

Radio Signal Modelers Flying Club November 2010 Newsletter

November 1, 2010



The November meeting was called to order at the Strictly RC basement location by President Mike Meitus. The minutes of the September meeting were read by VP Mike Reinhart as Secretary Ted Noncek was sick. The minutes were accepted by the club. Member George Schindler graciously provided donuts to the club in celebration of his birthday.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Terry Gombert presented the Treasurer's report. The Treasurer's report was approved by the club.

Field Maintenance

VP Mike Reinhart again asked for members willing to store the lawn mower during the winter season. The club likes to do this so as to protect the tractor as well as allow the shed for use as a quick warming station during winter flying. Anyone who has space and is willing to help out, please contact VP Mike.

New member Jason has graciously donated to the club five umbrellas to use next season. Thanks Jason for this kind donation.

President's Message

President Mike gave the club the sad news that his garage was burglarized and several of his prized aircrafts stolen. Mike indicated that he lost the Big Stick that his father built, his 50cc Yak, his Yellow Cub, an MD25 helicopter, a Trex helicopter and a tiny helicopter. Club members are asked to keep an eye out for anyone attempting to sell these. Contact Mike if you have any information.

Officer Nominations at November Meeting

In accordance with the club's bylaws, officer nominations are to be made at the November meeting for vote at the December meeting. President Mike informed the club that he would be stepping down as President to give someone else a chance to lead the club. Special thanks to Mike for his many years of service in this important club leadership role. A call was made for nomination of officers for 2011. Tony Loquercio nominated Les Shier for President. The remaining current officers were also nominated for vote in December, including Mike Reinhart for Vice-President, Terry Gombert as Treasurer and Ted Noncek as Secretary. Special thanks to new member Tim Novak who was nominated and accepted the position of Safety Officer for 2011.

Sixth Annual Chili Fun Fly - Saturday, December 11th

Get those skies ready for the Sixth Annual RSM Chili Fun Fly set for Saturday, December 11th. We usually get started about 10 a.m. and get the Chili warming as soon as possible. As of the

writing of this newsletter, Mother Nature has again looked kindly upon RSM and provided us with snow fall. All we have to hope for now is that the ATVs and dog walkers don't mess up the field before Saturday. For those of you who have not attended before, the Chili Fun Fly is an event where we all prepare our favorite chili recipe and bring it to the field to heat up and enjoy. Sometimes we mix them, sometimes we eat them separately to preserve the special tastes of our proud chili cooks. So get your planes ready and a good supply of chili and look forward to some of the most interesting flying we have each year. And remember, we usually have plenty of chili, so if you are not that good of a cook, we still want you to show up!

Responsibilities of AMA Charter Clubs

The club had a discussion on the responsibilities expected of AMA charter clubs. The following is a list of those responsibilities:

- Manage and maintain flying field
- Promote flying safety
- Check for users of field to ensure they have proper AMA insurance card

As most flyers are now using 2.4 ghz radios, the use of the frequency control board is less important. However, that was our way of checking those new fliers we do not recognize as to whether they hold proper AMA cards. The club discussed that we should still require the posting of cards to fly, even through using the new frequency to help us police for AMA cards. Members are encouraged to call the Forest Preserve Police if they have issues with unsafe pilots or suspected non-AMA flying. Be careful not to engage them yourself as we have had several incidents in the past where this can escalate to verbal threats by the flyer being challenged. The Forest Preserve police number is on the big red rules board.

Indoor Flying Opportunities

Those of you looking to keep those fingers in practice can fly on Tuesday nights, from 7-9 p.m. at the Bethany Church gymnasium. Indoor dome flying has already begun at the White Pines Golf Dome in Bensenville. Dome flying is allowed from 11 p.m. to 1 a.m. on Friday and Saturday nights until spring. And Strictly RC has given the club a special deal to try out the new FHX Combat helicopter, at a special price of only \$120 including tax. See Jim at Strictly to get the deal.

November Program - Chapter 1 of the Top Ten Things to Go Wrong: Pilot Error

The club started a discussion of the top ten things that can go wrong flying radio control. I think we all agree that pilot error is probably the largest contributor to a bad day at the field! The club will progress through the remaining ten over the next several meetings and hopefully we can all share our first hand experiences and suggestions.

Next Meeting—Monday, December 6th at Strictly RC basement at 7 p.m. The next meeting will take place at 7:00 p.m. at the Strictly RC basement on Monday, December 6th.

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