



Radio Signal Modelers Flying Club

AMA Charter 1289 - Schiller Woods Flying Field

Monthly Newsletter

July 2022

The July 11th, 2022 meeting started at 6:42 PM at the Community Center on a rainy evening. 15 members were present. Ray asked about July birthdays and there were none.

Dumb Thumb:

Jim Parker mentioned that he lost control of his T-28 and it crashed after takeoff. Then he noticed that he had the wrong model of his 5 Trojans, selected in his radio. It's a mystery

how the aircraft was able to bind and take off in the first place. Check that you have the right aircraft selected.

Matt was flying his heli and lost control of his tail, breaking his tail boom and scraping the tail blades. He failed to apply thread locker to set screw on a gear and it came loose.

July Minutes:

Joe Stanko read the June meeting minutes, which were approved.



We met at the Community Center since it was raining off and on at the field



Matt and Ray show off the Skywalker that Matt donated and will build for a future raffle.

Treasurer's Report

Frank Roberson reported we started out with \$3434. We had \$75 income in raffle tickets for the \$100 aircraft so the club only spent \$25 on that plane. We had 2 renewals and 2 new members plus a family member, for \$260 total income. Pizza and pop for the last meeting and subs for the funfly cost \$127. That is a net gain of \$133 and leaves us with \$3567. We have 50 members paid through 2022 and 13 paid through 2021. Frank took a little time to explain the club checking account. The Treasurer's Report was approved.

Field Maintenance and Planning

Ray mentioned that grass cutting has been going well with less rain. He started the season with a blade height of 5, but is now down to 4 and 3 in the infield. He got a message that the deck was damaged in shipment but the

old one is holding up OK. He noted that the 5 gallons of gas to fill up the tank is much more expensive.

For planning, Ray used the weather app and noticed that the 16th called for high winds and a chance of rain. The International Funfly is now scheduled for Saturday, July 23rd. Bring food that fits your ethnicity. There will also be a Raffle. If many people show up, we'll split into groups of under 25 people. The Sub Night Funfly was a success. Ray shared the story of flying a young man's F5 and gaining our 2 newest members, Andrey and Arseny.

Field Safety and Flight Instruction Committees:

Jim Parker has been working with Allan Price who is also a Private Pilot. He said that flying

R/C is harder than flying full size. Matt shared that his R/C flying has improved his landings as a Private Pilot. Kevin Bushar passed along a report that he has lost 3 aircraft within 50 feet of each other, South of the runway. We discussed ways of checking to see if there's a dead spot. He suspects 2.4GHz interference. Jim mentioned that the wire can fail on Spectrum antennas, where the folding point is.

Ray mentioned a safety issue with a helicopter repair. The rotor blades were left on and the rotor was at full speed with a full battery.

Someone grabbed it by the tail and ended up going to the ER, trying to save the heli. The ER cost more than the heli. This was a couple months ago and left 2 people traumatized. Moral: Don't risk your life to save an aircraft

New Business:

Ray mentioned that the dues went up and that the membership form has been changed. Roger Mankowski won the Radian at the funfly and he almost didn't attend. Steven asked about getting a key to the charging station so we discussed cost of the



Vic donated the radio. Matt donated the plane, ESC, and motor. Ray donated the receiver. It will be ready to fly.



Show and Tell is the Skywalker that Matt donated and will build for a raffle. That, and other pieces parts.

keys and charging current limits briefly.

Show and Tell:

Ray and Matt showed the Skywalker that Matt has donated to the club. He also donated an ESC and motor. Ray is donating an AS3X receive with SAFE. The club will donate 4 servos and Vic donated a new DX6i radio. Matt will put it all together and it will be raffled off later this year. We will check its build progress. It will use a 4S battery, which may or may not be part of the raffle. It was designed for FPV so it can fly slowly. Ray also held up a bottle of BSI (Bob Smith) glue from Amazon. A great bargain.

Give Away:

Ray picked ball #66 for the choice of one of 3 LiPos. Lauren won and picked one and handed it back to Ray. The meeting ended at 7:52 PM

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held at the flying field at 6:30 PM on August 8th, 2022. By RSM Secretary Joe Stanko.



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The Internation Funfly attendees and a few aircraft..