



Michigan Radio Control Association

MRCRA Newsletter – Meeting of May 3 2010.

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Note: The next REGULAR meeting will be on Monday June 7, 2010 beginning at 7:00 P.M. at **the Club Field Site.**

Presidents Notes:

Welcome to Flying Season 2010.

It has been for the most part a beautiful start to the flying season this year. There have been however a number of incidents recently that I would like to touch upon.

A while back the remains of an ESC were in the trash looking singed and burned. That's a bummer I thought to myself...and of course that thought was quickly followed by another...what if that happened to me. Flying with Lipo batteries has inherent risk involved that there is a small but very real possibility that the battery could be damaged in a crash, short out, overheat, and catch fire. While all of the flyers in our club are attuned to this possibility I realized that there are a couple of things missing, the first being a fire extinguisher. I think that it would be a wise investment on our part to pick up a sizeable fire extinguisher and keep it out at the field.

Accidents happen and not just with Lipo's and electric. I am also a fan of the idea of not charging the batteries off of the car battery while it is still in the car. I have two or three extra car batteries and I am willing to keep one in rotation out at the field for member use. It would really be a drag to have one's car go up in flames as well. We should probably take a look at what we have in the way of First Aid materials as well.

One of our new members on his first flight of the season crashed on Take-Off. It really was a shame, a nice plane, and his only one flyable at the moment. I was there as were some others and upon inspection it was discovered that the ailerons were in reverse-throw. Ouch! I have had that happen to me and seen it happen to others. I was lucky in having someone point out to me exactly what was wrong at the time. I am kicking myself for not taking a moment to go help pre-check this gentleman's model with him. It would have taken only a minute but it simply didn't come to mind. It would have been one less unnecessary accident that was completely avoidable. We as a club need to remember that we should look out for each other. This is not just a flying field we pay to use, it is a community of like-minded friends getting together to enjoy and promote a terrific hobby. I know that my enjoyment of flying is only amplified when there is someone else there to share it with.

Which leads me to some parting thoughts I would like to leave you with. We, the MRCA, are a bit like a family. Sometimes even family members have disagreements and occasional arguments. This is an unavoidable side effect of being human. Another great aspect of being human is the ability to forgive and move on. The meetings are certainly the place to bring up grievances big and small, but we should work hard to diffuse any personal aspect of any issues. No one in this organization has “The Power” to do anything much without the entire group having a say in it. No one is brought in or out of the group without a vote. We function as a group and therefore let us always keep that in mind and keep our tempers calm. The meetings should be something we all look forward to and let’s try and keep them positive and up-beat.

I would like to officially welcome our newest member Duane Cogar. Welcome Duane, I understand that you have been hard at work revamping the MRCA Web Site. From what I have seen you are off to a great start. If you haven’t checked it out yet please do so. <http://www.annarborservice.com/mrca/> is where you will find it, but if you use the old address it will redirect you there automatically. Duane, I look forward to meeting you in person at the next meeting or perhaps even out at the field.

Also, Mark Clauser and his Wife Erin are the proud parents of a beautiful little girl, Mary Catherine Clauser. Congratulations Mark and Erin, Mark, I’m working on a special diaper changing station to attach to one of the work-stations.

Take Care and Fly Safe
Respectfully
Peter Smith

Newsletter Editor/Publisher Meeting Notes:

Minutes of the Michigan Radio Control Association for May 3, 2010

Warner Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm

Present: John Chie, Phil Kwiecinski, Barb Noye, Walt Trancygier, Walt Hancock, Lyle Meade, Dick Stuber, Warner Johnson and Stephane Ruelle.

Barb Noye read the Treasurer’s report, Lyle Meade moved to accept the report, John Chie seconded the motion; the report was accepted.

Lee Evans was unable to take the minutes of the meeting since he had left the field earlier. I volunteered to take the minutes (Walt Trancygier). This issue was discussed and is detailed further down in the minutes.

OLD BUSINESS

The one day open glider flying event was mentioned by Barb Noye. Stephane Ruelle and Walt Trancygier discussed the event details. The date is May 15, 2010 (Saturday).

The Club Fun Fly scheduled for June 13, 2010 (Saturday) was also mentioned. It was decided to address the specifics at the June meeting. Warner Johnson mentioned that he had some events to try in mind.

The three day glider event in August 20, 21, 22, 2010 was discussed. Walt Trancygier mentioned that if the club would like to sell hamburgers and hot dogs that idea would be entertained.

NEW BUSINESS

Phil Kwiecinski mentioned that John Chie cut the grass with the new tractor and old mower on Monday May 3, 2010. The oil has recently been changed in the tractor.

John Chie volunteered to be the Club Safety Officer for AMA concerns and Field Officer with reference to cutting the grass and other field maintenance issues. The memberships help as always is anticipated. John will organize and arrange for the membership to accomplish whatever needs to be done. He will take care of primary lawn mowing but when assistance is needed the membership is expected to chip in and help.

The May meeting location issue was discussed. Walt Hancock asked Warner Johnson to apologize to Lee Evans for his comments to Lee; which caused Lee to leave the field in a disgruntled manor. Warner said that he would contact Lee and apologize.

At the April meeting it was suggested that we hold the May meeting at the club field. I was one who thought it made sense, so I voted to hold the May meeting at the field. The membership present voted to hold the May meeting at the field. Unfortunately we acted without considering the unintended consequences. As fate would have it Warner was not at the April meeting. I am sure that he would have mentioned the fact that he makes arrangements for us to use the Ypsilanti Town Hall facility and this important issue would need to be dealt with. We unfortunately did not take this fact into consideration.

I was not present so I can only relay what was mentioned, at the meeting in regards to Lee's and Warner's discussion in the parking area. Warner was upset with what we had done in changing the meeting location for May. He made his dissatisfaction known to Lee in strong terms apparently, who at the time may have not been aware of what had actually happened. To the best of my knowledge there were no ulterior motives by any parties involved. It was one big misunderstanding and mistake that unfortunately went to a heightened level.

I apologized to Warner for my part of the problem.

May be we can all learn from this misfortunate experience.

The meeting returned to discussion about the newly acquired tractor. Walt Hancock thanked John Chie for his work in procuring the tractor for the club. Sale of the old gang mower was addressed. It was decided and voted on that Walt Hancock use his connections to sell the gang mower (editor's note: I am not sure we agreed on an asking price). The plan was that Walt Hancock use his discretion based on his experience to determine the best price for the club.

Once the old tractor is cleaned up and made ready for sale Dick Stuber will list it on Craig's List for \$800.00. Dick Stuber and Walt Hancock will work together on the sale of the gang mower on Craig's list if necessary. John Chie or a club officer will agree to the actual sale price of the tractor.

Phil Kwiecinski would like to make a bid on the tractor.

The above tractor sale issues were seconded by me and the club voted to approve the actions.

Warner Johnson recommended Duane Cogar for membership to the club and he was accepted.

It was mentioned that we need to have the club rules and bylaws readily available.

The club's bylaws are on the club's website www.mrcclub.org.

I am having trouble making Newsletter updates on the site and if anyone can help it greatly appreciated.

I will get a copy of the club rules and bylaws and publish them in the MRCA Newsletter and make them available in printed form for new and perspective new members.

Rick Smith worked on updating and producing a current version of these documents a couple years ago and I will find and use them.

Adjourned

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. Approved.

Adjourned 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Walt Trancygier, Editor and Publisher