

Radio Signal Modelers Flying Club
January 2007 Newsletter
January 8, 2007



The January 2007 meeting was called to order by President Mike Meitus at the Elmwood Park Fieldhouse. Approximately 14 members were in attendance. The minutes of the December 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 December 2006. The club cash balance started the month at \$641.96. Terry reported that the club made a deposit of \$150 on the Christmas Party restaurant, and paid field maintenance-related items totaling \$69.60. In addition, it was noted that the club hat and shirt purchase ended up with a deficit of \$23.27 that was covered by the club. Since the purchase, including the donation noted in previous meetings, should not have generated a charge to the club, it was decided that we would research the listing of hat and shirt purchases, and determine whether any money is still owed by members. The ending cash balance at December 31, 2006 was \$399.09. The Treasurer's report was approved by the club as presented.

Field Maintenance

President Mike presented the field maintenance report for December. Mike reported that he and Joe Kaskey had moved the club lawn mower to Joe's workplace garage for storage in the winter. This allows the club shed to be used during winter flying as a warming shelter as needed. The mower has been stored safely on blocks for the winter and will undergo basic maintenance before being returned to the field in spring.

Mike reported that new member Haim Naiditch has purchased for the club a proper windsock and pole in appreciation of the help he and his son Ari have received from the club instructors in learning to fly this past summer. Thanks for this fine donation Haim and we look forward to seeing which way the wind is blowing come spring when it will be installed.

Chili Fun Fly Great Success

Mother nature cooperated again in early December when the field was covered in snow in time for our second annual Chili Fun Fly. Held December 10th, several of the rugged members of RSM braved the snow and cold and consumed large amounts of chili while flying off the snow covered field. Luckily it was rather mild on the date of the event which allowed us to stay out for several hours for some fun flying. We tried to do a limbo contest, but the streamers we set up kept blowing off...so we just had fun flying. A video of some of the flying at the event is available on the club web site. Thanks to all the members who turned out for the fun fly. Winter flying really is only fun in groups!

Election of Officers

The election of officers for 2007 was voted upon by the club membership present at the meeting. The slate of candidates, which ran unopposed again this year, were voted in by the club members. The continuing officers are President Mike Mietus, Tresurer Terry Gombert and Secretary Ted Noncek. Our new officer this year is Vice President Mike Reinhart. Thanks Mike for stepping

up to this leadership role in our club. And thanks to Pedro Nieves for his many years of service to the club in the role of Vice President.

The club welcomes the new officer and thanks the continuing officers for their willingness to perform these needed functions for the good of all club members. As most of you know, the leadership roles of our club are thankless jobs at times and require a fair amount of personal time commitment. The club appreciates the effort of all who serve in these roles.

Christmas Party

The club discussed that the Christmas Party will be held this weekend on Saturday night, January 20th with cocktails at 6:30 pm and dinner at 7:30pm at the Great Escape Restaurant, 9540 West Irving Park Road, Shiller Park. **Please let Terry and Sally Gombert know right away if you can make it on Saturday, as it is necessary to let the restaurant know the number attending.** This year Sally has arranged a family style meal for \$14.95 per person. We will again be having a drawing for prizes that were purchased by cashing in the club rebate money from Al's Hobbies and from donations of equipment from Strictly RC and True RC. Any members wishing to donate further prizes (of surplus RC equipment you may have laying around) are asked to bring them to the party. We hope to see you all there and have another great time at the Great Escape Restaurant. The last two years have been a lot of fun.

Club Web Site Update

Well new Vice President Mike Reinhart has made a name for himself in the club by donating his talents in web site design and maintenance to the club's web site. The club again discussed the terrific job Mike has done in keeping up the web site. Thanks again to Mike for this great club asset that he has created. This is certainly a good outreach vehicle to our potential new members. All members are encouraged to visit the site at www.rsmrc.com. Mike indicated that he is working on creating a link to RC Universe to allow club members to sell and trade RC equipment on our site, but through the RC Universe selling area. We look forward to this new improvement and welcome all members to submit photos and video to the site.

Show and Tell

Master builder Don Rauch was at it again this month showing the club members his latest completed project. Don brought in a Balsa USA kit craft, the Enforcer, which is a delta wing designed pusher prop plane accepting a .90 size motor in the back. Don did his usual excellent job of covering the model in red coating, and had a four stroke motor on the back for display as he decides on the proper engine for its first flight. Don indicated that he worked on the model off and on over a three-month period. Great job Don and we look forward to spring when we can see that delta racing across the sky! It sure looks fast!

Please try to bring your winter project into the next meeting to show off. We love to see planes or parts of them in any stage in the building process. Keep those projects coming in!

Next Meeting To Be at Held Elmwood Park Fieldhouse – Monday February 5th

The February meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 5th at 7pm at the Elmwood Park Fieldhouse location. Please be sure to bring something for show and tell.

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