

**Radio Signal Modelers Flying Club**  
**January Newsletter**  
**January 7, 2008**



The January 2008 meeting was called to order by President Mike Meitus at the new Strictly RC basement location. Approximately 16 members were in attendance. The minutes of the December 2007 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. The club's beginning cash balance at November 30, 2007 was \$1,247.24. During the month of December the club took in one dues payment and had expenses of a deposit of \$150 for the restaurant where we have reserved the room for the Christmas party, and an expense for prizes of \$22.50. As a result, the club's ending cash balance as of December 31, 2007 was \$1,109.72. The treasurer's report was approved as read.

**New Permanent Meeting Location**

The club is very happy to have been offered a permanent meeting location in the basement of Strictly RC (actually the basement of the pet store next to Strictly RC). The club wishes to thank Jim of Strictly RC for offering his race track facility as the new home of RSM. President Mike indicated that the club would be creating a poster to decorate the space and has offered to improve the stairway for Jim by getting non-slip strips to add to the steps. Member Don Zeller has indicated that he may be able to produce a banner for the club.

The club discussed how to thank the Elmwood Park Community Center for their allowing the club for many years to have its meetings at the center. After discussion, it was decided that President Mike would compose a letter of thanks, and hand deliver it to the Fred, the individual who is in charge of the center. It was decided to keep the door open to the potential that the club at some point may want to return to the Elmwood Park location.

President Mike asked that all club members treat our new space with respect and for the club to be good guests of Jim. It was noted that the club would consider purchasing additional tables and chairs to make the space as comfortable as possible for our continuing meetings. The club thanks Jim for his generosity in granting the club this great new space.

**Field Maintenance Report**

No report was made regarding field maintenance at the January meeting.

**President's Request for Member to Fill Open Positions**

President Mike asked that club members consider filling the following positions as described below:

Event Director: The event director is in charge of organizing radio control events at the club field.

Meeting Coordinator: In charge of organizing the new club space before the start of each club meeting, and in charge of coordinating ideas for programs at the club meeting.

**Safety Coordinator:** The safety coordinator is appointed by the vice-president and is to assist the vice-president with the enforcement of safety rules, crowd control and flight coordination at the flying site.

**Field Maintenance Director:** The field maintenance director is in charge of overseeing the maintenance of club machines, organize work parties and plan for seeding and fertilizer application of the field.

President Mike has indicated that any members interested in filling these important positions for the club for 2008 to contact either President Mike or Vice-President Mike.

### **Club Dues Now Payable for 2008**

The club dues are now payable for the 2008 year. Club membership is \$35 per individual, with special \$5 additional dues to add family members. Dues may be paid by sending them to Terry Gombert, 902 N. Ardmore Ave., Villa Park, IL 60181, or in person at the club meeting, or through the club website using Pay Pal.

### **Christmas Party Saturday January 26<sup>th</sup> – Please RSVP by January 20<sup>th</sup>**

The annual Christmas party for RSM is scheduled for Saturday, January 26<sup>th</sup> at 7pm (cocktail hour from 6pm), at the Great Escape Restaurant, Irving Park Rd, in Shiller Park. The restaurant is located just east of the railroad viaduct on the south side of Irving Park Road. The club decided to have a limited menu with dinners as low as \$10 each. The club has put a deposit toward 25 attendees, that is returned to the club if we make the 25 minimum. Any one who wishes to go, please RSVP by either emailing Sally Gombert at [tersal816@hotmail.com](mailto:tersal816@hotmail.com), or by calling Sally at 773-561-8249. **Please RSVP by January 20<sup>th</sup> so Sally can notify the restaurant of the size of our gathering. We would love to meet your spouse, significant other or family member or friend at the event.** Members in attendance at the January meeting responded already with RSVPs totaling 20 attendees. We will have door prizes from Al's, Strictly RC and any other hobby stores we can get goods from. Hope to see all members and their guests at the party!

