

**Radio Signal Modelers Flying Club**  
**February Newsletter**  
**February 4, 2008**



The February 2008 meeting was called to order by President Mike Meitus at the Strictly RC meeting room. The minutes of the January 2008 meeting were read by Secretary Ted Noncek and approved by the club.

**Treasurer's Report**

The treasurer's report was presented by Treasurer Terry Gompert and approved by the club. The club's beginning cash balance at December 31, 2007 was \$1,570.22. During the month of January \$207.35 was spent on door prizes for the Christmas party, that was added to the \$150 credit for merchandise related to the Al's Hobby rebate program. As a result, the ending cash balance at January 31, 2007 was \$1,418.51. Note that dues for 2008 are due and payable either by paying Terry at the next club meeting, or through Pay Pal on the club's web site. As a reminder, members must renew their membership in the AMA in order to receive their club membership card.

**Field Maintenance Report**

President Mike reported on field maintenance. The tractor is still in the shed and will now be left in the shed for the duration of the winter. Maintenance will take place at the field when the weather gets better. Mike plans on pulling out the battery to store it indoors for the remainder of the cold season. Mike noted that the Forest Preserve has stopped clearing the field parking lot and much snow is piled up in the lot. It was reported that some members had been able to park in the opening by the gate to get in some winter flying.

**Christmas Party**

The Christmas Party at The Great Escape Restaurant in Shiller Park was again a success this year. Many club members attended and those who attended were treated to some great food, drink, fellowship and door prizes. President Mike did a fine job of administering the door prizes this year and everyone was able to leave with something. Thanks to our members and their guests that attended and made this year's event a success. And special thanks to Sally Gombert who again performed the planning to secure our private room for this event at the restaurant.

**New Safety Officer Named**

As discussed at last month's meeting, President Mike announced that the club was seeking a new Safety Officer, Field Maintenance Director, Event Director and Meeting Coordinator. The club was happy to accept member Steve Schultz into the position of new Safety Officer for 2008. This is an important position that functions to help us all be safe at the field. The club welcomes Steve to this role and thanks him for stepping up to this sometimes thankless job. All members are asked to help Steve in the coming year in the execution of this role.

Mike is still asking that any members willing to fill the other three important positions step forward and volunteer to help make our club a success in 2008.

**February Program**

Ted Noncek presented tips for restoring crashed airplanes. To illustrate the potential for repairing our "mistakes" at the field, Ted brought in President Mike's 1/3<sup>rd</sup> scale Super Cub that suffered a terrible mishap last fall. After many hours of work, the Super Cub has been brought back to life.

Ted pointed out that with the availability of ARFs, repairing crashed planes is not always the most economical decision. But the fun of working on a plane and putting back together the puzzle of the broken pieces can be a rewarding experience. In many ways when we repair from a crash it is a time to improve on the ARF and make it a unique new plane. Watch for the return of the Super Cub out at the field this spring with its new trim scheme.

### **Club Fuel Purchase**

As discussed in last month's meeting, the club is holding its annual combined fuel purchase early as we were notified of a price increase by Al's Hobby that is going to occur March 1<sup>st</sup>. The fuel purchase will be made sometime next week before the end of the month and members who have placed their orders will be called to pick up their fuel at President Mike's house in Shiller Park.

### **Show and Tell**

Master builder Don Raasch brought into the meeting the partially completed fuselage and wings of a Goldberg Super Chipmonk kit. The kit was acquired from Les at the club's mini swap meet held at the November meeting. Great job on the kit so far and we hope to see it with its OS 60 strapped to the front this spring.

Next Don Zelner showed the club his electric Ikarus shock flyer that he was lucky enough to win at the club Christmas party. We all can't wait to see you try this out at the dome. Nice job getting it together so fast.

### **Next Meeting at Strictly RC Location –March 3<sup>rd</sup>**

The March meeting will be held at the Strictly RC location on Monday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm. For those of you that have not yet visited our new permanent location, enter the pet store next to Strictly RC and find your way to the back of the store where a stair case leads to the Strictly RC track.

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