

Radio Signal Modelers Flying Club
November 2006 Newsletter
October 6, 2006



The November 2006 meeting was called to order by President Mike Meitus at the Elmwood Park Fieldhouse. Approximately 16 members were in attendance. The minutes of the October 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 October 2006. The club cash balance started the month at \$536.96. The club did not have any outflows of cash during the month, but received two membership dues payments totaling \$70.00, leaving a ending balance of \$606.96. The Treasurer's report was approved by the club as presented.

Club Hats and Shirts Purchase

The club hat and shirt purchase will be available for pick up at the December meeting. Members were required to pay in advance for the purchase, anyone who may have ordered but have not paid is requested to bring the payment in order to pick up the items in December. While we have added some last minute orders to the overall club order, we plan on ordering periodically, so stay tuned if you have missed this purchase.

Field Maintenance

President Mike presented the field maintenance report. Mike indicated that he and Joe Kaskey had agreed that they would transport the mower to Joe's business garage and store the mower for the winter. This will free up the shed to be used occasionally as a warming shelter during the cold months of flying. Mike requested that anyone who may have some extra space at home to store some of the club's umbrellas to contact him.

Mike reported that new member Hiam, in appreciation of the club's assistance in teaching him and his son to fly, would like to donate a windsock for the field. The club thanks Hiam and his son for their generosity in donating a new windsock.

Chili Fun Fly Event Planned December 10th

Sunday, December 10th has been selected for our second annual RSM Chili Fun Fly event, starting at noon. Regardless of the weather (if it snows, gear up with skies!), we plan on holding the event and getting in some rugged early winter flying. Participants are asked to make some Chili, that will be combined and heated at the field into a single pot. Last year's event was a lot of fun, and we even managed to get the photos of the event in the AMA magazine. Please plan on keeping a plane ready for this event. Dress warm and bring a pot of Chili (or just show up, their was way more Chili last year than we could eat!).

Christmas Party

The club discussed holding a Christmas party in the third week in January. We plan on trying to have the event again at the Great Escape restaurant in Shiller Park as we had a good time for the last two years. Right now we are looking at January 20th as the target date. More to follow when we have more solid plans. Last year we had a fine time and held a drawing to receive door prizes from the annual club rebate program at Al's Hobbies. This year we plan on doing the same.

President Mike noted that Dan from True RC had recently donated a Li-Po battery for the club to give away at such and event, and we also received a nice electric airplane donation from Strictly RC last year. Keep the date open.

Dome Indoor Flying to Open November 10th

Many members who have enjoyed the indoor flying at the Bensenville golf dome at White Pines Golf Course started the indoor flying season last weekend, November 10th. The dome is open throughout the winter season every weekend. Come join us at 11pm to 1am, Friday and Saturday nights in the winder, for some crazy night owl RC fun!

Show and Tell

With dome season here, President Mike started show and tell off with showing off his new \$10 foam plane. Mike explained that the single wing foamy was based on a Hobby Lobby design, that he had copied to cut out the foam. Mike wanted to produce the cheapest foamy and put a very inexpensive motor and electronics set up to prove that he could fly for less than what we tend to think of when it comes to light weight electrics. Mike showed the club that he designed and printed off insignia on the plane identifying the plane with "RSM". Mike would like to get several other RSM members at the dome to use these in formation.

Next up with member Les Schier who showed off the hard work he put into a foamy jet designed into the shape of an F-18. Les purchased the kit on the internet from "3D Foamy" and recently finished the project. Les explained that the foam was easy to work with and required several steps that involved sanding the contours of the plane and heating the foam in order to shape it. Les showed the club that the aircraft kept a clean jet appearance in the front by locating the propeller as a pusher prop in the back of the airplane. Les painted the jet blue angel blue, and explained that he used a paint brush to complete the coloring. The completed ready to fly jet weighs in at only 20 ozs. Nice job Les and thanks for showing the club your recent project.

Next Meeting To Be at Held Elmwood Park Fieldhouse – Monday December 4th

The December meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 4th at 7pm at the Elmwood Park Fieldhouse location. Please be sure to bring something for show and tell.

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