

Radio Signal Modelers Flying Club
April 2006 Newsletter
April 4, 2006



The April 2006 meeting was called to order by President Mike Mietus at the Elmwood Park Fieldhouse. Approximately 15 members were in attendance. Secretary Ted Noncek presented the minutes of the March 2006 meeting which were approved by the club as read.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Terry Gombert presented the Treasurer's Report for the month of March 2006. At the end of February, the club had a cash balance of \$1029.17. Terry reported that no additional membership dues or donations were received during the month of March. The Club paid out its annual Charter Club fee of \$150 to the AMA, leaving a cash balance at March 31, 2006 of \$879.17. The Treasurer's report was accepted as presented.

2006 Club Membership Dues Being Accepted

All members are reminded that the annual club membership dues of \$35 per person, \$5 per additional family member, are now being accepted by Treasurer Terry. Feel free to pay at next month's meeting, or if you will be unable to attend, mail your dues to Terry Gombert, 4825 N. Bell Ave., Chicago, IL 60625. Members are reminded that it is necessary that your AMA membership dues be current in order to use the field.

Field Maintenance – Field Maintenance Day this Saturday, April 8th

The club has declared this Saturday, April 8th at 9 a.m. as our annual field maintenance and clean up day. Please bring what ever yard tools you think may help—especially rakes and bags or buckets to assist in the pick up of garbage that has accumulated over the winter. We would like to make the field a showcase for the television taping discussed below.

We continued our discussion on the rolling of the field. The consensus is that we do not want to bother with a small roller that we have used in the past few years, but instead need to get a giant road crew type roller that will do a better job of smoothing the field. Mike Mietus noted that a friend of the club that uses the field, Gilbert, is associated with someone who has a road paving business and might be able to connect the club with a large roller. Alternatively, Mike reported that Joe Kaskey has a contact through an equipment rental company that his employer uses that may be a ready source for renting the large roller. The club discussed the possibility that with a larger roller, it may additionally be required by the owner of the roller that a qualified individual be used for driving the roller which may add to the cost of the rental. Mike indicated that he would take responsibility for renting the roller, and even for assisting in getting it done if we can rent it during the week. If we are able get it done during the week, Mike indicated that he would need a few others to assist.

In other field maintenance news, George Shindler has replaced the entrance way boards at the field with solid core door and put up a new wind sock with improved hardware to allow it to swivel more elegantly. George noted that the sign above the frequency board was blown down by this week's high winds and that he will be re-hanging it. Once again, the club thanked George at the meeting for his continuing work at the field. President Mike noted that many visitors at our

field comment on the flight stands that George produced last year. George has contributed much time and effort in improving our club field for the benefit of all users. Thanks again George.

Club To Be Filmed for I-Hobby Show and Possible WTTW and Outdoor Life Network

Mike was approached several weeks ago at the field by a video producer/photographer that was looking for a club that he could film for use in promoting the I-Hobby Expo held in Rosemont in the fall. The producer found RSM on our internet site and picked us for our proximity to the event site. He has indicated to Mike that he needs to take footage of all different types of flying styles and RC planes. We have picked this Sunday, April 9th as the day for filming the club. We would like to get as many members with as many airplanes as you can fit in your car for the filming. Even if you do not plan on flying some of them, please feel free to bring them for the filming. If you have any vintage or scale planes please try to bring them. We would also like to get a few electric models as well. We are planning on having the filming done between 10am and 2pm. So please try to make it for this great opportunity to promote RSM. It is anticipated that the filming will be used for promoting the I-Hobby Expo around the country, and may be used on WTTW in Chicago, Comcast Local Access and on the Outdoor Life Network.

2006 Club Event Planning Discussion

It was decided that the club would not hold a "big event" this year advertised in the AMA magazine. Mike discussed that our club needs to develop our event skills before we hold such an event. It was decided that we would try to practice by holding several of our smaller events this year before we try a larger event, perhaps in 2007 if we can develop enough club member skills in holding events.

The club has set the following dates for organized flying events this year to include an Electric Fly-In, a Trainer Olympics and other events to be announced: May 21st, June 18th (Father's Day Fly-In), July 16th, and August 27th. The club is going to pull permits for these events and will plan on serving food. Anyone willing to help out is asked to notify Mike Mietus or Joe Kaskey.

New Flyer Instruction

Ted Noncek reported that he has added a "Learn to Fly RC with RSM" poster on the notice board at the field that notifies potential new flyers that if they join our club, they will be sent our member list with volunteer instructor phone numbers. All instructors are encouraged to please require club membership for all newcomers looking for help. We previously discussed that we should be willing to help a new flyer and make contact the first time we see them at the field, but indicate to them that you are a club instructor and that the subsequent lessons can only be taken as a club member. Recently when I noted this policy to a potential new flyer, he was very happy to say that he would join so that he could get a contact number of an instructor. This is our best way of promoting RSM to new flyers.

Fuel Purchase

The club took orders from several members for our combined fuel purchase. The order was placed on Tuesday following the meeting and may be in as early as the end of the week. President Mike has graciously offered the use of his garage as the pickup point. We will notify all members when they can pick up their fuel.

Certificate of Appreciation to Strictly RC

President Mike noted that Strictly RC, our new neighborhood RC retailer, has continued to promote our club to new flyers. Our membership brochure is on their counter and Glen goes out of his way to indicate to new flyers that we have instructors that will help them learn RC flying. The club decided to issue a "Certificate of Appreciation" to Strictly RC for their help. The club

also will be writing a letter of thanks to Allied Plumbing and Heating Supply on Irving Park Road who assisted George Shindler in finding the perfect pipe fitting that worked on our wind sock.

Show and Tell

Member Don Raasch presented a Sig Four Star 60 that he built this winter from a kit. The aircraft was beautifully covered in Ultracote by Don and has an OS .61FX as its power plant. Don modified the horizontal stabilizer that comes stock as a flat airfoil, into a nicer standard flat wing airfoil design. He indicated that he previously made this modification to another aircraft that seemed to fly with greater stability. We discussed that a better airfoil on the stabilizer will likely produce better lift for the rear of the aircraft. Nice job Don.

Upcoming Swap Meets

As noted in last month's newsletter, on April 15th from 8am until noon a swap meet is to be held by the Suburban RC Barnstormers at the DuPage County Fair Grounds, 2015 W. Manchester Lane, Wheaton. For information call Debbie or John Howe at 630-541-3054. Joe Kaskey and Joe Kowalkowski have decided to purchase a table at the DuPage event and have indicated they would be willing to sell any equipment for club members. Contact Joe or Joey for details.

Next Meeting To Be Held at Field – Weather Permitting May 1st

The May meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 1st at 7pm. We will hold the meeting at the field if the weather permits, otherwise meet at the Elmwood Park Fieldhouse. Please be sure to bring some airplanes to fly before and after the meeting. And some to show off for show and tell.

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