### **Club Raffle for Attendance Started**

As discussed at previous meetings, the club started its attendance improvement raffle at the January meeting. Throughout 2008 the club will be awarding one ticket to all members in attendance at the club regular monthly meetings toward an end of year drawing. The first prize is going to be a free club membership for 2009, and it is anticipated that other prizes will be awarded as well. The club will also try to have meeting drawings to reward members for attending. At the January meeting we were very happy to have a donation of an electric foam plane by Jim of Strictly RC, that was won by member Vic Szaina. The tickets from the meeting need to be held all year to be redeemed at the January 2009 meeting in person by the winning members. Anyone who brings in a plane for show and tell receives an extra ticket, and anyone who gives a presentation gets an extra ticket.

### **Fuel Purchase**

The club discussed the 2008 fuel purchase. After the meeting the club was contacted by Cindy of Al's Hobbies who indicated that as of March 1<sup>st</sup>, all fuels were going up in price by \$2 per gallon. As a result, it has been determined that the fuel purchase will take place at the February meeting. Any members wishing to participate in the purchase will need to bring their money for their purchase. Cindy has indicated that all fuels will be priced until March 1<sup>st</sup> at the bulk price she offered last year. The following is the price list. We will post an order form on the internet site and have forms available at the February meeting.

	<u>Price per Gallon</u>	<u>Price per Case</u>
Cool Power 5%	\$ 10.00	\$ 40.00
Cool Power 10%	\$ 11.00	\$ 44.00
Cool Power 15%	\$ 12.25	\$ 49.00
Omega 5%	\$ 10.00	\$ 40.00
Omega 10%	\$ 11.00	\$ 44.00
Omega 15%	\$ 12.25	\$ 49.00
Heli 15%	\$ 12.00	\$ 48.00
Heli 30%	\$ 19.50	\$ 78.00
Wildcat 10%	\$ 11.00	\$ 44.00
Wildcat 10% Extra	\$ 11.25	\$ 45.00
Wildcat 15%	\$ 12.75	\$ 51.00
Wildcat 15% Extra	\$ 13.00	\$ 52.00
Power Master 20/20 (six to case)	\$ 17.00	\$ 102.00
FAI	\$ 9.25	\$ 37.00
Magnum 30% heli	\$ 19.50	\$ 78.00

The club also discussed having a Li-Po battery purchase through Strictly RC. The concept has been discussed with Jim and more information will come later on this program.

### **Show and Tell**

Mike Meitus brought to the meeting an excellent stick and tissue built So Long aircraft. This was built by him and his father many years ago and intended for rubber power. Mike has never flown it and discussed turning it into an electric RC craft. Nice model Mike.

Next Don Raasch displayed for the club a Skylark that he has recently built from a kit. Don has put an OS 46 on the craft and intends to fly it when the weather gets better. Nice building job (as usual!) Don.

And member Vic Szaina presented his electric Mini Swift. Vic pointed out that the kit says to place the servos on the bottom of this flying wing, but Vic has modified the kit by placing them on the tops of the wing where they are less prone to damage from landing. Good idea Vic!

Thanks to all members who have showed off their aircrafts at this month's meeting. Remember, all members presenting a plane are rewarded with another raffle ticket. Bring your winter project to show off at the February meeting.

### **Meeting Program**

Vice-president Mike presented the club program at the January meeting. Mike showed the club his technique for testing li-po batteries. Mike's equipment included the use of car headlights

which work well to simulate the load on a battery from the electric motor and servos in flight. Using just the low beam or both the low and high allow for the simulation of low and high loads on the battery. The significance of this approach is that Mike showed how to monitor the voltage of the battery under these conditions to detect bad cells. Thanks Mike for this informative demonstration.

Any members that have a special way of doing anything to do with RC are asked to offer up their services as a presenter at our monthly meetings. Please contact VP Mike Reinhart to offer your services. Remember that an extra ticket is awarded to those members who present a topic at the meeting!

**Next Meeting at Strictly RC Basement – February 4<sup>th</sup>**

The February meeting will be held at the basement of the pet store next to Strictly RC on Monday, February 4<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Entrance is in the back of the pet store, if in doubt ask a clerk at the pet store for directions to the stairway.

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