



Radio Signal Modelers Flying Club

AMA Charter 1289 - Schiller Woods Flying Field

Monthly Newsletter

February 2023

The February 13th, 2023 meeting started at 6:46 PM at the Community Center and on Zoom. 12 members were present, with none joining on Zoom. Ray asked about February birthdays. Ismael turned 75 on February 6th.

Dumb Thumb:

No Dumb Thumb for February except for Ish spilling a beer on his laptop and taking out his flight sim.

January Minutes:

Joe Stanko read the January meeting minutes, which were approved as read.

Treasurer's Report

Frank Roberson reported we started out with \$2671. We had 9 renewals, 2 with family members, and a donation. Our total income was about \$597. Expenses were about \$25

for RSM checks from Costco, \$44 for pizza and pop for the January meeting, a \$10 IL filing fee, \$200 for AMA insurance and \$100 reimbursement for an Amazon gift card. Total expenses were about \$378. We finished the month at \$2889. Our roster currently shows 63 members but we have 46 who haven't renewed for 2023. The Treasurer's Report was approved.

Field Maintenance and Planning

Ray mentioned that snow is gone and the grass is brown. Still nothing going on at the field so we'll start talking about field maintenance in March.

With June having the most daylight, we'll have our Friday Sub Night Sunset Funfly. July will be our family picnic where we all bring in our international food delights. Our August



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and September theme based attempts at airshows or competitions were taken out by high winds. If anyone wants to suggest new themes, please present them. There are practically indestructible little 400mm Zeros, P-40s, and others, that might be fun to compete with in September. Brian mentioned monthly funflies at another club he belongs to. They actually have events at a fire department training facility.

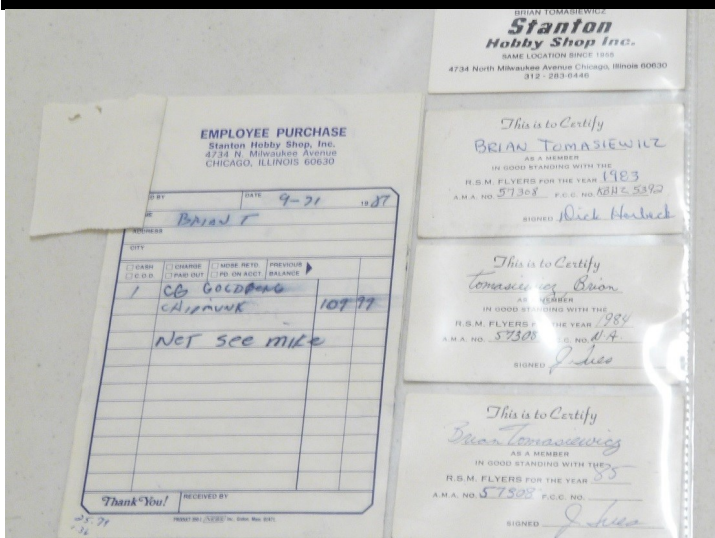
Field Safety and Flight Instruction Committees:

Jim Parker hasn't had conditions to fly with anyone but encouraged members to practice on flight sims. He mentioned that the Forest Preserve repaired two of the picnic tables.

New Business:

The FRIA Application will be submitted. Jim mentioned the wind turbine that Nisanth do-

nated. Nobody has experimented with it yet. He mentioned the possibility of getting involved with STEM projects or STEAM as AMA calls them. He handed out paper airplane printouts that he downloaded from <https://www.amaflightschool.org/> We can build them and try them out with some friendly competition at our March meeting. Jim is interested in working with local schools but would need some volunteers. He mentioned a few reasonably priced kits that can be put together with hot glue. Ray related a conversation he had back in October when the new District Supervisor showed up at the field. Ray told him about the rotted picnic tables and wobbly fence posts. He told Ray that some work will happen soon but other work



Brian Tomasiewicz showed his early membership cards, his 1987 Chipmunk receipt, and the newspaper he made the cover on.

won't progress until spring when more manpower is available. Ray got his contact info.

Show and Tell:

Steven Darr showed his HSDJETS T-33 that he bought because he wanted a jet for his 120mm EDF. He didn't buy a complete \$1500 kit like the company wants to sell so it was quite a challenge to build. It weighs 16.5 pounds with the 2, 6000 mAHr batteries and 11 servos.

Jim Parker showed his 400mm Volantex A6M Zero. It comes with a radio, 2 batteries and has a 6-axis gyro for \$117 on Amazon It flies for at least 10 minutes on a battery. Then Jim presented his pretty realistic looking \$89, 1430mm EPP Eagle from Grayson Hobby.

Brian found his original 1983 – 1985 RSM membership cards and his business card from when he worked at Stanton Hobby Shop. He showed his 1987 receipt for a Carl Goldberg Chipmunk for a list price of \$109.99. He got it for \$65 with his employee discount. Then he showed us the July 10th, 1985 issue of the "Schiller Park Independent", which had his picture on the cover.

Give Away:

Ray picked ball #7 for Brian, who won Foam-Tac. The meeting ended at 8:02 PM.

Next Meeting:

The March 2023 meeting will be at 6:30 PM on Monday, March 13th at the Schiller Park Community Center and on Zoom.

Joe Stanko, RSM Secretary

