



Michigan Radio Control Association

MRCRA Newsletter – Meeting of March 1, 2010.

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Note: The next REGULAR meeting will be on Monday April 5, 2010 beginning at 7:00 P.M. at **the normal Ypsilanti Town Hall meeting location.**

Secretary and Presidents Report

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March 1 Meeting

Attendees: Warner Johnson, Jim Childers, Phil Smith, Ralph Silvey, Barb Noye, Mark Clauser, Rick Smith, Phil Kwiecinski, John Chie, Lye Mead, Walt Trancygier, Peter Smith. (If I left anyone off please accept my apologies)

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Barb read the Treasurers Report
Motion to Accept- Mark Clauser
Second-Phil Smith

We have purchased a New Old Tractor. It is a 1958 Ford 641. John Chie assures us it is healthy and in good running order. There was some discussion as to what we should do with the old tractor. It was suggested that we get it cleaned up and try selling it as is for as much as we can get for it. John will swap the seat for the new one we bought last year.

One point that was brought up was that of whether the Safety Coordinator is the same as the Field Marshall. The answer to that is no. The Safety Coordinator is required by AMA and exists as a separate entity from Field Marshall. This doesn't mean that one person can't hold both positions as I think has been the case for the last few years as Jim Childers has held both of those positions.

Field Marshall is an “Appointed Office” but not a position that is required by AMA.

I currently think that Jim Childers is listed as the Safety Coordinator but we need to confirm with Lee Evans and Jim that this is the case. If not then we certainly need to clarify this so that we are up to speed with everything.

I believe that John Chie has volunteered to mow on Fridays. We will need back-up volunteers to help with the mowing when needed.

What we need is someone to step up to the plate and volunteer for the position of Field Marshall. This position does not require that the holder of this office actually engage in the physical maintenance of the airfield, it simply means that that person shall be in charge of overseeing that the maintenance is accomplished. I hope that someone will come forward and take this position at the upcoming April 5 Meeting.

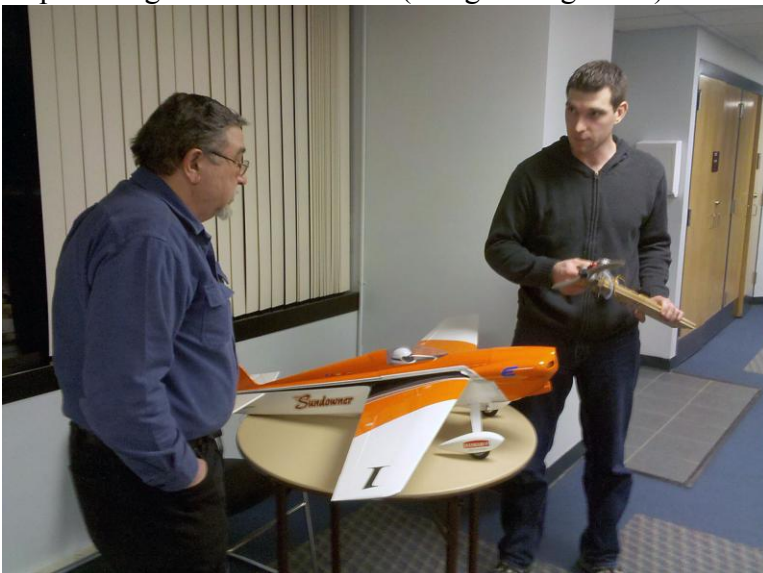
Please Note and accept my apologies. I will be unable to attend the April or May meetings due to time conflicts with work. I look forward to being at the June meeting which is traditionally the first meeting at the airfield. I can be contacted at peters0306@comcast.net or by phone at 734-657-5978.

A quick word about safety. It is warming up and starting to look and feel like flying weather again! I know that there are some serious flyers who have kept up even in freezing conditions but let’s all stop and think about our models and our equipment.

Don’t get so excited to fly that you make a silly mistake and end up crashing your model.

Make sure your batteries are all fully charged and that all of your transmitters and receivers are in good working order. Make sure any repairs and rebuilds are done properly and not just temporary stopgap measures. Double check the first few times out just to be sure. It is a drag to crash a perfectly good model because you were rushed or in a hurry and made a simple oversight. Lastly, if you do have a crash please pick up as much debris as possible. I was recently out at the field and there were a couple of piles of shattered balsa on the flight line. I went ahead and picked up but let’s try and keep the flight line free from debris. You could always add it to the mulch up by the shelter!

Mark Clauser brought his Great Planes Sundowner for Show and Tell. What a beautiful model that is. He will be powering it with a JETT 60 (I’m guessing Mark) and I can’t wait to see that baby in the air.



Mark Clauser and Jim Childers as Mark shows off his latest creation...a flying stick!

Till Next Time, I wish you all Safe and Happy Flying.
See You at the Field!

Peter

Editors Notes

Peter has done a good job of reviewing pre-season safety issues. Just a few minutes looking over our aircraft might save hours of repair time.

Later.

Walt