

**Radio Signal Modelers Flying Club**  
**March 2009 Newsletter**  
**March 2, 2009**



The March 2009 meeting was called to order by President Mike Meitus at the Strictly RC meeting place at 7 pm. Secretary Ted Noncek was unable to attend so Vice-President Mike Reinhart read the minutes of the February 2009 meeting which were approved by the club, and acted as Secretary for the meeting.

**Treasurer's Report**

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

**Field Maintenance Issues**

Discussion took place concerning the mud around the flight stands and how it is a good idea to continue to move them around in the pit area so as to not permanently ruin the grass. Next the topic of rolling the field was discussed. President Mike has proposed that the club plan on rolling it in May when the ground is in the best condition to be flattened.

The club discussed repairs needed to the flight stands, and the need to replace or add new stands. Member Steve Schultz discussed the possibility of using plastic composite lumber rather than the lumber that has been used in the past on the stands. As we have seen, the current stands appear to have a short useful life being exposed to the elements all year, and the spray of RC fuel. In the past, George Shindler has built the stands. While George was not at this meeting, in the past he has expressed a willingness to build more stands should we need them. Another idea is to have plans made for other members to volunteer their time in building them. Steve will check on the cost of using plastic lumber and report back at the next meeting.

It was also discussed that it would be nice to have some "heli only" stands and maybe some "electric only" stands to keep our electric flyers pristine and untouched by the nasty oily residue left by the more-powerful, more-advanced and more-enjoyable-to-fly glow powered aircraft.

Next it was discussed that the flight line patio blocks are sinking into the ground and that the flight line fencing is in need of repair. It was decided that the club would select a date for a Saturday morning work party for these types of annual maintenance items at the field. Watch your email for the date and time.

**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. Many thanks to those members that have donated so far. There is a donation button on the club web site to make your donation process easy. Please donate today in what ever amount you can afford!

Member Les Schier has done some research into consumer reports recommendations for mowers. Craftsman brand appears to be a very good mower for the club to consider.

**Club Dues for 2009 Now Being Accepted**

Club 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.

**Father's Day Fun Fly Set—June 20<sup>th</sup>**

The club has set as its first fun fly date of Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, the day before Father's Day. It is expected that we will have our usual trainer Olympics competition and plenty of prizes and food. Please mark your calendar for this event and practice your trainer flying tricks.

**Spectrum DX6i recall expanded**

VP Mike informed the group that the Spectrum DX6i recall has been expanded. Date codes of 807E, 808E, 809E, 810E, 811E, 812E & 901E including those ending in "US", "UK", OR "DE".

**Sad News**

Ed Bywalec has informed the club that long time member Elmer has passed away.

**Club Meeting Presenters Wanted**

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.

**March Program**

Our program for the meeting was Adam's new digital thrust gizmo. He made a nifty wooden test platform for testing different motors and props. Using this device it measured thrust, prop RPM and electrical Amps/Watts using off the shelf measuring tools. He tested three different props for the Stryker and found that the 6x4 APC prop was better and more efficient than the original Stryker prop that came with the plane kit.

VP Mike demonstrated a new kind of gelled CA from Tightbond that looks a lot like clear toothpaste. He cemented two oak planks with only 8 seconds of setup time and then passed it out to see if anybody could break them apart. Nobody could. This stuff is real tough and has real potential in our hobby. Mike will put the attachments up on the website in the "tonight's topic" section.

**Next Meeting—Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup>**

The next meeting will take place at the Strictly RC location (basement of pet store) at 7:00pm on Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup>. Please bring your winter project for show and tell!

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