

Radio Signal Modelers Flying Club
February 2006 Newsletter
February 6, 2006



The February 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 January 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 January 2006. At the end of January, the club had a cash balance of \$359.17. Membership dues in the amount of \$520 were received during the month of January, and no expenditures were made. As a result, the club's cash balance at January 31, 2006 was \$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.

Christmas Party – February 24th at Great Escape Restaurant in Shiller Park

Everyone is invited to attend our annual Christmas party again this year at the Great Escape Restaurant on February 24th at 7pm. The Great Escape Restaurant is located at 9540 West Irving Park Road, Shiller Park. The party last year was a lot of fun and we would like to get as many members attending as possible. We have had to put down a \$150 deposit to hold the room, and if we get less than 30 attendees we will get a \$50 charge. Please RSVP by returning an e-mail to Ted Noncek, or call Sally Gombert 773-561-8249. We had a total of 24 RSVP at the meeting, so if you already told us you are coming you do not need to call or e-mail. The dinners were very good and reasonably priced and we plan on having door prizes. Come and have some good cheer with your fellow RSM members.

Field Maintenance

Joe Kaskey reported that will be moving the mower to his business garage as soon as he is able to get a truck for the purpose, and will perform the winter maintenance on the mower. Several members volunteered to help Joe get the mower in the truck as soon as he is able to get to the field.

Joe also reported on the soil test he had performed on the field. The soil has a nitrogen deficiency and too high of a ph level according to the test results. The club also discussed the annual rolling and continued the discussion on the use of a much larger construction grade roller machine for the job. It was discussed that such a roller could cost \$385 or more to use for the day. Consistent with prior discussions by the club, it was decided that we would attempt to only rent and use the roller following a decent amount of rain, and therefore we needed to be flexible in announcing the annual field maintenance day. We hope to hold the maintenance day on a Saturday in April and will let everyone know via e-mail.

Electric Airplane Tech Workshop

The February meeting included a wonderful presentation on electric flight technology by Glen from Strictly RC. Glen walked the club through some of the choices for choosing an electric motor and explained the relationship between amps, watts and volts. Glen also showed the club some of the latest planes available for electric power and displayed two helicopters designed for electric use. We had some great discussions with Glen and learned about the importance of balancing separate cells in lithium polymer battery packs and how new batteries are coming with separate cell taps for the purpose. The club thanks Glen for providing this very informative session.

Show and Tell

President Mike finished off the electric demonstration by showing off his latest Shockflyer electric that he plans on flying in the dome. Ted returned for the final installment of his scratch built flying wing project with the completed craft on display.

Upcoming Swap Meets

The club received notices for two separate swap meets coming up. The first is February 25th hosted by the Fox Valley Aero Club at the Kane County Fair Grounds in St. Charles at 9am (table set up at 8am) until 2pm. For information call Steve Baker at 815-246-4227. The second is on April 15th from 8am until noon 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 the Elmwood Park Field House – March 6th

The March meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 6th at 7pm at the Elmwood Park Fieldhouse.

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