



# Radio Signal Modelers Flying Club

AMA Charter 1289 - Schiller Woods Flying Field

## Monthly Newsletter

## September 2022

The September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022 meeting started at 7 PM at Russell's BBQ, due to yet another very rainy day. Only 9 members were present. We met Allan Price who has been a member since June. Allan learned to fly when he was in engineering school in the early 60s. He had 135 hours in fixed wing aircraft and switched to model airplanes when flying full size got expensive. Ray

asked about any September birthdays. Liz Lawton's is the 15th and Jim Parker's is the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### Dumb Thumb:

Ray was coming in for a landing with his new A10 and had to make a couple go- arounds. The North winds pushed him closer to the tree line than he realized and he caught his left wing tip. It nosed straight in and was



The September meeting was held at Russell's BBQ because it was rainy. The community center wasn't available.



**The September funfly was postponed for high winds. Good thing with no parking. Only 2 members at the field.**

totalled. The next day, he flew his 90mm Viper into the woods. It magically reappeared on the other side and he was able to bring it in for a landing. It was nicked up and missing its winglets. He found them in the woods later. He held off buying Warthog #3 and lucked out with a \$90 discount on "Aviation Day" in August. He already has 20 flights on his new Warthog.

### **August Minutes:**

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

### **Treasurer's Report**

Frank Roberson reported we started out with \$3685. We had 2 new members and a family member. We brought in \$110 on the All R/C

Show Raffle. 18 tickets have been sold for the T-28 raffle for \$180. Total income was about \$422. \$666 was spent on tractor belts, bearings, and pullies. He reimbursed Ray \$212 for raffle prizes, Jim \$190 for the Trojan, \$139 for the picnic, and pizza and pop for the last meeting cost \$22. That is a net loss of \$807 and leaves us with \$2878. That's good for a club of this size. The fiscal year is the same as our calendar year. The Treasurer's Report was approved.

### **Field Maintenance and Planning**

Ray mentioned that several members had come out to help with the mowing but Jim and Mark were the only ones present. He noticed that the mower was bogging down in 3" grass. That's when he realized that the

tractor has 2 cylinders and that one coil was bad. He managed to acquire a modified dual coil that he was able to install with minor modifications. Non-member Rico noticed how nice the field was for his helicopter event and saw Ray working on the tractor. He chipped in \$50 towards the tractor repairs. It looks like shed repairs will have to wait until next season.

Ray mentioned that Saturday, September 17th would be the "Fall Skills Classic", between 10AM and 2PM. Jim mentioned follow the leader and 1 or 2s airplane pylon racing. He also mentioned taxi contests. Maybe chasing the Skywalker trailing streamers. Saturdays have been really windy so let's hope! Thanks to Frank and Liz for cooking! Frank hopes to get his son to cook tacos. If not, hotdogs and hamburgers.

**Field Safety and Flight Instruction Committees:**

Jim Parker mentioned that Allan Price is progressing nicely with scale take-offs and consecutive good landings without cross winds. There have been quite a few heli crashes lately but he hasn't heard of safety violations. Jim asked that we observe the unwritten rule that we don't fly fixed wings if a heli is flying over the runway. Ray said he saw a father and son show up with an Aero-

star. The young man was building it on a bench and wanted to try to fly the RTF model then and there. Ray pointed out that his battery was only charged to 22% and that he would happily help him some other day.

**New Business:**

Ray thanked Liz and Frank for cooking at the funfly. He also thanked Brian Tomasiewicz for donating the umbrellas for the picnic tables. Other umbrellas were broken or stolen. He congratulated Pat for winning the raffle at the airshow funfly. We are having the raffle for the 1.2M Trojan. If all 40 tickets aren't sold by the end of October, the raffle will still be held in November.

**Show and Tell:**

Jim showed his little Volantex T-28 Trojan, that he bought on Amazon for \$109. It comes RTF with 2, 1S batteries, spare prop, and a USB charging cable. He flew it for about 15 minutes before the meeting.

**Give Away:**

Ray picked ball # 79 and Liz won a 4S battery. The meeting ended at 8:05 PM

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be held at the Schiller Park Community Center at 6:30 PM on October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

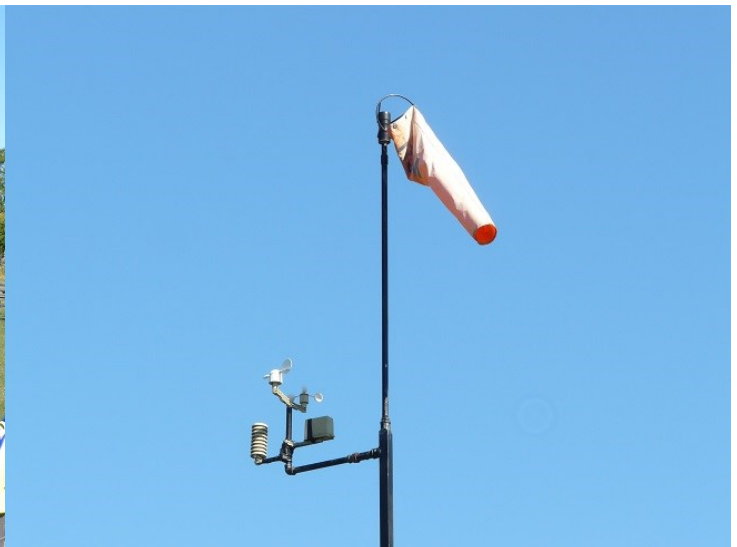




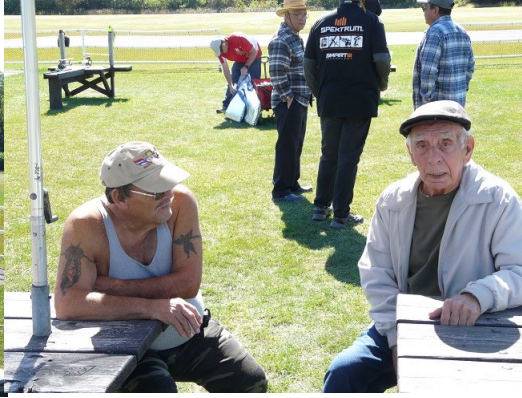

**Liz walked away with a 4S battery as our September Raffle winner.**



**Wojciech and Piotrek with their longtime friend Fred**



**The 3rd weekend in a row with high winds.**



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October 1st finally! Grill Master Frank prepares carnitas tacos on his flat top grill. Still too windy for most to fly.