



Radio Signal Modelers Flying Club

AMA Charter 1289 - Schiller Woods Flying Field

Monthly Newsletter

January 2016

The January 2016 meeting of the Radio Signal Modelers Flying Club was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, January 11th by President Les Schier at the Schiller Park Community Center. There were approximately 20 members in attendance. The minutes of the December meeting were presented by Secretary Ted Noncek and approved by the members.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Terry Gombert presented the Treasurer's Report for January 2016. The club finished the month with \$1,310 after renewals of \$187, and disbursements of \$144 related to fun fly expenses and a deposit on the holiday party venue. Membership stands at 84. The Treasurer's Report was approved as read.



Tim Gombert presents his new 80mm Ducted Fan F-86 during show and tell.

Field Maintenance Committee

Don Zeller reported that the field was covered in snow and there was nothing to report.

Field Safety Committee

Nothing to report.

Flight Instruction Committee

Nothing to report.

Planning Committee

Nothing to report.

Event Committee

The club discussed the Holiday Party to be held January 23rd. Terry and Sally Gombert re-discussed choosing Perry's Pizza Joynt on North Avenue in Northlake over the alterna-

tive, River Rock in Schiller Park. River Rock was definitely more costly, with a lot of choices to make as to exactly what to serve. The selection of Perry's was based on a similar selection of items as last year, plus some appetizers. All for \$15 including coffee, but not including other drinks.

FAA Registration

The club discussed the new rules requiring fliers of model aircraft to register with the FAA as a drone pilot. Several members had received an email from the AMA recommending not registering immediately as they were attempting to request that the FAA accept one's AMA membership as sufficient registration—in effect combining the required FAA registration with AMA membership. So far there has been no word of this



Ti Galfi with his Sig Morrissey Bravo with over 1,000 flights. Ti is giving the plane a full update with new Monokote this winter and a full once over of all of the plane's systems.



becoming a reality.

Several members reported that they had already registered and that it was a painless effort and, during the initial registration period through January 19th—free. After that date, registration costs \$5. For more information, visit the FAA's website at this address:

www.faa.gov/uas/registration/

It was also discussed that there had already been legal challenges of the FAA registration requirement. We will all have to wait and see what happens. But we should all be careful to be in compliance with the rule before flying this year. The FAA site warns that failure to abide by these rules carry both civil and criminal penalties.

Show and Tell

There were plenty of show and tell at the January meeting. All that indoor time is allowing for more new models to show off.

First up was Tim Gombert with his new 80mm ducted fan F-86. As usual, Tim showed off the great paint job he did on the pilot figure. Tim demonstrated the light system he installed in the exhaust nozzle which change color based engine rpms—very cool!

Next to present was Ti Galfi with the opposite of a new plane—his Sig Morrissey Bravo that has more than 1,000 flights! Ti is using the winter to do a full refurb of the plane. The Morrissey is getting new covering and a check of all systems. We all look forward to seeing the Morrissey at the field this year in its new skins.

Nisanth Kaithakot presented a great new piece of filed gear for winter flying—heated gloves. Great idea to keep the planes flying all year in Chicago.

Jim Parker showed the club his new light system using parts provided by the club's LED expert—Joe Stanko. The lights are very bright and will look great for dusk flying.



Tim Gombert and his new F-86 shown here changing color as the engine changes speed.

The final presentation was Joe Stanko with another demonstration on LED lights. Joe provided a great tip for creating red or green navigation lights using a standard clear LED. Joe simply takes a permanent Sharpie pen and colors them in. He demonstrated this and created great red and green navigation lights.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday, February 15th at 6:30 pm at the Schiller Park Community Center location.

By Ted Noncek, Secretary



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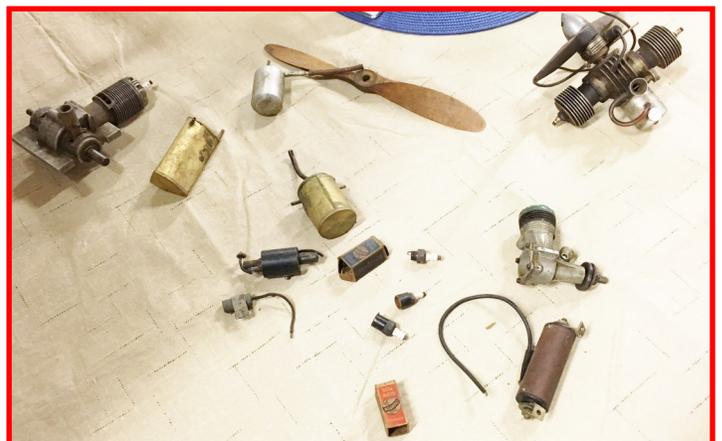
Jim Parker demonstrates his LED light set-up.



Joe Stanko shows how to create red and green navigation lights from clear white LEDs.



Nisanth Kaithakot presents his new heated field gloves.



Ti Galfi provided a display of early RC engine gear.