

Radio Signal Modelers Flying Club



June 2011 Newsletter

June 2, 2011

The June meeting was called to order at the Shiller Woods Flying Field by President Les Schier at 6:30 p.m. The minutes of the May meeting were read by Secretary Ted Noncek and approved by the club. There were 28 members in attendance.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Terry Gombert presented the Treasurer's report. The club received dues from two new members and made disbursements totaling \$12. The club's ending cash balance as of May 31, 2011 was \$1,708. The treasurer's report was approved by the club. Terry noted that we had seven new members join recently, and welcomed Bruce Lenca, Woyciech Ratusz (and 2 sons), Mike Mermel, Roger Mankowski and Tom Phelps to the club.



Tibor "T" Galfi and President Les Schier post their cards in the new frequency board.

Committee Reports

Field Maintenance: Chairman Mike Reinhart was not able to make the June meeting, but sent in a report that was read by President Les. Mike reported that mowing continues as usual this summer and that he and the club thanks all the

volunteers who have come and helped out in keeping the field nicely mowed. Mike indicated that due to the very wet May, it was not possible to perform field rolling that had been anticipated last month. We are still planning on rolling as soon as weather conditions permit. Finally, Mike reported that he is trying a new technique that he saw being employed at the Oshkosh Air Show—using weed killer to define the flight safety line and helicopter hovering area. The club usually goes through about two cases of striping paint each year maintaining these field markings, and the new technique appears to be working well.



T and his friend back in 1997 after installing the previous frequency board.

After reading the field maintenance report submitted by Mike, President Les pointed out the new frequency board that was designed and created by Tibor "T" Galfi. As discussed at last month's meeting, the club is trying to go back to enforcing the rule that fliers must display their AMA or club card. As a result, T offered to create the new frequency board that would have plenty of space for 2.4 Ghz slots.

The club is very lucky to have members like T, who took the new frequency board project very seriously. It was only at last month's meeting where T offered to make the new board, and on May 27th, T was delivering it to the field. Les thanked T on behalf of the club for his efforts to

build the new frequency board. Special thanks to Joe Long, Tim Gombert and Les Schier who came and helped T remove the old board and install the new.



T starts to dig up the old frequency board that he planted 14 years ago in 1997.

Here are some fun facts about the frequency board. T and his fellow RC buddy built the previous frequency board in 1997. The new frequency board required that T drill a total of 1,625 holes, when he considered the total of pilot holes, full holes and countersinks, and took a total of 50 hours to complete! T is a professional printer and expert RC builder, and the combinations of these skills are evident in the new frequency board. Thanks again T for your hard work and expertise in this important club project.



Joe Long, Tim Gombert and Les Schier carry the frequency board frame into the pit area.



Tim and T steady the frequency board frame while Les keeps an eye on the level.

Les reminded club members that all fliers should post their card while flying, and encourage non-members at the field to follow the field rules regarding posting cards. It was noted that fliers can post a copy of the card, so long as the flier has available at the field the original AMA or club card to provide the Forest Preserve Police if challenged.

Field Safety Committee: Co-Chairman Tim Novak presented the Safety Committee report. Tim started his report by noting that Jon Fisher has offered to act as Co-Chairman of the Safety Committee to help and support Tim's efforts at encouraging safety at the field. The club accepted Jon's offer to be Co-Chairman with Tim.

President Les then indicated that John Szurzynski has offered to join the Safety Committee as a helicopter enthusiast. The club welcomed John's offer to help promote safety with the helicopter pilots at the field.

Tim finished his committee report by indicating that many members were now putting their cards up on the frequency board.

President Les concluded the Safety Committee portion of the meeting by reminding all members that the flight line is the northern most boundary for flight. Consider that the flight line extends all the way to the tree line to the east, and to the tree line to the west. Les indicated that the only exception to breaking the flight line to the east of the pit area is in making a safe landing approach from the northeast. Les reminded everyone that under no circumstances should we be flying over

Irving Park Road, especially to the northwest in the vicinity of the pump.

Flight Training Committee: Chairman Don Zeller reported on the trainer plane offer from Jim of Strictly RC. The club is willing to accept the offer of the plane. Don discussed that he talked to Jim who noted that he would want to be able to send folks interested in RC to take a test flight. This fits into the club's intention to offer test flights periodically as a way to promote the hobby and membership in the club. Don will continue to pursue the offer of the plane with Jim.

Planning Committee: Chairman Tim Gombert presented the Planning Committee report. Tim passed out a summary of the "who am I" information that he previously collected from members and asked that members review the information and sign off on their information before he posts it to the password-protected area of the website. Any members that have not filled out the information sheet will be emailed a form requesting the information.

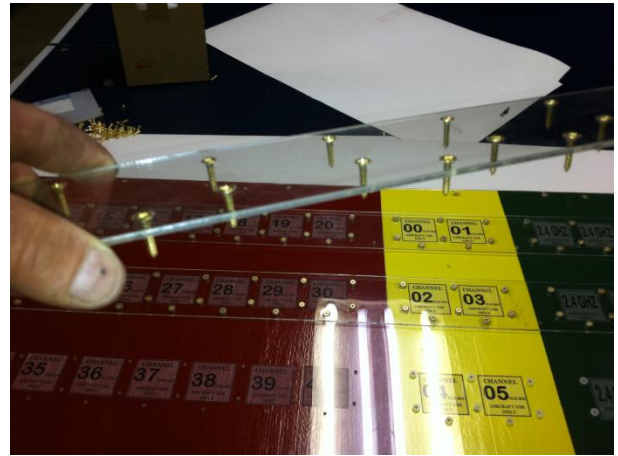
A question was posed regarding signage to encourage members to post cards. Tim responded that he was working with the Forest Preserve representatives to get the large sign revised. As a result, he is waiting to see the language on that sign so as not to conflict with the messaging on the main sign.

Show and Tell

Because we met at the field the club did not have any show and tell projects because everyone who brought a plane was itching to get some flights in before the sun set. The club had a great time flying together and we had plenty of birds up in the sky following the meeting adjournment.

Next Meeting: Thursday, July 7th at 6:30 p.m. at the Shiller Woods Flying Field.

By Ted Noncek, Secretary (tnoncek@comcast.net)



The frequency board required 1,625 pilot holes, countersinks and full holes!



T poses proudly with the new frequency board. A job well done!



Yes, I think it was time to replace the frequency board.