



Radio Signal Modelers Flying Club

AMA Charter 1289 - Schiller Woods Flying Field

Monthly Newsletter

May 2016

The May 2016 meeting of the Radio Signal Modelers Flying Club was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, May 5th at the Schiller Park Community Center by President Les Schier. The minutes of the April meeting were presented by Secretary Ted Noncek and approved by the members.

Treasurer's Report

The club finished the month with \$2,016

after membership dues payments of \$145, and \$45 in disbursements. Membership stands at 84 with 56 member having renewed for 2016. Note that in accordance with our bylaws, members who have not renewed by June 30th of the following year are dropped from membership status. All members are encouraged to please pay your dues by the end of June! The Treasurer's Report was approved as read.



Ti Galfi presenting his refurbished CAP 232 at the May meeting.

Field Maintenance Committee

Don Zeller reported that along with Ti Galfi and Lauren Kloska, the lawn mower was serviced for the summer season. The grass has been mowed and weed and feed has been applied. Don also reported that a new weed whacker has been purchased as the old one was beyond repair.

It was further reported that the new weather station has been installed on the new flag pole next to the shed, with the gauge installed on the shed door encased in a metal box with Plexiglas.

Les brought up whether with the new flag pole it would be a good idea to take down the existing wind sock pole that is right on the flight line. After discussion of the pros and cons of removing the old pole, a vote was taken and the club decided to take the old pole down.

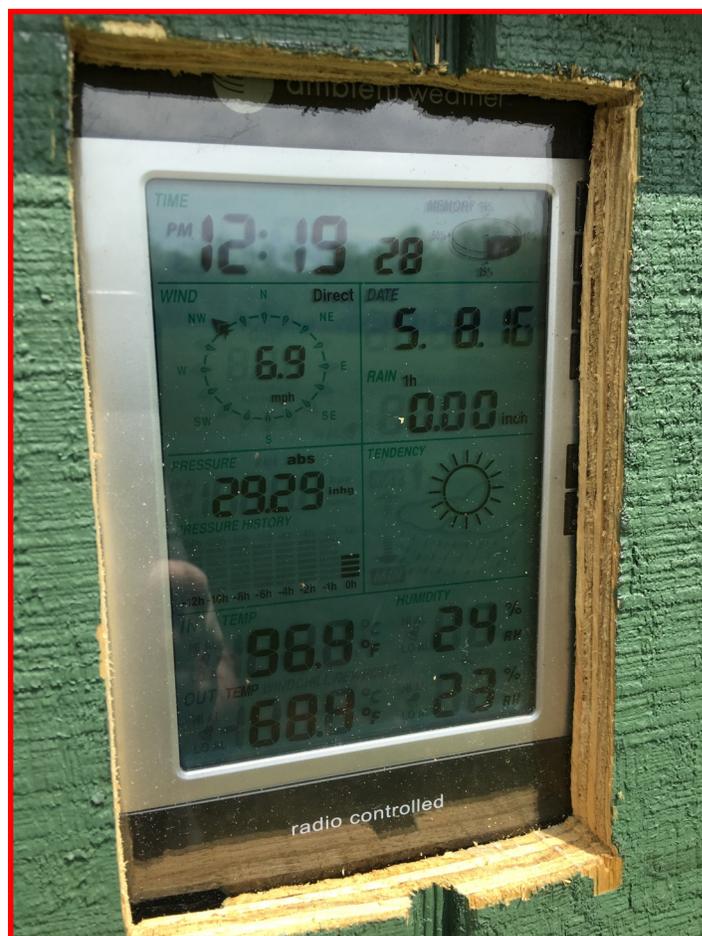
Lauren discussed an idea of adding video cameras to the field that he would donate to the club. After a short discussion, the club decided to table the idea for further discussion at a later time after more specific information could be provided.

Field Safety Committee

Les brought up the continuing use of quadcopters at the field, including first person view. Members have reported that individuals are using these to race around the field, often from a secluded location along the tree line, or sitting at the picnic tables. Les noted that AMA rules require a spotter with buddy box for FPV which seems to be completely ignored. These pilots provide a hazard to pilots

who abide by the rules and fly in the designated flight line stations. It was discussed that the existing rules cover this behavior (not flying from the flight line) and that members should feel free to call the Forest Preserve District police for assistance if there are pilots who violate the safety rules.

