



Radio Signal Modelers Flying Club

AMA Charter 1289 - Schiller Woods Flying Field

Monthly Newsletter

March 2015

The March 2015 meeting of the Radio Signal Modelers Flying Club was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, March 9th by President Les Schier at the Schiller Park Community Center. There were approximately 17 members in attendance. The minutes of the February meeting were presented by Secretary Ted Noncek and approved by the members as read.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Terry Gombert presented the Treasurer's Report for March 2015. The club finished the month with \$2,266 after receipts of \$40 and no disbursements for the month. Membership remains at 80 members as of the end of the month. There was a discussion on the sufficiency of the cash balance as the club begins 2015. Thanks to everyone



Ti Galfi and Scott Thompson take off together for some formation flying with their identical Ultimate biplanes.



Ti Galfi and Scott Thompson fly their Ultimate biplanes with some encouragement and advice from Dom Garcia.

who has paid their 2015 membership dues. And if you have not yet paid, please do so as soon as possible as annual dues are payable by March 31st of the year. The Treasurer's Report was approved as read.

Field Safety Committee

Nothing to report.

Field Maintenance Committee

Don Zeller reported that he had been out to the field and inspected the netting along the runway and found many of them falling apart. Don brought in a sample of the strings that were disintegrating on the field. The club discussed the understanding that the



contractor would be held to a warranty on the grass planted. The club needs to consider whether we pull up the netting in the spring, and continue to maintain the grass seeding of these sections, or to allow the Forest Preserve District to enforce their warranty if the grass does not come up properly. The club also talked about the hundreds of metal staples that are holding the mesh in place. It may be necessary at some point to remove those as they may present a hazard in the future as they get picked up by the lawn mower. Don informed the club that he is hopeful once the grass starts coming up that the mesh will not be seen.

Flight Instruction Committee

Nothing to report.

Safety Committee

Club Safety Officer Scott Thompson warned the club to watch out for the deer droppings along the field. These can be slippery when the snow melts.

Events Committee

Nothing to report.

Planning Committee

Vice President Tim Gombert presented the Planning Committee report for March. Tim reported that he had been in contact with Brian of Strictly RC regarding a consistent club discount. Tim related that club members would receive a 10% discount. Terry will send over a list of members to Strictly RC in order for them to validate your membership and give you the discount.



Don Zeller shows the club the state of some of the mesh at the flying field.



Flight line fencing looking good along the new runway. And notice that green grass between the flight line and the runway! Maybe the mesh is working.

Although there are limits to the discount as they can't discount merchandise that already has been sale priced.

The next topic was the AMA Introductory Pilot program. Many of the club instructors were signed up for this a few years back. Terry is going to send in a list of instructors to become official introductory pilot program instructors. Once they receive Terry's information they will send out a package with an additional AMA card with the introductory pilot program instructor designation added to the card.

This discussion lead to a discussion on instructors. Scott Thompson has volunteered to be an instructor.



Scott demonstrates his stacking stand made of PVC piping with some help from Wojciech Rafacz.



Don Zeller and his Avistar equipped with Dubro brakes.



Tim Gombert's FPV smart phone set-up with quad copter.



Passing of Tony Loquercio

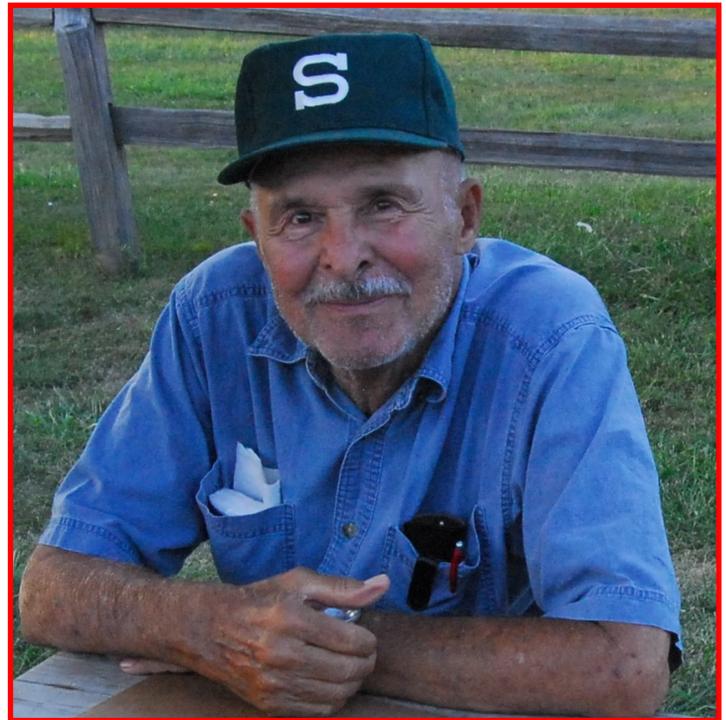
We were very sad to learn of the passing of long-time club member Tony Loquercio who passed away on March 31st.

We had learned at the March club meeting that Tony had been in the hospital for the last month, but had returned home. Tony will be missed at the field and at our club meetings. He was never afraid to speak up and get his point across on club matters and support his position.

Show and Tell

Scott Thompson was up first and presented to the club a simple PVC pipe wall-based airplane stacking stand. Scott indicated that one simply attaches it to the wall with some hold-down hardware and it will do well with a bunch of smaller RC planes.

Next up was Don Zeller to show off some new hardware added to his Avistar. Don has installed Dubro Wheel Brakes onto his Avistar to come to a quick stop on the new runway. Don said they only work with Dubro brand wheels and are based on a plastic hub with pins that spin free to slow down the wheel.



Tony Loquercio



He said it is advised to attach the thread that controls the brake to the elevator servo. That way, when the plane is on the runway after the final flare, you simply push forward on the elevator stick to apply brake pressure. I think we all need these after spending some time at the field watching everyone come in and zoom down the runway until finally rolling to the grass!

Final show and tell was Tim Gombert showing off his new miniature quad copter. It cost Tim \$199 and comes with a camera that transmits video back to a smart phone. Tim demonstrated the camera and the set up that comes with the quad copter.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday, April 13th at 6:30 pm, at the Schiller Park Community Center, 4501 N. 25th Ave., Schiller Park.

By Ted Noncek, Secretary from Meeting



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