

Radio Signal Modelers Flying Club
June 2007 Newsletter
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The June 2007 meetings were called to order by President Mike Meitus at the Shiller Park flying field. The minutes of the May 2007 meeting were approved by the club as read.

Club Dues

Treasurer Terry Gombert indicated that we need to consider a better method of collecting membership dues in the future, such as sending a statement or email indicating that the club dues are to be paid. The club discussed it and determined that an email approach was the least expensive as it does not require postage. Club Vice-President Mike Reinhart indicated that he would prepare a email to remind members to be sure to make their annual payment.

Field Maintenance

New member Jeff indicated that he and his son would be able to bring a pick-up truck full of dirt to fill up the hole in the field left by the roller getting stuck.

2007 Club Fuel Purchase

The fuel purchase was discussed. President Mike indicated that the fuel was available at his house in Shiller Park. The club earned \$30 on the fuel purchase for the few cents we charged above the cost by Al's Hobby Shop.

Boy Scout Clean Up Day – Trainer Flight Trial and Air Show

The Boy Scout Clean Up Day flight demonstration was discussed. Joe Kaskey, President Mike and Secretary Ted Noncek took several boys up to fly with trainer planes and buddy boxes. The boys got a real kick out of it and learned that it was not as easy as a video game! VP Mike set up a old plane with working servos and a transmitter on the fence so the boys could get an understanding of what is happening in the plane. The event went well and was completed without any crash landings.

Tony's In the Hospital

The club learned that long-time member Tony Loquercio was in the hospital and had undergone bypass surgery. Since the meeting and prior to the issuance of this newsletter we have seen Tony back at the field but just as a spectator. Our best wishes for a speedy recovery go out to Tony.

More on Pit Safety

President Mike related an incident that happened to him at the field recently. He was firing up his new Yak and has a prop blade come apart from the spinning engine and land 75 feet away. The blade flew as you would expect, straight off the side. Luckily, no one was in the path of this dangerous projectile. But once again the club would like to warn all members and others at the field of the dangers of our props in the pit area. We all have observed club members standing in the danger zone of a running prop—directly on the sides or in front. The safest place is always behind the spinning prop (except when it comes to reaching over the prop to get the glow starter off!). If you see even the most seasoned veteran or newcomer forgetting this basic, please be sure to remind him!

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 17th, 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!

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.

Show and Tell

Don Rausch showed off his crashed plane that recently hit the flag pole. Don offered it to anyone who would like a nice rebuilding project. New member Jeff's son took Don up on the offer. We can't wait to see that craft back in the air.

Les showed off his new Multiplex jet.

Next Meeting To Be at Shiller Flying Field – Monday July 2nd

The July 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.

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