



Radio Signal Modelers Flying Club

AMA Charter 1289 - Schiller Woods Flying Field

Monthly Newsletter

October 2015

The October 2015 meeting of the Radio Signal Modelers Flying Club was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, October 12th by President Les Schier at the Schiller Park Community Center. There were approximately 18 members in attendance. The minutes of the September meeting were presented by Secretary Ted Noncek and approved by the members.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Terry Gombert presented the Treasurer's Report for October 2015. The club finished the month with \$1,250 after receipts of \$50 from membership, and disbursements of \$160 related to the supplies and fuel. The club is still owed the security deposit from the Forest Preserve related to the event permit of \$250. Terry reported



Scott Thompson presents his Nieuport biplane to the club during show and tell at the September meeting.

that membership is currently 80. The Treasurer's Report was approved as read.

Event Committee

President Les started the meeting discussion by thanking Ti Galfi for his service as Events Committee Chair. Les noted that the summer events were spectacular as a result of Ti's dedication to the club. Les said that the club appreciated his service.

Field Maintenance Committee

Don Zeller noted the great work done by the 12 members who were able to show up a recent weekday morning and help with the runway transition project.

The members spent 7 hours out at the field and hauled about 6 cubic yards of soil from the far end of the field in the woods, to the edges of the runway. It was a real team effort with a crew of several guys in the woods digging, and a crew of several guys on the runway spreading and tapping down.

The club supplied a well-deserved sub sandwich lunch for this team of heroes. And the team were able to move and re-plant the club frequency board which is now positioned as a central focus of the entrance way. It is also great that the back of the sign has a big "fliers only" message that is now positioned to be read by anyone entering the pit area. Great job...and the field looks terrific right now!

Flight Instruction Committee

Don noted that the summer has been full of instruction for our new fliers, including a



Nisanth and his new Piper Cub.



Ti Galfi conducts the pilot's meeting at the start of the End of Summer Fun Fly.



Jim Parker helps hold down Don Zeller's Avistar during the End of Summer Fun Fly.

new pilot, Jerry Hawk with a Sig Kadet. Les called out the great work Don in particular has done in training new pilots. The club thanks Don for his efforts as lead flight instructor.

Field Safety Committee

Les lead the safety discussion noting the recent increase in the use of first person view flying of quad copters at the field. It was discussed that such pilots were welcome at the field so long as they followed field rules. Recently, a pair of these pilots were observed flying from the edge of the forest. The club discussed how this is a violation of the field rules, and that if this is observed we should diplomatically educate them how this is not appropriate and poses a danger to other fliers. If necessary, we would have to inform the Police if fliers continually violate the field rules.

There additionally was a discussion about a non-member user of the Schiller Field that has been observed flying in an unsafe manner, having crashed several large airplanes lately. It was discussed that if someone appears to be a danger, and is unwilling to take help from more skilled fliers, we might consider calling the police to discuss options.

Planning Committee

Les Schier and Tim Gombert announced that they would not be standing for nomination to their current positions of President and Vice-President. Les noted that the last few years has been a big job with all the interaction with the Forest Preserve regarding the field redesign project. Les would be happy to be watching from the sidelines for the next few years. He said that it is time for someone else to step up to take on these leadership roles. Treasurer Terry Gombert



Nishanth Kaithakot presenting his new Cirrus electric during show and tell at the October meeting.

thanked Tim and Les for their service and the club applauded the two for a great job.

Terry noted that he has been in the Treasurer position for several years and would like to give his one-year notice. He would be willing to take it next year in order to start the transition to someone else.

The meeting to nominate new officers is the November meeting, so we need folks to step up to fill these important leadership roles in the club. Please speak up at the November meeting and put your hat in the ring...no experience necessary!

Show and Tell

Scott Thompson brought his new Nieuport biplane, a very nice looking electric running

a 4-cell 3300mhr battery set-up. Next up was Nisanth Kaithakot with both a new electric Cirrus and Piper Cub. Very nice new aircraft.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday, November 9th at 6:30 pm at the Schiller Park Community Center location.

By Ted Noncek, Secretary



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Dom Garcia poses with his aircraft at the End of Summer Fun Fly.