

Radio Signal Modelers Flying Club September 2010 Newsletter

September 13, 2010



The September meeting was called to order at the flying field by President Mike Meitus. The minutes of the August meeting were read by Secretary Ted Noncek and accepted by the club. There were 20 members present at the meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Terry Gombert presented the Treasurer's report. The club started August 2010 with a beginning cash balance of \$1,128. After collecting dues for three members and making payments for the Internet site, the club finished with approximately \$1,206. The Treasurer's report was approved by the club.

Helicopter Fun Fly

The club heard a report on the Helicopter Fun Fly held on Sunday August 22nd. By all accounts, this event was the most successful in the history of RSM. And President Mike called out a special thanks to Rick Rivera who organized the event and was able to publicize this to draw in many participants from outside the club. There were 34 registered pilots and the club fed 65 for lunch. Great work Rick and special thanks to all who were able to lend a helping hand that day. The club was proud to accept a check from Rick for \$415 to the club. In addition to the amateur participants, we were treated to demonstrations by area professionals at the event. The club discussed making this an annual event to be held the second weekend after the annual IRCHA event in Muncie.

Field Maintenance

VP Mike Reinhart discussed field maintenance at the meeting. Vandals broke several of the spectator benches recently. The Forest Preserve was alerted and the benches were fixed shortly after. Mike reported that George Shindler is back on duty contributing his carpentry and painting skills to the field. George recently added a new flight stand side table to the lineup and painted the metal field box. Thanks George for your efforts...the club missed you in your absence and we are glad to see you back on the job! Mike discussed that he and Tom Jacobs removed the lawn mower blade and had it sharpened. Shortly after that job was completed the mower hit a spike left in the pit area which caused damage to the blade. It was discussed that the person that left the spike has stepped up and is paying to have the blade repaired. Mike also mentioned that with the recent vandalism of the benches, we have stepped up security measures protecting the mower.

Paved Runway Committee

The Runway Committee made a report at the meeting. Chairman Les Shier informed the club of a very positive meeting with the Forest Preserve executive in charge of paving. They were very cooperative and professional about the runway and expressed a desire to give the club what it is asking for, including the size of the runway at 200 x 40 feet with access aprons and numbering on the runway. They are willing to locate the runway in the manner the club is asking for, including

grading the western rough of the current field to eliminate the standing water areas. This may involve moving fencing and the center of the field west as the club has wanted for some time. The Forest Preserve may also change the parking lot access pattern to perhaps include a drive-up to drop off equipment.

Les reported that several steps have to be completed by the Forest Preserve before they do this project, including an environmental study, approvals by the Forest Preserve higher-ups and engineering studies. Les was told this would not be completed until next spring. They have promised to call the club when the runway will be staked off to get our input.

President Mike discussed that the biggest irritant to the Forest Preserve when they paved Deer Grove was that club members were all making suggestions directly to the Forest Preserve. Mike asked that members refrain from making direct suggestions to the Forest Preserve, but instead work only through the committee members. The committee consists of Les, President Mike, VP Mike and Tony Loquercio.

Next Meeting—Monday, October 4th at Strictly RC basement at 7 p.m. The next meeting will take place at 7:00 p.m. at the Strictly RC basement.

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