

Radio Signal Modelers Flying Club
December 2009 Newsletter
December 7, 2009



The December 2009 meeting was called to order by President Mike Meitus at the Strictly RC basement location at 7pm. Approximately 20 members were in attendance. Secretary Ted Noncek read the minutes of the November 2009 meeting which were approved by the club.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Terry Gombert presented the Treasurer's report. The club started November 2009 with a beginning cash balance of \$1,490 which includes \$10 in the PayPal account. During the month, the club paid out \$366.36 for field maintenance supplies including fertilizer and the spreader, and received \$16 that was found in the shed. The club ended the month with a cash balance of \$1140 which includes \$10 in the PayPal account. The Treasurer's report was approved by the club.

President's Message

President Mike started the meeting by discussing several items. First, Mike indicated that his wife was kind enough to perform sewing maintenance on the walls to the club tent shelter. They needed repair to attach properly to the poles. Thanks Mrs. Meitus for helping out. Next it was discussed that the club's propane heater needs any spare propane tanks so that we can use it this winter to keep winter flyers warm. Feel free to bring out any tanks that you may have left from your barbeque. Finally Mike discussed safety issues at the field. Recently he watched two high speed crashes of electric jets. Mike noted how these can go about 100 mph or more, and to watch out especially with less experienced fliers. The pit can be a dangerous place if one is not paying attention to the action on the field.

Field Maintenance Issues

The mower has been moved out of the shed for the winter to Tom Jacob's garage for safe keeping. Thanks Tom for letting the club keep the mower in your garage. VP Mike reported that the shed has been straightened up and swept out. And could be used during winter flying as a warming shelter.

RSM Holiday Party

The club discussed and set a date for the annual holiday party. It will be held on Saturday, January 23rd. It was discussed that the club has held the party at the Great Escape for several years now, but that last year's party seemed rushed and less value for the money. It was decided to look into other venues for the party. It was suggested to look into Dino's, on Higgins just east of Harlem. VP Mike will look into pricing, and expects that a decent Italian dinner with pizza would be less than \$20 at Dino's. The party will be further planned at the January meeting.

Terry noted that he received from Cindy at Al's Hobbies the gift card representing the club share of the Al's card program. The gift card has a balance of \$49.11 representing 3% of what club members spent at Al's during 2009. The club was reminded to make sure they mention and sign up at Al's to get any purchases credited to RSM so that the amount grows next year. The gift card will be used to purchase prizes for the holiday party.

Chili Fun Fly Date Set--Saturday, December 12th

The 5th Annual Chili Fun Fly will take place on Saturday, December 12th at the field. Please dress warm and bring some chili to share, or come by even if you did not make chili as every year we seem to have enough from the crazy few that make this an annual ritual.

Officer Elections for 2010

In accordance with the club's bylaws, the slate of officer candidates was to be nominated at the November meeting for 2010 office. The club failed to do so, and as a result completed the nomination process at the December meeting. After being asked for nominations, only the current slate of officers were nominated. After the nomination, a voice vote was performed to vote the officers in. The officers were all voted in by unanimous voice vote. Mike Meitus will continue as President, Mike Reinhart as Vice-President, Terry Gombert as Treasurer, and Ted Noncek as Secretary. Steve Shultz was asked, and accepted, the office of club safety officer. Thank you to all officers for agreeing to serve another year.

Flight Instructor Organizing

Don Zeller updated the club on his progress in starting to organize instructors and the instruction program at RSM. Don talked to AMA and received sample instructor programs. It was discussed that we could use flight cards so that students would be signed out as to their training so that multiple instructors could coordinate training progress. Don asked for volunteers, and Mike Meitus, Ted Noncek, Mike Reinhart and Don agreed to act as instructors.

Amending Bylaws/Incorporation

After discussion of the election and procedures for the nomination and election of officers, the subject of the club bylaws was discussed. A brief review of the bylaws at the meeting indicated that the bylaws may need amending as many items in the bylaws were not being enforced or followed in current time. The bylaws date back to the 1970's and should be reviewed carefully and suggestions for amending set forth. It was discussed that we would put the current version of the bylaws on the website and ask members to make suggestions for amending the rules.

It was also discussed that incorporating the club appears to be as easy as filling out forms on the Illinois Secretary of State website. The club decided to look into this after discussion at a previous meeting noted that most of the other area clubs are incorporated.

December Program

VP Mike gave a demonstration on attaching skies to the landing gear of your plane. Mike discussed the proper placement of the spring and the pros and cons of forward or backward pointing springs. Mike showed his homemade double ski for use for the front tricycle gear. Mike also noted that silicon spray works good to help your skies slide better on the snow.

Show and Tell

Les Shier showed off his newest electric--a Hyperion mini pattern plane. Les noted that the ARF was of good quality and required a little repair of slightly twisted wings from the box. Les told the club how he uses his iron on the covering and gently bends the wing back into shape while heating the covering. As usual, Les replaced the stock tail wheel with a specially made spring that he makes himself, and replaced the main gear with his own thinner and more flexible gear. Nice job Les. Can't wait until spring to see it put through the works at the field.

Next Meeting—Monday, January 4th at Strictly RC at 7pm

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