

Radio Signal Modelers Flying Club
July 2007 Newsletter
July 2, 2007



The July 2007 meeting was called to order by President Mike Meitus at the Shiller Park flying field. The minutes of the June 2007 meeting were read by Secretary Ted Noncek and approved by the club as read.

Treasurer's Report

The club's ending cash balance at June 30, 2007 was a total of \$721.60. During the month fuel costs for the lawn mower were \$37.84. The club collected dues from several individuals.

Club Dues Issue Discussed

The club held a discussion on whether we should change the manner in which we charge dues by setting a firm deadline, after which a penalty of \$5 would be charged the renewing member. The club discussed this within the context of the last meeting's discussion on whether to send some sort of notice to members who have not paid their dues. After discussion including the concept of a reduced fee for early payment, the club decided that the timing of our membership dues payments was not really an issue as the club has not found itself low on cash at the important times of the year. No further action was deemed necessary other than to continue to send email notices to our members that fail to pay timely.

Web Site Club Directory Discussed

As part of the discussion regarding dues and notices to members that have not paid timely, the issue was discussed as to the club roster list. Our roster includes, after a reasonable time into the year, only those members that have paid their annual dues. Others that have not paid are dropped by the Treasurer. It was decided that in order to keep a full list of our members, including those who may have fallen off due to failing to pay recent dues, we will keep two listings on the club web site. One will be simply the "2007 Member Listing" and the other "2006 Member Listing." In this manner, we will have an easy record of recent members that we can send emails to ask them to come current in their dues.

Field Maintenance

It was reported that the hole in the field was filled last month thanks to member Jeff Raskow and his son's generosity in supplying us with three cubic yards of dirt. Jeff's son was able to drive his pick-up truck filled with the dirt right onto the field on a Saturday afternoon when several pilots were available to shovel it out. Special thanks to Jeff and his son and the work team that included Joe Kasky, Mike Meitus, Mike Reinhart, Ted Noncek and others.

It was reported that the lawn mower needs repair again. This time it needs some welding to repair the blade lifting mechanism. Joe Kasky has offered to weld the part at his garage if we can get it over. President Mike and Joe are coordinating this repair.

The club needs new striping paint for the field. It was suggested that the proper paint is available at Menard's in Skokie. VP Mike has offered to get yellow and white paint.

The new wind sock that was donated to the club by Haim and Ari Naiditch is now installed. Haim came to the field and was assisted by VP Mike in digging a post hole and setting the base in cement. The new wind sock is yellow with the AMA logo and is too nice to keep out all the time.

It is kept in the shed and is taken out for our special events and other times when the shed is open. We have kept the existing wind sock that is kept out all the time. Thanks again Haim and Ari for your generous thank you to the club.

Saturday July 7th Club Maintenance Party

President Mike announced that the club would be having a maintenance work party starting approximately at 7:30am on this Saturday, July 7th. Mike noted that the field is getting sort of shaggy and we need as many members as possible to help out. Those who attend may fly once the work is done until 10am without any other fliers. Please plan on pitching in this Saturday.

Father's Day Fun Fly

The club held its Father's Day Fun Fly a few weeks back and we had only a few fliers. It was discussed that perhaps we should not hold such events on a holiday. Those that attended had a good time flying and there was plenty of food and pilot fellowship.

August Fun Fly Set – Saturday August 11th (Rain Date is Sunday August 12th)

The club has always had its best turn out at the August fun fly. This year club contest director Joe Kasky has set August 11th, a Saturday, as our August fun fly date. The flying will start at 10am on Saturday, and if it rains, we will plan on having it on Sunday, August 12th at 10am. We expect to have food and prizes with competition again involving trainer planes to make the contest open to all our members both new and advanced. Please reserve these dates and start practicing your precision landings and loops!

One Black Club Hat Still Available

The club has one black RSM hats available for sale that was made with the hat order in late fall last year. Any member interested should contact Ted Noncek. The price is \$25. Of course, this only has the logo and no name or frequency number.

New Members Welcomed

Three new members were present at our July meeting. First the club welcomed Joe Long. Joe is a real life full scale pilot and instructor and wants to expand his piloting skills into models. Joe said he has experience with a two channel glider and wants to move up to glow power. Joe has an Arrow trainer and is ready to start learning. Next we welcomed Tom Krueger who related how he had experience in his teen years with RC but now wants to get back into it since his parents are moving from the family house and forcing him to now store his old RC equipment. Tom is going to brush up on his skills with a Senior Falcon ARF. We also met new member Adam who indicated that he was just getting started in RC and was looking forward to learning to fly. The club welcomes these new members and any others that were not able to make our July meeting. New members wishing to learn should contact one of the instructors or show up at the field in the prime times (Saturday and Sunday, or evenings) that other fliers are available and willing to help.

Show and Tell

Ed Bywalec gave a great demonstration of a time-tested method of eliminating foaming in the fuel tank. Ed explained that most of our modern ARF aircraft have the fuel tank firmly held by the hardwood formers or other set up the ARF manufacturer has devised to hold the tank. In the earlier days when more pilots built their planes from kits or from scratch, the pilot was always told to wrap the tank in foam to eliminate foaming. Foaming in the fuel tank, Ed explained, leads to bubbles in the fuel line that can cause idling difficulties or deadstick situations. Ed's solution that he has used without side effect for over five years is to spray a shot of Armor All car polish into the gallon jug of fuel. Ed demonstrated by shaking up a full gallon of fuel to show the foam that results if the tank is not fully secure. With the foam lining the top of the gallon, Ed sprayed a

short shot of Armor All into the gallon, and the foam disappeared. He then demonstrated that after the Armor All had been added, it was impossible to foam the gallon of fuel by shaking it. Thanks Ed for the nice demonstration and great idea to solve anyone's foaming problems.

Next Meeting To Be at Shiller Flying Field – Monday August 6th

The August meeting will be held at the flying field, weather permitting. Otherwise, if it is raining, we will see you at the Elmwood Park location.

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