

**Radio Signal Modelers Flying Club**  
**January 2009 Newsletter**  
**January 5, 2009**



The January 2009 meeting was called to order by Vice-President Mike Reinhart at the Strictly RC meeting place at 7 pm. President Mike Meitus was unable to attend. Secretary Ted Noncek read the minutes of the December 2008 meeting which were approved by the club. Approximately 21 members were in attendance.

**Treasurer's Report**

The treasurer's report was presented by Treasurer Terry Gombert and approved by the club. The opening balance of cash on hand was \$715 consisting of a \$101 balance in the Pay Pal account and \$614 in the club bank account. During the month of December the club received \$650 in mower replacement fund donations, and paid out a total of \$264. The ending cash balance at December 31, 2008 was a total of \$1,100 consisting of the \$101 Pay Pal balance, and \$999 in the club bank account. Included in the ending balance is the total collected mower replacement fund balance of \$850.

**Field Maintenance Issues**

VP Mike discussed field maintenance issues that should be addressed in the spring when the weather improves. As previously discussed, the orange fencing on the flight line requires replacement. Secondly, several of the flight stands are needing repair. The flight stand needs were discussed with George Schindler who was at the meeting. As it is winter, with only minimal usage of the field, no further maintenance issues were discussed.

**Field Safety Issues**

No new field safety issues were discussed at the meeting.

**Mower Replacement Initiative – Mower Donations Now Accepted**

The mower replacement initiative is underway and your donations are greatly appreciated. So far, we have a collected balance of \$850 and a collected and pledged balance of \$1,050. A request for \$200 from the AMA Flying Site Improvement Grant program has been made. The request has been signed by our AMA District VP and submitted to AMA. The grants are awarded in April.

To make it easy to donate, we have added a link on our club website to allow for payment for the mower fund through Pay Pal. So far we have had large donations from a few individuals who were willing to step up and start the fund off to a good start. The fund is now up and running and almost halfway to the finish line. But we need your donation to finish it off and start the new season with new dependable lawn mower. Any size donation is accepted and greatly appreciated by the club. Please make your donation today—your investment will pay off greatly when you enjoy the nice cut grass runway next season!

**Club Dues for 2009 Now Being Accepted**

With the new year upon us, the club's membership dues are now being accepted. The 2009 annual membership rate is \$50, with family members to the club added at \$15 per person. Membership dues were raised at the last meeting and the Pay Pal section of our website has been updated with the new amount.

### **Club Meeting Presenters Wanted**

We have all enjoyed our 2008 meetings in which some sort of educational program was presented to the membership. Please volunteer your special knowledge to make a presentation to the club in upcoming meetings in 2009. The atmosphere is informal and we really just need five to ten minutes of demonstration to make our meeting more interesting for all. Please contact Mike Reinhart and volunteer for this important club service.

### **Chili Fun Fly**

See the club website for the pictures of the brave members who attended this year's Chili Fun Fly. The flying was unfortunately kept to a minimum due to the extremely high winds this year, but the chili was hot and good. Thanks to all that attended and helped out.

### **Holiday Party – Saturday, January 24<sup>th</sup>**

The club's annual holiday party is coming up Saturday, January 24<sup>th</sup> starting at 7:00pm at the Great Escape Restaurant in Schiller Park (9540 Irving Park Rd). During the meeting RSVPs were taken by those in attendance. Anyone wishing to attend that was not at the meeting, or who did not indicate their preference at the meeting, should email Sally Gombert at [tersal816@hotmail.com](mailto:tersal816@hotmail.com). We plan on having prizes again and will have a family style dinner that is approximately \$16 per person (plus tip for server). Drinks are available. **Please bring your raffle tickets from the annual raffle for a second chance giveaway at the Holiday Party.**

### **Annual Attendance Raffle Held**

Last year as a method of getting better attendance at our monthly meetings, the club implemented a ticket system whereby each member attending a meeting received one ticket, with additional tickets given to individuals who presented a plane or presented at the monthly meeting. The January 2009 meeting included the raffle for the lucky member to win a free 2009 membership to the club. The rules require the winner to be in attendance at the drawing, and to have the winning ticket. In our first drawing, the lucky winner was Member Adam Lukasik. Congratulations Adam on being the lucky winner. Members attending the January meeting have received their new 2009 tickets. Please retain these tickets received in 2009 for next year's drawing. Also, VP Mike indicated that the club would use the 2008 tickets at the Holiday Party for a second chance giveaway. **Please bring the 2008 tickets to the Holiday Party for a drawing.**

### **Club Roster Available on Website**

A question came up from a member as to how to access the club list in the club website. The website page with the member list is password protected. We discussed the password at the meeting. Anyone who would like to know the password should email either Ted Noncek ([tnoncek@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tnoncek@sbcglobal.net)) or Mike Reinhart ([sciman@ripco.com](mailto:sciman@ripco.com)).

### **Label Your Field Equipment**

The benefit of placing a label with your name and telephone number on your field equipment was discussed at the meeting. VP Mike noted that he gets very inexpensive stickers with name, address and telephone number, and puts them on batteries, field equipment and anything else that can get lost at the field. It was noted that a cell phone number is very powerful since often things are found right after a member leaves the field, and the member could easily be called back to retrieve the equipment. If we can't identify the owner of equipment left at the field initially, we often will place the lost equipment in the shed.

### **January Program**

VP Mike demonstrated the new quick cure Gorilla glue that is now available. The glue makes an initial setting in only about five minutes, whereas the original Gorilla glue took much longer. The new glue dries white instead of the yellowish original. Mike showed how he used it to repair a seriously broken electric model with a broken motor mount. First he glued the little broken

pieces together with CA, then went over the joints with the new Gorilla glue. Thanks for another informative demonstration Mike.

**Show and Tell/Program**

Mike Zawadzki showed off his crash rebuild he referred to as an Ugly Stick. Mike was given the aircraft in bad shape by President Mike last year. Mike has rebuild the front end of the plane, adding a firewall and new nose gear, and even added room to the airframe so that his fuel tank could fit. Mike as added new covering and created what looks to be a very nice 40 size model. Nice job Mike!

Next VP Mike presented a flying wing design (“Combat Foamy”) that he had picked up at the recent Dome All Nighter. The design is a delta style that uses delta or elevon mixing for the two control surfaces. Mike noted that the depron foam or other thing foam only cost a dollar or two, and that the finished craft is being powered by a 90 watt motor he picked up for \$7. The flying weight is about 9 oz. and is an example of a very inexpensive way of enjoying 3D flying. Mike has offered to share the plans with anyone wishing to make one of these. Also, Mike has indicated that he will put a list of part for this plane on the website for anyone interested.

**Next Meeting—Monday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>**

The next meeting will take place at the Strictly RC location (basement of pet store) at 7:00pm on Monday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please bring something for show and tell!

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