

Middle Point R/C Flyers



March 2017 Newsletter

Upcoming Events:

- April 6 – Membership Meeting
- May 4 – Membership Meeting
- May 6 – MTRCCA Fellowship Fly-in
– Cedar Hill, TN
- May 13-20 – Joe Nall Week
- June 1 – Membership Meeting
- July 6 – Membership Meeting
- August 3 – Membership Meeting
- August 12 – National Model Aviation Day
- 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

Prez Says

It's been a hectic month with all of the progress that has been made to the new field and with us holding our Swap Meet.

Our 23rd Annual Swap Meet was held on March 18th. By all accounts it was the most successful Swap Meet in the 23 years that it has been held. Except for admissions, all sources of proceeds: table sales, raffle and concessions, were all records. Admissions were only off a little and that may be because of the increase in table holders – buyers became sellers this year.

I want to thank all of those members, and non-members, who helped with this year's Swap Meet. This was one of the smoothest Swap Meets that I can remember.

I want to specifically thank Tom Albert for his generosity toward the club. While Tom is not a member of MPRCF he is well known to most modelers

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March Meeting Minutes:

The meeting was called to order by Dan Wandell at 6:03pm there were 10 members present. There were no guests.

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

The February Treasurer's report was read and accepted.

There were four new members during February.

Old Business:

Upcoming local events:

MPRCF Swap Meet – March 18

MTRCCA Fly-In at Cedar Hill – May 6

Joe Nall – May 13 to 20

National Model Aviation Day – August 12

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

MPRCF Swap Meet: Scheduled for March 18.

Armory is reserved but subject to cancellation if the unit is mobilized. 67 tables have been sold so far. Need more tables or can only sell 22 more tables (89 total). This total already assumes the loan of 12 tables from Myron Noyce and 8 tables from Tim Lavender. Jim Powers volunteered to head concessions. Volunteers are needed to help set-up on Friday, March 17 at 1:00pm. Volunteers are needed to assist during the event and to teardown afterward.

New Field: The following list of action items was discussed. Dan Wandell will send out an email to members noting the open action items.

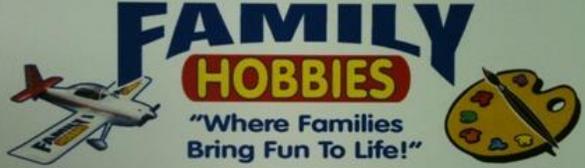
Prez Says (cont.)

in this area. Tom won the DX8 radio that was raffled. Rather than keep the radio Tom auctioned it off and donated the proceeds to our club. There are not too many folks out there with that kind of generosity. And this is not the first time that Tom has done this when he wins. I have seen him do similar things at other events. Thanks again Tom!!

The new field is progressing nicely. The trees in the middle of the main field, and the trees between the main and supplemental field, have been removed and mostly burned. We have determined the road, runway, pit and parking layouts. Grading of the runway and pit area has started; this will be a huge job. The fabric runway size will be 150' x 30', which is what we can yield from one roll of fabric.

We are improving the Central Valley Road entrance to better enable left turns onto the driveway, especially while pulling trailers. We will relocate the entrance gate further up the driveway to avoid blocking the road. There was an incident where joyriders came up from the Greenway parking area and rutted up the road going into the field. Since we don't want this to occur in the future a gate will be installed at the field entrance. While it will be a pain to unlock two gates this will be better than having our field damaged.

Weather permitting, we hope to have the entrance completed and gravel spread on the driveway very soon. We may receive support from several local businesses with materials and equipment to do this job. If we do, I will recognize them in our newsletter and on our



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March Meeting Minutes (cont.):

Completed Actions:

- Lease Agreement signed
- 2017 lease payment issued
- Certificate of Insurance Issued
- Announcement to general public
- Murfreesboro airport notification
- Determine what can fly in the interim – Any electric aircraft
- Determine which trees to remove and remove
- Burn trees
- Place no trespassing signs on service road field entrances
- Close/block unused service road entrances

Pending Actions:

- Stones River airport notification
- Double-lock road gate – may be dependent on road gate status
- Relocate road gate or do away with it – Get city's help?
- Improve road entrance to allow left turns – Get city/county's help?
- Advise Murfreesboro fire and police departments of our location
- Determine runway layout
- Grade field
- Install fabric runway (30x150)
- Parking area to be left natural – mark boundaries with logs?
- Establish sound abatement program before flying gas/glow
- Determine driveway layout, cut driveway, and place rock/gravel as needed
- Relocate field entrance to avoid work/cost associated with the dip?
- When/if to install the field gate – may be dependent on road gate status
- When to get a porta-potty (City uses Stewart's Portable Toilets)
- Determine what to move from Carl's and do so
- Establish Safety Program

A motion was made, and approved, to allocate \$2,500 of club funds to be used for field development.

