

# Radio Signal Modelers Flying Club



## January 2012 Newsletter

The January 2012 meeting was called to order at the Shiller Park Community Center by President Les Schier at 6:30 p.m. on January 9th. President Les started the meeting by thanking Terry Gombert, Tim Gombert and Ted Noncek for their willingness to serve RSM as officers in 2012. Les further thanked Sally Gombert for her efforts in supporting the club.

The minutes of the December 2011 meeting were read by Secretary Ted Noncek and were then approved by the club members. There were 22 members in attendance.

### Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Terry Gombert presented the monthly Treasurer's Report for January 2012. The club began December 2011 with an opening cash balance of \$572, which included \$241 in the club's Pay Pal account. During December the club collected dues of \$408, and made expenditures of \$5. Additionally, \$90 was transferred from the Pay Pal account to the club's checking account. As a result, the club's ending cash balance at December 2011 was \$975, including \$198 held in Pay Pal.



Oh those summer nights! In spite of the unseasonably mild winter in Chicago this year, we sure miss those mild summer days for a little after-work flying.



A bunch of the Club's planes pose for a nice shot at the Independence Day Fun Fly last year.

President Les asked Terry to explain why the club has a Pay Pal account. Terry responded that it was created a few years back in order to allow the club to accept membership payments via the Internet. Terry noted that the balance has been kept around \$150 in order to maintain a balance for the club in case an electronic payment is required in making a club expenditure. This has really only been used by Mike Reinhart in making payments related to the club's website or ordering striping paint online. It was noted that receipts are collected on such expenditures, and recorded in the club financial records. Currently, Terry and Mike are the only members that have access to the Pay Pal account.

After the discussion regarding Pay Pal, the Treasurer's report was accepted by the club.

### President's Comments for 2012

President Les addressed the club regarding the upcoming year and indicated that he was keeping all the committees the same, subject to agreement by the individual chairmen. Tim Gombert and Don Zeller each agreed to continue in their chairmanship roles for the Planning and Flight Instruction Committees, respectively. Mike Reinhart was unable to attend the meeting, but Les

noted that he wished for Mike to continue in the role of chairman of the Field Maintenance Committee. Les noted that the chairmen should select members to their committees after the meeting.

Les noted that Tim Novak seemed to be dropping out of club leadership and would not be willing to serve in the capacity of Safety Officer, and therefore Safety Committee Chairman. VP Tim Gombert is in charge of appointing the Safety Officer pursuant to the club constitution. Les noted that the new Safety Officer should be someone who is tactful in approaching users of the flying field with safety issues, and as always, requires the support of other members in fulfilling these responsibilities. It was again noted that the Forest Preserve District Police should be called in the case of individuals who refuse to abide by field rules after we have tactfully requested that they follow the rules.

A request was made to the membership present to have a volunteer to be the 2012 Safety Officer. Ted Noncek volunteered to fulfill this role for 2012, and is therefore also the Chairman of the Safety Committee.



**Back in June we found Vic Szajna testing his new Tower Trainer. Here it is lifting off from its take off roll.**

### **Committee Reports**

Field Maintenance: Because Mike Reinhart was not able to attend the meeting, no field maintenance report was given.

Field Safety Committee: No safety committee report was made as no issues have come to the attention of the club during the off season.



**Here is the view our planes see looking east from the flying field.**

Flight Instruction Committee: Don Zeller presented the Flight Instruction Committee report. Don noted that he has been flying at the field due to the continuing mild January weather, and has been attracting attention from potential new members wishing to get trained. Don noted that Jim of Strictly RC continues to refer his customers to RSM as a source of instruction. Les noted that this is a great relationship for both RSM and Strictly RC.

Regarding new members, Les asked the club during the Flight Training Committee report whether the club should have a limit on the number of members, as is currently written into the club's constitution. It was noted that this limit appears more appropriate when a club has a private flying field location, so as to limit the number of potential users. This may be where this limit comes from, as an outdated vestige of RSM's early years when it used other locations at times. The club's general consensus is that the membership should not be limited.

Planning Committee: Planning Committee Chairman Tim Gombert presented the Planning Committee report. Tim noted that several members had signed up to make presentations at this year's monthly meetings, and discussed some clarification by members regarding what they would present. Tim noted that it had been requested by members that someone present a gasoline engine discussion, and that anyone willing to do such a presentation should let him know.

### **Holiday Party**

Sally Gombert discussed plans for the club Holiday Party on Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at Dino's Pizza, 7004 West Higgins in Chicago. The cost will be \$12 for unlimited pizza buffet with soft drinks included. An email requesting an RSVP will be sent out shortly.

During last month's meeting, the discussion of prizes was deferred until this month's meeting. After discussion of how the club handled the process last year, with all prizes being awarded as gift cards from either Strictly RC or Al's Hobbies, it was decided that the club would again repeat this method for the 2012 party. Terry noted that the club was informed by Al's Hobbies that its rebate program has produced \$58 toward the prize budget. The club agreed to allow prizes of \$100 of gift cards from each store, and would apply the \$58 credit. It was further determined that prizes were to be awarded to members only, and any member who was a member in 2011, or a new member for 2012, would be eligible.



**Ted Noncek leads the club in a discussion of covering tips and techniques at the January meeting.**

### **January Presentation**

Ted Noncek presented a discussion on covering with Ultracote and Monokote. The discussion included a presentation on the special temperature properties of Ultracote, monitoring covering iron temperatures, and tips to hide covering mistakes.

The presentation was great in that it became an interactive discussion with the club members sharing their specific tips and covering techniques.



**A display of covering tools including a 21st Century Coverite iron with temperature setting knob.**

This presentation proved how one does not have to be an expert to present a topic. All it takes is some background research on any technical issues and a little knowhow gained through some moderate experience. With the collective skills and experience of our members, any RC topic is likely to be fully explored in this interactive format. Please sign up with VP Tim to offer to present an RC topic this year.

### **Show and Tell**

There were no show and tell projects presented at the January meeting. If you have a winter project, acquired a great swap meet purchase, or simply acquired a new state of the art battery charger, consider bringing it to the next meeting to share it with the club. This is by far one of the best parts of our monthly club meetings.

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Monday, February 13th at 6:30 p.m. at the Shiller Park Community Center, 4501 N. 25th Avenue, Shiller Park.

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