

**Radio Signal Modelers Flying Club**  
**April 2007 Newsletter**  
**April 4, 2007**



The April 2007 meetings were called to order by President Mike Meitus at the Elmwood Park Fieldhouse. The minutes of the March meeting were presented by Secretary Ted Noncek and were approved by the club as read.

**Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Terry Gombert presented the Treasurer's report for March 2007. The club had an opening cash balances of \$749.34 at February month-end. The club received two membership dues of \$35 for total receipts of \$70, resulting in an ending cash balance at March 31, 2007 of \$819.34. The Treasurer's report was approved by the club as presented.

**Field Maintenance**

Mike Meitus reported on the club's work on the field the weekend before the meeting. As planned, the club worked on the lawn to encourage the growth of a portion of the field as a nicer grass runway. A discussion was had as to aerating the field and it was decided that if such a treatment would be planned, it would be planned for later in the year, likely in the fall.

Next the club discussed rolling the field. A suggestion was made that rolling was costly, with last year's rental of just less than \$400. The club discussed the expenditure and it was decided that rolling was the single most important annual improvement on the field, since most fliers would agree that regardless of the quality of the grass, a smooth field was extremely important to clean landings and taxiing. As a result, President Mike offered to again investigate the rental of the large roller, perhaps during a weekday again since on Saturday the rental store closed earlier than desirable. Mike will notify club members of the day, and several members expressed a willingness to pitch in and show up for a weekday rolling. Stay alert for an update when the day is selected since it will depend on a nice rainstorm a few days before.

The club also discussed the wooden walkway into the pit area. The eastern most walkway has deteriorated, and it was decided that the walkway would be removed and instead of using a wooden walkway, the club would purchase paving stones to use that would last longer. It was decided that this work could be done when the rolling date is selected and members were available for this project. The western most wooden walkway is still in good shape and does not need replacement presently.

**Boy Scout Clean Up Day – Trainer Flight Trial Set for May 12<sup>th</sup>**

President Mike reported being approached by Bob Lamm who represents the Boy Scouts. He indicated that on May 12<sup>th</sup>, about 100 Boy Scouts would be involved in a forest preserve clean up near the field, and he wondered whether the club would like to arrange some sort of flight event for the Scouts. It was decided that a trial flight program with trainer planes would be a nice event for the boys as a reward for their work in the forest cleanup. The club is requesting volunteers with trainer planes and buddy boxes to show up that day and give trial flights. Mike indicated that not all Scouts could be accommodated, but the club would do its best to get as many members to help. It is anticipated that this could occur in the afternoon, as the Scouts will be engaged in the cleanup in the morning. We will give you all more warnings on this as the date approaches and if we can solidify the time with the Boy Scout leader.

### **Father's Day Fun Fly and Cookout Set – Sunday June 17th**

The club will be holding its first fun fly event of the summer on June 17<sup>th</sup>, Father's Day, along with a cookout. Please keep this day open for some fun with the club and good food. We plan on having the usual events so start practicing so you can win the competition!

### **Membership Dues**

It's time again to pay your dues! RSM dues are still a bargain at \$35 per year, or \$5 for added family members. Remember you must be a member of AMA to be a full member and fly at the field, so be sure to update your AMA membership dues before you fly at the field. Send your dues to Terry Gombert, or bring them to the next meeting, or use the new PayPal account on our club website.

### **Fuel Sale**

We are again planning on holding the club fuel sale with AI's to allow for the purchase of discounted fuel. We received the fuel pricing information from AI's and expect to send the fuel purchase form to you all via email prior to the May meeting. We can then collect the money at the May meeting with fuel delivery following in a week or so. Again Mike Meitus has agreed to use his garage as a pick up location in nearby Shiller Park. Thanks again Mike for all you do for the good of the club and all users of the field!

### **Two Black Club Hats Available**

The club has two black RSM hats available for sale that were made with the hat order in late fall last year. Any member interested should contact Ted Noncek. The price is \$25 each. Of course, these only have the logo and no name or frequency number.

### **Discussion on Instructor Program from AMA**

Club Vice President Mike Reinhart brought up that he had reviewed the AMA insurance rules and noted that instructors need to pay \$5 to allow for the use of the special program that promotes first time pilots that have yet to purchase AMA cards themselves. By registering with this program, the instructor and first time non-AMA pilot is covered so long as records are kept of exactly who was trained, with name and address. It was discussed that the club instructors usually are training persons that have joined the club, and are already AMA so that this was not necessary. We all decided that for \$5, this was a good value for some additional assurance that we are covered. Mike indicated that he will look further at the program to find out more about it.

### **Show and Tell**

Club member Tibor Galfi showed a set of his combat planes to the club. Tibor explained how he uses a foam cutter to cut the wings, and covers them with various Mylar coverings that he has available from his job. Tibor has sold many of these over the years and said that the planes are very stable in even high winds. Any club members interested in purchasing one to get into combat action at the field, please contact Tibor. The ready-to-go craft is \$100.

Mike Reinhart showed the club an Air Hog little twin engine plane he picked up for \$29. Mike demonstrated the engines in the club meeting and noted that they have tiny lithium batteries.

### **Next Meeting To Be at Shiller Flying Field – Monday May 7<sup>th</sup>**

The May meeting and all summer meetings will be held at the flying field, weather permitting. Otherwise, if it is raining, we will see you at the Elmwood Park location.

By Ted Noncek, Secretary (tnoncek@sbcglobal.net)