The club was approached by local drone flyers about the possibility of using the small field for drone racing. The Board approved exploring that field's use for drones, or any other compatible activity, with the understanding that it would be a MPRCF club field and that users (other than occasional guests) would need to be club members. As a club field, maintenance and other amenities would be the taken care of by the club.

Constitution and By-Laws Changes: The members approved the changes to the Constitution and By-Laws as previously submitted to the membership, and also approved three additional items that were presented at the meeting.

March Meeting Minutes

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New Business:

No new business was discussed.

Prez Says (cont.)

website.

After the Greenway was constructed there were two service road entrances left that joined our field to the Greenway. We have better secured these service roads and have placed No Trespassing signs at the Greenway where these access roads join the trail to alert Greenway users that these accesses are not part of the trail. We have had the occasional pedestrian and bicyclists come onto our area probably thinking the field is available for their use. Let me know if you notice people in our area so that I can assess if more effective barriers are needed. Also, feel free to politely let people know that they can't use the area as a cut through since it is a private use area.

When you run into Clint Russell, make sure that you thank him for all of the work that he has done at the field. He has done most of the tree clearing and burning, and has done all of the runway preparation work. Additionally, he has provided sound advice on many of the decision that needed to be made. Clint has been a godsend for us and we owe him a huge debt of gratitude for everything that he has done for us. Thanks Clint!!

On May 6, the Middle TN R/C Clubs Association will hold its 12th Annual Fellowship Fly-In at the Cumberland Flyers field in Cedar Hill. This is always a great time and the Cedar Hill field is a nice flying site. I hope to see you there.

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

Dan



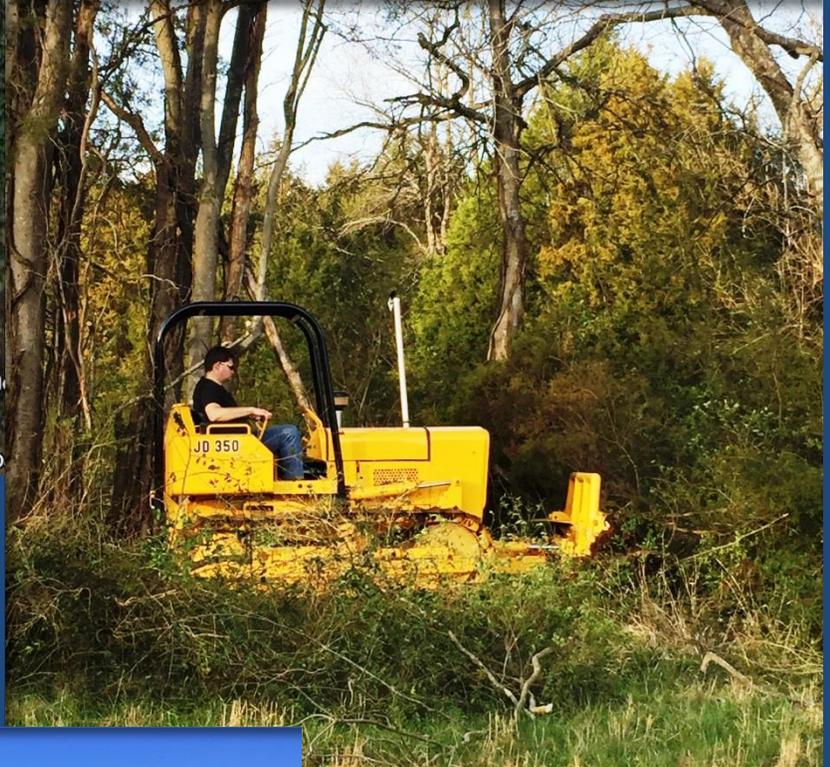
*Next
Club Meeting !
April 6, 2017*



Swap Meet



New Field





MIDDLE TENNESSEE R/C CLUBS ASSOCIATION

12th Annual Fellowship Fly-in

Sat. 6 MAY 2017

Hosted by the Cumberland Flyers

3336 Winters Rd Cedar Hill, TN

GPS: 36.475059 -87.0986672



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

- \$15 Landing Fee
- Cash Door Prizes
- Food Concessions
- Registration @ 7:30 - Pilot's Meeting @ 9:00
- Spectators Welcome
- Contact Dick Tonan For Additional Info dtonan@mac.com