$1,250 which will be part of the annual distribution to the Association member clubs at the end of the year. An online survey was sent to registered pilots who were asked to complete the survey to assist with improving this event in the future. The event will be back to Dickson in 2018. Thanks went out to everyone who attended or who volunteered.

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Prez Says (cont.):

temporary. We want to avoid placing the flight stations in the area that we recently planted with grass. Once the grass takes hold we will move the flight stations to their permanent location. Members are reminded that they must fly from these flight stations.

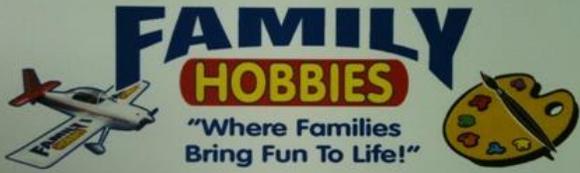
Thanks to John Dudinetz we now have an umbrella installed on the wooden picnic table. This will provide us with some well needed relief from the sun; although, with us moving quickly toward winter we may well want to bask in the sun's rays. ☺

Although I've been away for a while and couldn't participate in all of the fun, a member mentioned to me that there was a Thursday this month where quite a number of pilots randomly showed up to fly. It was mentioned that it had been a very long time since he saw that much activity at our club field. I'm excited to hear this and I anticipate that such activity will become the norm as we see our membership increase.

If you can remember, please take pictures when you are at the field if there is photo-worthy activity going on and send them to me. I post photos on our website and on our Facebook group, which I think helps to promote our club. And since there are only so many pictures of me and my airplanes that the public can take, your pictures will break the monotony. ☺

At the October meeting we reviewed updated Safety and Flight Rules. Members were emailed the Rules and they have been posted on our website. Members are reminded to

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October 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
- Determined driveway layout
- Small field – Board approved the field’s use for drones, etc. – no further action until interest is expressed
- Establish sound abatement program
- Grade field and pit area
- Place rock/gravel on driveway – including drain pipes
- Improve road entrance to allow left turns
- Parking area – placed rock
- Install road gate
- Install field gate
- Put up entrance signs
- Porta-Potty delivered
- Add barrier fencing at field gate
- Move club items from Carl’s
- Install windsock/flagpole base

Since September Meeting:

- Install windsock
- Harley Rake the field and roll
- Seed pits and runway
- Install fabric runway
- Advise Murfreesboro fire and police departments of our location (need to establish an address)

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Oct. Meeting Minutes (cont.):

Pending Actions:

- Establish Safety Program (including installing flight stations)
- Remove and spray weeds at fence line at entrance (remove fence?)
- Add safety mirror (?)
- Remove a few more trees at north approach
- Remove stumps in runway at the north end
- Remove rocks and other debris in the east runway perimeter
- Evaluate/repair starting stations
- Clean tables/chairs/bleachers

Airplane Setup for Gerry Rollins:

The club agreed to obtain airplane/radio for Gerry Rollins as thanks for his donation to the field improvements. Dan to donate DX-7, Don Perry to donate TX battery. No action since the last meeting.

Storage Container:

A lock guard was obtained. We need to install a locked dividing wall (maybe a roll-up door) and vents for cooling and to vent the charging station batteries. No action since the last meeting.

Charging Station:

We have batteries. The remaining equipment

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**Next
Club Meeting !
November 2, 2017**

Prez Says (cont.):

familiarize themselves with the Rules and to ensure that they are followed. The Rules are not meant to be controlling, but are intended to ensure that we operate safely. Everyone's cooperation is appreciated.

Coming up this Saturday--November 4, is the Association's Giant Regional Swap Meet being held at the Antioch United Methodist Church, the same venue as last year. We have sold over 115 tables so it's stacking up to be a great Swap Meet. A lot of tables mean a lot of bargains to be had for buyers. There is a copy of the flyer later in the Newsletter. I hope to see you there.

Nominations for 2018 officers will conclude at the November meeting. If you want to volunteer for any office let Dick Tonan or me know. The officers will be voted on during the December meeting.

From November 9-12, the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) is bringing the Liberty Aviation Museum's 1928 Ford Tri-Motor to Murfreesboro. While here, the EAA is offering rides in the Tri-Motor. This is a great opportunity to fly in a true piece of aviation history. It is hard to imagine, but this aircraft first flew only 25 years after man first flew a powered aircraft...and this airplane is nearly 90 years old!! The cost of a 30 minute experience (15 minute flight) is \$70; pretty reasonable when you consider there aren't many chances for such an experience. Proceeds go toward maintaining this airplane and keeping it on tour. Hopefully you'll have a chance to get in a flight.

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

October Meeting Minutes (cont.):

needs to be purchased and installed. No action since the last meeting.

Covered Structure:

We will be installing “garage port” style structures. Inquiries were made with one local supplier, Watson’s Portable Buildings. Further evaluation will need to be made to determine size, number of units, placement, etc.

Gas Grill:

Thanks goes out to Myron Noyce for completing the repairs on the club’s gas grill. It is now at the field and available for use. Myron will be reimbursed for expenses that he incurred.

New Business:

Safety and Flight Rules:

Draft rules were presented to the membership for comment. Several changes to the draft rules were proposed and subsequently incorporated. The revised rules will be implemented immediately.

2018 Officer Nominations:

Dick Tonan volunteered to head the Nomination Committee. Nominations will close at the November meeting. Anyone interested in any position should not hesitate to volunteer. The current officers most likely need a break. 😊

Association Swap Meet:

Dick Tonan reported on the upcoming Association Regional Swap Meet scheduled for November 4 at the Antioch United Methodist church. Sellers are encouraged to get their tables before they sell out.

November Meeting Location:

The November meeting will be held at O’Charley’s.

There was no other new business.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm.

Runway Tape Installation



MID - TENN RADIO CONTROL CLUBS ASSOC
GIANT REGIONAL SWAP MEET

Sat. 4 Nov, 2017

Antioch United Methodist Church

41 Tusculum Rd. Antioch, TN

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November 2-5, 2017 Cullman, AL - Cullman Regional Airport

Field Location: Main airport entrance/terminal, 1380 Vinemont, AL 36922

Aircraft: Liberty Ford 4-AT-E

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November 2-5, 2017 Wilbarger County - North Texas Regional Airport

Field Location: Main airport entrance/terminal, 4700 Airport Drive, Wilbarger, TX 75020

Aircraft: EAA Ford 4-AT-E

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November 9-12, 2017 Murfreesboro, TN - Murfreesboro Municipal Airport

Field Location: Main airport entrance/terminal, 1930 Memorial Blvd, Murfreesboro, TN 37129

Aircraft: Liberty Ford 5-AT-B

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