



Radio Signal Modelers Flying Club

AMA Charter 1289 - Schiller Woods Flying Field

Monthly Newsletter

August 2015

The August 2015 meeting of the Radio Signal Modelers Flying Club was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, August 8th by President Les Schier at the Schiller Park Flying Field. There were approximately 24 members in attendance. The minutes of the August meeting were presented by Secretary Ted Noncek. Safety Officer Scott Thompson noted that the note about his engine flying

off the airplane was misreported in last month's newsletter. Scott informed the club that the engine did not entirely come off. The newsletter is so amended. The minutes of the July meeting were approved by the members as amended.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Terry Gombert presented the



Alan Boyle displays his incredible Hoover skills.



Nisanth and Jim at the flight line.

Treasurer's Report for August 2015. The club finished the month with \$1,539 after receipts of \$220 from membership and hat sales, and had disbursements of \$127, consisting of \$78 for RSM hats, and \$49 for postage. The club is still owed the security deposit from the Forest Preserve related to the event permit of \$250. Terry reported that membership is currently 79 all paid. The Treasurer's Report was approved as read.

Field Maintenance Committee

In Don Zeller's absence, Les lead the discussion on field maintenance. A discussion took place on the estimate to purchase bags of soil for use in smoothing the transition from the grass onto the runway. It was estimated to require approximately 50 bags of dirt. It was decided that fall was the best season to do this work, so further discussion was tabled until the September meeting. There was a brief discussion as well on purchasing grass seed to help build up the area around the runway.

It was discussed that the Forest Preserve had just cut the entire flying field, and that the club had just cut the infield section around the runway.

Les asked all club members to be sure to lower the umbrellas if you are the last one at the field. Leaving them open during all weather will lead to their early demise.

Flight Instruction Committee

Les asked for the members who have been undergoing training this year to please raise their hands. Les asked how the training was



Terry and Tim Gombert walking back after retrieving the B17 at the Warbird Flyin.

going and everyone said they were progressing well with the club's help. Special thanks to all those instructors that took their time to help a new flier. Great job.

Field Safety Committee

Club Safety Officer Scott Thompson had nothing to report. Les then brought up some recent safety issues including pilots flying quadcopters from the picnic tables, new fliers with no AMA relying on flight stabilization systems but getting into trouble over Irving Park Road and whether model rocketry was allowed at the flying field by the Forest Preserve District.

A discussion about whether the flying field boundaries had changed now that the field has been reconfigured with the runway and the slightly southern move of the flightline. Les noted that he believed the boundary of flight was a line running along the north edge

of the runway, and extending east and west to the trees. There was a discussion on whether the AMA mandated this sort of configuration given how the pit area is situated.

Planning Committee

Tim Gombert presented the planning committee report for the month. Tim reported that he had been at the field when the guy that services the portable toilet was at the field. Tim thanked him for the great job keeping it clean this summer. Tim asked all members to say thank you to the this guy if you see him.

Tim then discussed whether the club would be interested in getting name tags. We have all seen members of other clubs with fancy name tags. Members are asked to give it a thought, and let Tim know whether you would be interested.



Mike Dwyer pulling a expertly executed knife edge across the field.

Event Committee

Ti Galfi discussed the upcoming Sub Night that occurred on the Thursday following the meeting.

September 14th at 6:30 pm, at the Schiller Flying Field. In the event of rain, the meeting will be moved to the Schiller Park Community Center location.

New Business

Les discussed getting several members to get together to go to the AMA Nats next year. Matt Hall indicated that he had spent several days at the helicopter Nats and had a great time.

Show and Tell

No show and tell items were presented.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday,

By Ted Noncek, Secretary



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