Of course, a cordial discussion as a first step is a way to welcome these pilots into the club and hobby before the police are called, so please use good judgment in your approach to pilots violating the long-standing rules at our flying field. Les indicated that he may approach the police chief to discuss this issue.



The new weather station display on the shed door recently installed by Lauren Kloska.

Flight Instruction Committee

Don Zeller reported that new members have been contacting him and he has been busy with instruction. Don related that some of the automatic devices on the new breed of foamy trainer planes often make it difficult to train new members. All new pilots needing instruction are responsible for learning and understanding the electronics in their new aircraft. It is not the responsibility of the trainer to spend valuable field time trying to figure out how to shut down auto pilot devices so a proper training session can be provided.

Planning Committee

Tim Gombert said there was nothing further to report and that he would be involved in contacting the police to discuss the quadcopter issues discussed in the Safety section.

New Member

The club welcomed new member Dave Smith who is in process of moving back to this area from Georgia. Welcome Dave.

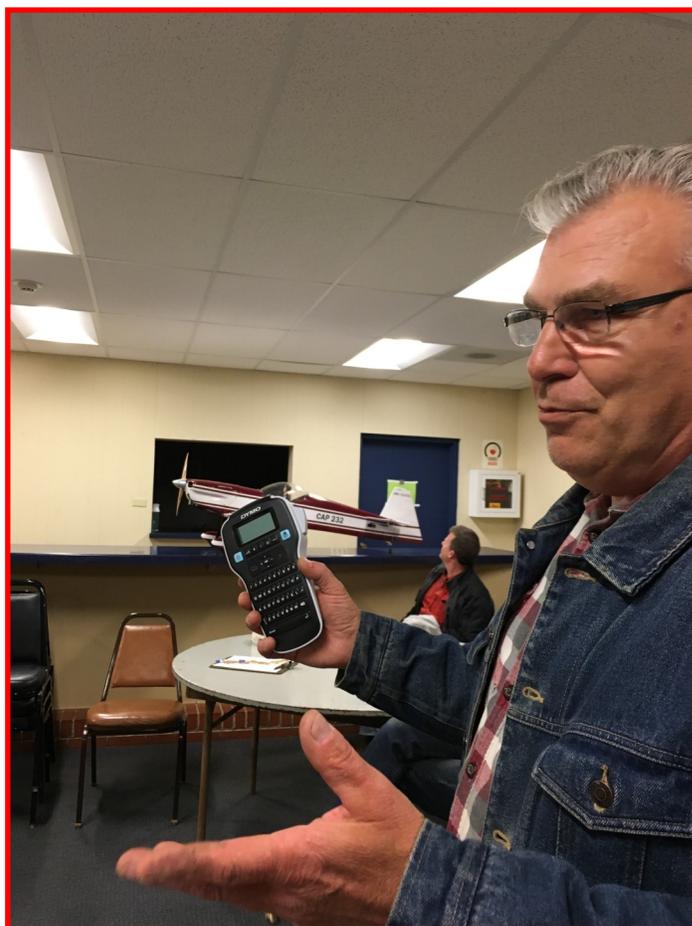
Show and Tell

Ti Galfi presented his newly updated CAP 232 for show and tell. Ti indicated that the aircraft is 15 years old and has many hours of flight time. Ti recovered the model and replaced the motor with a Zenoah 23cc gasser as he is moving to all gas power from glow. The model previously had a Super Tigre 2300. A very nice upgrade job (as usual)! Then Ti presented a great \$10 label maker available on Amazon which is ideal for adding FAA numbers to your aircrafts.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday, June 13th at 6:30 pm at the Schiller Woods Flying Field. All meetings from May through September are held at the field unless the weather gets in the way, in which case they are held at the Schiller Park Community Center location.

By Ted Noncek, Secretary



Ti Galfi showing the club his great new label maker.



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