

Radio Signal Modelers Flying Club
October 2006 Newsletter
October 2, 2006



The October 2006 meeting was called to order by President Mike Meitus at the Elmwood Park Fieldhouse. Approximately 16 members were in attendance. The minutes were presented by Mike of the September 2006 meeting and were approved by the club as read.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Terry Gombert presented the Treasurer's report for September 2006. The club cash balance started the month at \$746.97. The club did not have any inflows of cash during the month, but spent \$210.01 on field maintenance items and other miscellaneous uses, leaving an ending balance of \$536.96. The Treasurer's report was approved by the club as presented.

Club Hats and Shirts Purchase

Much of the club meeting was taken up by the discussion of the hat and shirt purchase and administration of who had paid at the meeting. The listing of hats and shirts purchased by club members was finalized, but was found to be less than the minimum of the price quote from the vendor. It was decided that Ted Noncek would call the vendor and find out if we could still have the purchase price quoted. After the meeting contact was made, and the vendor agreed to the same price as quoted for the higher number of hats. As a result, Ron Rothstein submitted the order last weekend, and made a payment of half of the total price. The hats should be available by the December meeting, but could possibly be available at the next meeting. Based on this purchase and our set up charge for the logo art, we will be able to order hats and shirts for new members in the future as needed. The club will need to come up with a strategy for selling these to members.

Field Maintenance

Mike presented the field maintenance report. Special thanks go out to Mike and Vince Montana, who were reported to have braved a very cold, windy recent Friday evening after a big rain to cut the grass so that all members could enjoy the field that weekend. Thanks to Mike and Vince, and all the members who have helped this year in cutting the grass. We hear the Gombert clan has also made it a point to show up for the Saturday mowing party most weekends—thanks for your help and hard work!

Mike discussed the need to winterize the mower and move it to a secure location once the growing season is finished. It was proposed that Joe Kasky may have the ability to store the mower at his job for the winter.

Further discussion was had on whether an attempt should be made to secure the flight stands inside for the winter. It was noted that the flight stands come in very handy in the colder and wet weather for those members who continue to fly through the cold months. It was discussed that the stands have been respected by the public and have not been vandalized so far, so that storing them might not make sense.

On the subject of field vandalism, members noted that recently some of the stands have been turned on their sides, to use as a blind from the road. And that various party remnants were found

on the field. It was discussed that it may be a good idea to alert the police to keep an eye on the field more often.

Finally, Mike noted that we should install a Knap field box as used in construction sites, to act as additional storage for some of our loose items in the shed. He noted that a big part of the cutting job now is to move out these items in order to get the mower out. These boxes are very expensive new (about the price of the shed!), so members are asked to keep an eye out for a used box, which sometimes are found at low prices.

Show and Tell

Member Mike Zawadzki showed off the fine work in rebuilding his Arrow trainer that was damaged in a crash, and his repaired wing for his Superstar trainer. Mike showed how he used a rotary tool to cut out sections of the damaged craft, and made new wood inserts that he glued together, and used plastic wood to smooth out the surface. Nice job Mike.

Mike introduced a friend from scouting that he brought with for the meeting who showed the club his PT 40 trainer that he put together as part of a class several years ago. Matt explained that the class had all built the same plane for the project, and then had to fly them with the instructor's help. His was thought to be one of the tail heaviest the instructor had seen, and required a great deal of weights to be inserted in the fuel tank area. Matt is interested in getting the plane back in service and would like to learn to fly with the club.

Club Web Site

The club website is now up and running at its new site. All members are encouraged to check out this improved web site at www.rsmrc.com. Special thanks to new member Mike Reinhart for all the hard work he has put into the site. This new web site is a great platform for the distribution of information to our member, and a place to share ideas, photos and movies. All members are encouraged to contribute to the site. This newsletter and past newsletters are also available on the site.

Next Meeting To Be at Held Elmwood Park Fieldhouse – Monday November 6th

The November meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 6th at 7pm at the Elmwood Park Fieldhouse location. Please be sure to bring something for show and tell.

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