

Radio Signal Modelers Flying Club
July 2009 Newsletter
July 6, 2009



The July 2009 meeting was called to order by Vice-President Mike Reinhart at the Shiller Park Flying Field at 6:30pm. Secretary Ted Noncek read the minutes of the June 2009 meeting which were approved by the club.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Terry Gombert presented the Treasurer's report. After making the payment for the new lawn mower, the club had \$881.64 left in its treasury.

Field Maintenance Issues

VP Mike reminded the club members to make sure the umbrellas are lowered at the end of the flying day. High winds can damage the umbrellas if left out, so everyone is encouraged to lower them if they are the last flyer.

Field Safety Issues

No reports on field safety.

Mower Replacement - New Mower is Here

As of the writing of this newsletter, the new mower is safely stored in the club's shed. This is really incredible that our club was able to make this major purchase a reality in less than a year from its conception last September. Thanks go out to all members who made donations toward the new mower. Your contribution toward a nice field is greatly appreciated.

Special thanks go out to Mike Reinhart and Les Shier who researched the purchase and made trips to look at mowers early on, to Mike Reinhart and Tibor Galfi and others who did a great job installing the extension allowing the mower to fit the shed, to Tom Jacobs for letting the club store the mower in his garage before the shed was ready, and very special thanks to Ed Bywalec who not only floated the purchase for the club, but saved the club money by being able to get an employee discount. And special thanks to friend-of-the-club Sebastian who was nice enough to transport the mower for the club.

One last order of mower replacement business to be decided on by the club was the sale of the existing mower. While the club had hoped to get approximately \$400 for the old mower, the club received an offer for the old mower of \$300 from Sebastian who transported the new mower for us. A resolution was presented to the club to sell the mower to him for \$300 since he had helped with the use of the truck. After discussion, it was voted on and passed that the mower be sold to him at this price.

VP Mike reported at the meeting that he had the metal box made for the shed extension by a company in Des Plaines costing \$235. The metal is the thickest that the company is able to bend and fabricate, and looks very strong now that it is installed.

New Regular Weekly Mowing Day Set - Every Thursday 11am to 2pm

Just a reminder that VP Mike announced last meeting that based on his work schedule, he will this summer be working to cut the grass on a set schedule, every Thursday from 11am to 2pm. All members that have availability in the weekday and would be willing to help out are asked to

contact Mike or just show up willing to help. This is your chance to take a ride on that new mower!

Father's Day Fun Fly - A Great Success

Steve Schultz reported to the club on the very successful Father's Day Fun Fly which had to be held the Saturday following the scheduled day due to a flooded out flying field. Steve reported that the club received a total of \$560 from the event. The club thanked Steve for his hard work on the event. Steve approached a multitude of RC suppliers and received donations from companies including Strictly RC, Al's Hobbies, Tower Hobbies, Dubro Products, TruRC and several other suppliers. These donations made for a great raffle and super prizes to those who won in the events. Thanks to everyone who helped out, and who participated in this great event.

Request to Forest Preserve District for Handicapped Access Portable Toilet

As many of our regular fliers have found out, we have a great new member we all enjoy flying with, Ivan Telleria. Ivan started flying this year with just a little help of our club instructors since he soloed in near record time. Ivan is confined to a wheelchair and has noted that the Forest Preserve-supplied portable toilet is not accessible. Since Ivan's comment, President Mike has approached his contact at the Forest Preserve. Mike indicated that the Forest Preserve will try to get the portable toilet switched next year to an accessible unit. Unfortunately, the Forest Preserve is not obligated to do this, but it seems that they may be nice and make the change for us.

Next Meeting—Monday, August 3rd 6:30pm at Flying Field

The next meeting will take place at the Shiller Woods Flying Field and will begin at 6:30pm. We start early to give more time to flying. Please bring a plane to the meeting to get in some flights.

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