

Radio Signal Modelers Flying Club
September Newsletter
October 1, 2007



The October 2007 meeting was called to order by President Mike Meitus at the Elmwood Park Fieldhouse. The minutes of the September 2007 meeting were read by President Mike and approved by the club.

Treasurer's Report

The club's beginning cash balance at August 31, 2007 was \$1,315.17. During the month of September two new members paid dues, one club hat was sold and \$74.69 of maintenance expenses were incurred. As a result, the club's ending cash balance was \$1,334.16 as of September 30, 2007.

Field Maintenance – Club Winter Field Work Planned for Saturday October 20th

The club discussed the work party idea that was proposed at the last meeting. The date was moved to October 20th at 8:00am (but of course we would love to see any helpers that can't make it right away when they can get to the field). VP Mike has got fertilizer from the True Value Hardware, 10 bags for \$151. The fertilizer needs to be applied early so that sufficient dew cover is in the field so that the fertilizer will stick to the weeds. Volunteers are needed to bring extra yard spreaders to assist in the fertilizer party. Please contact either President Mike or VP Mike to let them know you can help out. If it rains for the date we will let everyone know of an alternate date to perform this important pre-winter field maintenance. Check club website for last minute changes.

Umbrella Protocol at Flying Field

The club discussed that the yellow umbrella disappeared from the field recently. It is not known whether it blew away or was the stolen by someone pretty hard up for yard equipment. The club decided that in case this was due to wind, all members are asked to lower the umbrella if you are the last one at the field. Thanks in advance for helping us keep our picnic tables shaded!

Mini Swap Meet to Be Held at November Club Meeting – November 5th

The club discussed the trend of poor turnout at the club's monthly meetings. This seems to be particularly true these last couple of meeting held at the Elmwood Park location now that the season is coming to a slow end. Member Ed Bywalec suggested that the club consider a point system whereby member receive credit toward a drawing each year for a free AMA or club membership. This would provide an incentive for members to continue to attend. Officers would be excluded since they are the ones that consistently attend the meetings. Discussions centered around our meetings and the need to add better reasons to attend the meetings. It was decided that one easy first step to improving our meetings would be to hold a mini swap meet for our members at the November meeting. Everyone is encouraged to attend and to bring some of your surplus equipment/planes to offer for sale to your fellow members. This will only work if we have a good turnout of both willing sellers and **buyers!** Please bring your cash and excess equipment to the next meeting and get ready to do some horse trading!

Reminder of Chili Fun Fly – Scheduled for Sunday December 9th

Just a reminder from last month's newsletter that the next flying event is the third annual Chili Fun Fly on December 9th. We have been lucky in the last two years of having sufficient snow for

use of skis and hope to be able to repeat this in December. If the snow does not come on time, we will reschedule to a new date later in December or in January.

Indoor Flying at White Pines Golf Dome Starts Friday, November 9th

As many of our members enjoyed last year, the White Pines Gold Dome is again opening for indoor electric RC fun starting November 9th. The dome is open from 11pm to 1am on each Friday and Saturday night from November 9th through April 26th and the first weekend is free. The pilot fee is \$10 per night, or a season pass can be purchased for \$175. The Gold Dome is also offering a special on golf for any members wishing to mix interests with a \$2 discount for driving range privileges from 10 pm to 11 pm on flying nights. Anyone needing further information can email Mert Mischnick at mert914@comcast.net. Get your foamies ready for the season and we hope to see you there.

Show and Tell

No show and tell at the October meeting. All members are encouraged to bring in their winter projects, in what ever state of building, for show and tell.

Next Meeting at Elmwood Park Field House –November 5th

The November meeting will be held at the Elmwood Park Field House location on Monday, November 5th at 7pm.

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