

Radio Signal Modelers Flying Club
May 2006 Newsletter
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The May 2006 meeting was called to order by President Mike Mietus at the Elmwood Park Fieldhouse. Approximately 18 members were in attendance. Secretary Ted Noncek presented the minutes of the April 2006 meeting which were approved by the club as read.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Terry Gombert was not able to present the Treasurer's Report for the month of April 2006 due to a large number of activity that came to his desk at the meeting. Terry will update the club at the next meeting as to the April and May activity in the club account.

Field Maintenance – Rolling Completed in April

President Mike reported that he was able to rent a larger roller machine than the club has used in recent years to roll the field on a Monday following a weekend of rain in the middle of April. Mike thanked several members who were able to assist in this impromptu field maintenance day. The cost to the club was \$341.50 and Mike reported that he and the crew were able to flatten all the problem spots on the field, even the ruts in the deadstick portion of the east end of the field left by the fire department when they drove their trucks across the field to fight a brush fire in the forest area. Those of us who have flown before and after the rolling can report that the field is currently in a very smooth condition—and has reportedly even met with the approval of the club's chief electric enthusiast—Les Schier! Great job Mike and all your crew that got the job done when the weather was with us.

Maintenance director Joe Kaskey reported that he has obtained a new battery for the lawn mower that he has donate to the club. Thanks Joe for your donation.

Club Field Used to Land Lifestar Helicopter

The club discussed the tragic incident that occurred near the field on April 9th when a serious car accident on Cumberland Avenue resulted in a Lifestar helicopter landing in our club field. It was reported by member Ron Rothstein that a friend who is a pilot with Lifestar emailed him with a special thanks to the club for clearing the field promptly when the helicopter appeared and circled the field. Thanks to the knowledge and quick thinking of our President, Mike Meitus, the helicopter pilot knew that it was safe to land his aircraft after Mike gave him the "OK" sign, which Mike demonstrated to the club as a fist on head with elbow extended out. Unfortunately, we read in the newspaper following the incident that the individuals involved in the single car accident did not survive.

Club To Be Filmed for I-Hobby Show and Possible WTTW and Outdoor Life Network

Mike was approached several weeks ago at the field by a video producer/photographer that was looking for a club that he could film for use in promoting the I-Hobby Expo held in Rosemont in the fall. The producer found RSM on our internet site and picked us for our proximity to the event site. He has indicated to Mike that he needs to take footage of all different types of flying styles and RC planes. Because of a problem encountered by the video photographer, he had to cancel the April 9th date we originally set up. We have rescheduled this event to this Sunday, May 7th as the day for filming the club. We would like to get as many members with as many

airplanes as you can fit in your car for the filming. Even if you do not plan on flying some of them, please feel free to bring them for the filming. If you have any vintage or scale planes please try to bring them. We would also like to get a few electric models as well. We are planning on having the filming done between 10am and 2pm. So please try to make it for this great opportunity to promote RSM. It is anticipated that the filming will be used for promoting the I-Hobby Expo around the country, and may be used on WTTW in Chicago, Comcast Local Access and on the Outdoor Life Network.

May 21st Fun Fly Set

As we reported last month, the club has set the following dates for organized flying events this year to include an Electric Fly-In, a Trainer Olympics and other events to be announced: May 21st, June 18th (Father's Day Fly-In), July 16th, and August 27th.

At our May meeting, contest director Joe Kaskey presented his plans for this event—our Trainer Olympics event. Joe outlined plans to have two classes of planes .40 size and .60 size high winged airplanes. The limit will be for two stroke for the .40 size through .52 displacement, and for the .60 class to .90 displacement. Joe also noted that the standard equivalent four stroke equivalents would be accepted in each class.

The events for the Trainer Olympics will include a Steamer Drop where members will be required to drop a streamer over a set of concentric circles in the middle of the field, a loop and roll contest, a land in the bulls eye contest, and finally a balloon course where members will be tasked with flying their trainer at six helium balloons tied to bricks in the middle of the field. Joe also outlined his plans to donate a turkey that will be barbecued.

Please save this day and get your trainer or other high winged aircraft ready for this event. Please feel free to volunteer your help to Joe to make sure this event is a success.

RSM in AMA's Model Aviation Magazine

The club submitted to our District Vice President, Charlie Bauer, photos taken at last December's first annual Chili Fun Fly. Please be sure to check out these great shots of our members on page 156 in the District 6 monthly news page.

First Aid at the Flying Field

Member Evan Spies reported that the first aid box came in handy with a rather serious contact of fellow member Jose Lobo's finger with the spinning propeller of a flyer he was trying to help start his engine. Evan was able to use the rubber gloves and bandages to assist in stopping the bleeding. But Evan brought up the need to supply the first aid box with more large bandages that would stop large bleeding, and tape and more rubber gloves. After it was asked of the club who would take responsibility for filling the box with these items, Evan volunteered to purchase the needed supplies on behalf of the club.

Club Web Site to be Moved to New Site

Member Evan Spies noted to the club that the current web site content could use some upgrading and volunteered his services to both take control of the web site and move it to a server site that he controls for his business. The club will just need to pay the annual domain name fee of about \$35. The club agreed that this would be a good idea to get the site off of Geo Cities and Evan noted that he and new member Manny would like to handle content including incorporating the Shiller Flyers discussion group. Thanks Evan for taking on this duty and thanks to Herb Gombert for your service to the club in maintaining the existing site over the last two years. We discussed how this change will preserve our existing web site address of www.rsmrc.com.

Show and Tell

Member George Shindler presented his rebuild job on this Hobbico Superstar trainer plane and relate to the club his crash story that lead up to the need for its rebirth. George showed the club how he used an existing wing rib to create the pattern to make ribs to create a whole new wing for his fallen trainer. George also discussed how the tail section needed rebuilding and showed the club his covering and trim job.

Member Tim Gombert presented a nifty little clip on timer that he bought at Stricly RC that has a voice that counts down your time. Tim noted that this timer is nice since it allows you to understand your flight time without taking your eyes off the plane in the air.

Next Meeting To Be Held at Field – Weather Permitting June 5th

The June meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 5th at 7pm. We will hold the meeting at the field if the weather permits, otherwise meet at the Elmwood Park Fieldhouse. Please be sure to bring some airplanes to fly before and after the meeting. And some to show off for show and tell!

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