

Radio Signal Modelers Flying Club
February 2009 Newsletter
February 2, 2009



The February 2009 meeting was called to order by Vice-President Mike Reinhart at the Strictly RC meeting place at 7 pm. President Mike Meitus was unable to attend. Secretary Ted Noncek read the minutes of the January 2009 meeting which were approved by the club. Approximately 19 members were in attendance.

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's report was presented by Treasurer Terry Gombert and approved by the club. The opening balance of cash on hand was \$1,100 including \$850 in the mower replacement fund. During the month of January the club received \$590 in dues payments and \$175 in mower replacement fund donations. Expenses paid out related to the Chili Fun Fly of \$59.80. The ending cash balance at January 31, 2009 was a total of \$1,902 including \$1,025 in the mower replacement fund.

Field Maintenance Issues

VP Mike discussed that the field has been open during the winter as the club has requested that the Forest Preserve District plow the lot. No other field maintenance issues were discussed.

Field Safety Issues

No new field safety issues were discussed at the meeting.

Mower Replacement Initiative – Mower Donations Now Accepted

The mower replacement initiative is underway and your donations are greatly appreciated. Current balance as stated above in the Treasurer's report sits at \$1,025. Many thanks to those members that have donated so far. There is a donation button on the club web site to make your donation process easy. Please donate today in what ever amount you can afford!

Club Dues for 2009 Now Being Accepted

Club membership dues are now being accepted. The 2009 annual membership rate is \$50, with family members to the club added at \$15 per person. Membership dues were raised at the last meeting and the Pay Pal section of our website has been updated with the new amount.

Holiday Party – A Great Success

The club's annual holiday party was held last month and will go down in the club record books as the most successful event in recent times—41 people in attendance! The Great Escape Restaurant had to add additional tables as we seemed to have attracted just about all our active members and their family and friends. Now that is the kind of participation that we love to see. Special thanks to Sally Gombert for again organizing this special club event. And special thanks to all that attended. Perhaps next year we will have to find a larger venue! One piece of unfinished business related to the party that was discussed at the meeting was the oversight of letting Jim of Strictly RC pay for his meal. He was a guest of the club, and a check to reimburse him was approved at the meeting. The raffle included many prizes supplied by Jim and by Al's Hobbies. Special thanks to our sponsoring hobby shops for their continued generosity.

Club Meeting Presenters Wanted

Please volunteer your special knowledge to make a presentation to the club in upcoming meetings in 2009. The atmosphere is informal and we really just need five to ten minutes of demonstration to make our meeting more interesting for all. Please contact Mike Reinhart and volunteer for this important club service.

Spectrum DX6i Transmitter Problem/Recall

VP Mike indicated that there is a problem with the controller sticks on the Spectrum DX6i transmitter. Please see the Spectrum web site for further information. Mike indicated that the subject transmitters have a serial number date code of 809, 810, and 812.

February Program

Safety Officer Steve Schultz provided the meeting program for February. Steve walked the club through his building of a foam monoplane called "The Nasty". Steve showed the club the plans and how he enlarged them to suit his project. Steve punches holes in his plans to help in keeping his alignment when he is cutting out the foam parts. He also showed how he found inexpensive arrow shafts (that is, used in making arrows) to use as the carbon fiber rods called for in the plans. Steve also discussed hinging of the control surfaces using a 45 degree cut and hinge tape. Great job Steve in sharing your foamy building skills.

Show and Tell/Program

Les Shier presented his Miniflash electric plane by Mountain Models of Colorado. The laser cut kit was easy to assemble by dry fitting the parts, then applying glue. Les installed a 150 Axi motor and expects to achieve 160 watts per pound in his set up. Nice job on the new plane Les.

Next Don Zeller showed off his E-Flight foamy won at last year's Holiday Party. Don built the plane called the Sobre and installed a Park 300 motor and Hitech servos. Looks real nice but stay away from the dome walls!

Next Meeting—Monday, March 2nd

The next meeting will take place at the Strictly RC location (basement of pet store) at 7:00pm on Monday, March 2nd. Please bring your winter project for show and tell!

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