

Radio Signal Modelers Flying Club
May 2007 Newsletter
May 7, 2007



The May 2007 meetings were called to order by President Mike Meitus at the Shiller Park flying field. Approximately 15 members were in attendance. The minutes of the April 2006 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 April 2007. The club had an opening cash balances of \$819.34 at March month-end. The club received membership dues of \$244.58, including direct payments of \$105.00 and Paypal payments of \$139.58. Club expenditures during April totaled \$329.85 including AMA fees, IRS tax payments and field maintenance costs, resulting in an ending cash balance at April 30, 2007 of \$734.07. The Treasurer's report was approved by the club as presented.

Field Maintenance

Mike Meitus reported on field maintenance. The rolling took place after a nice series of rainy days two weeks ago. Several members took place in this Friday rolling party that did a nice job smoothing out the field. Under the "no good deed goes unpunished" rule however, these brave RSM members had to deal with an unforeseen event when the rented rolling machine became stuck in the mud that remained from the standing water following the rain storm. We all heard about the courageous work and ingenuity that solved this man vs. machine problem. In the end the machine was unstuck, but left a new field hazard that is now circled with little white flags. The current plan is to have the hole filled with the help of new member Jeff who has indicated that he can get two yards of dirt to the field in his pickup truck at a cost of only \$20. Thanks to all the members who pitched in on the Friday rolling party, and to new member Jeff who is getting involved already to help the club.

Mike announced that the mower would be returned to the field this week. Thanks Joe Kasky for having it stored this winter.

The Saturday Morning field cutting party will start this Saturday May 12th. All members are encouraged to join the fun and show up to pitch in and help in the cutting and striping of the field. Mike indicated that it was important to get the field up to standards before the Scout event described below. Get to the field nice and early to pitch in. Last year Mike would arrive around 8am and get the mower out.

In other field maintenance news, the club learned that George Shindler and Mike Reinhart contributed their time and effort to arrange the shed with better organization and shelves and even installed a radio alarm that will alert President Mike if someone enters the shed and does not know the code. Any key holder should contact either Mike for the code. Thanks George and Mike for your efforts.

2007 Club Fuel Purchase – Orders must be received by May 15th

The club is again organizing a combined fuel purchase as in prior years. Ted Noncek distributed the fuel purchase forms to members present at the meeting. **The form will be posted to the club website as well for any members who could not make it to the Monday meeting.** All orders must be paid when turned into Ted. The order will be placed on Wednesday, May 16th to arrive

two days latter. This means that Ted needs to receive your paid order by Tuesday May 15th to be included in the fuel purchase. This year we are trying to simplify the process by only accepting orders for whole case purchases. The pick up will again be at President Mike's garage in Shiller Park. The fuel purchase is open to members and non-member friends of the club. See the web site form for details on reaching Ted. If you are coming to this weekend's Scout event, Ted will be available to receive your order on Saturday afternoon at the field. Otherwise you may mail the form to Ted to arrive by Tuesday May 15th.

Boy Scout Clean Up Day – Trainer Flight Trial and Air Show Set for May 12th – 12 noon

As noted at last month's meeting, the Boy Scouts are conducting a forest clean up project in the forest preserve this Saturday May 12th. They approached our club to provide some sort of program on model aircraft that the club has accepted. At approximately 12 noon, we should have 80-100 scouts show up for some fun after their hard work. Any members who can bring a trainer plan and buddy box is asked to show up and help provide some assisted flying time for selected scouts. Also we need for you to bring some cool planes for the scouts to see in either a static display on the ground, or up the air flying. All members are invited to show up with their best stuff to show off.

We all can help and take some small groups to explain how our planes work, what it takes to get into the hobby and some of the basics of model aircraft flight. **Please come with your planes and join us on Saturday for this rewarding give back to the community.**

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! Mike is looking for a volunteer to go to the Forest Preserve District office to handle the permit. It was discussed and decided that we definitely wanted to get a permit since we do not want to risk being closed down by the FP police. Please contact Mike for details and to volunteer to go to Harlem and Lake to do the paper work.

Membership Dues

If you have not already, please 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.

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

In anticipation of the Scout day, the club discussed and filled out the paperwork to have several members designated as instructors in the AMA introductory pilot program. The club is paying the \$5 per instructor to be designated as such and allow for limited coverage of non-AMA members for a test flight on the buddy box. It was discussed that under the program, it was necessary to keep a record of the non-AMA individual, including name, address and date of the flight.

Show and Tell

Ted Noncek showed off his new kit-build Ultimate 10-300. The Goldberg kit has an OS 120AX motor and was covered in yellow Monokote with a red star burst. Once the wind died down the club got to see it fly with a short flight before the nervous pilot decided it was too dark to see the model. The kit was started in November 2006 and has been built a little at a time for the last six months and has more than enough power.

Next Meeting To Be at Shiller Flying Field – Monday June 4th

The June 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)