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## Events / Activities



## Club Meeting !

**June 21<sup>st</sup> - 6:30pm**  
MCA Clubhouse  
Peeler Park Airfield  
Food begins at 6pm.

**FLY IN THIS  
SATURDAY!!! SEE  
NEXT PAGE FOR  
MORE INFO!!**

MTRCA Events Calendar

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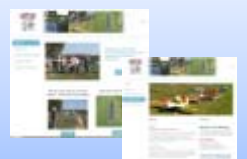
## Field Upgrade

The new fencing and flight stations are complete.

Thanks to Don Hudgins and Jerry Nannie for leading this project!



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MIDDLE TENNESSEE R/C CLUBS ASSOCIATION

## 11th Annual Fellowship Fly-in

### 11 June 2016

Hosted by the Music City Aviators

Peeler Park Madison, TN

GPS: 36.201863 -86.656487



The Field is on Overton Rd off of Neely's Bend in Madison

This event is for **ALL AMA Member Pilots** and All AMA Safety Code compliant R/C Models Including Turbines

Electric, Gas or Glow - all are Welcome.

**Foamies To Giant Scale!**

- \$10 Landing Fee
- Cash Door Prizes
- Food Concessions
- Registration @ 7:30 - Pilot's Meeting @ 9:00
- Spectators Welcome
- Contact Dick Tonan For Additional Info [dtonan@mac.com](mailto:dtonan@mac.com)

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## May Meeting Recap

**Date: May 17, 2016**

**Location: Peeler Park / MCA Clubhouse**

**Members Present: 14**

**Presiding: Tom Bible, President**

**Meeting called to order at 6:35 pm.**

### **Opening Remarks:**

Tom welcomed and thanked everyone for coming out and complimented the chef and also everyone who helped set up our club provided meal.

Tom stated that we have lots of fun-filled activities planned for this spring and for the remainder of the year.

Motion made, seconded and approved to accept the club minutes report from April, 2016.

### **Treasurers report:**

Hayes Graf reported our current club fund balance to be \$5,609.22 with the total number of MCA members current with their paid up 2016 membership dues being 37.

### **Old Business:**

The posts for our new flight-line fencing are scheduled to be set in place on the 19th of May, with the improved flight station relocation and fencing project completed well before our scheduled MTRCCA (Middle Tennessee RC Clubs Association) Spring Fly-in scheduled at our field on June 11th.

We will plan two workdays on our regular Wednesday "OF" days on the 1st of June or the 8th of June prior to this event. The clubhouse needs replacement of some rotten wood around the framing on the back and some touch up paint and a gutter installed. Hayes will pick up materials estimated to cost between \$100 to \$150.

Motion unanimously passed to allow purchase of any needed repair materials from club funds.

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**Spread the word about the Aviators!**  
**Meet someone new and want to invite them to join the MCAs?**  
**Grab a stack of "MCA Info Cards" in the clubhouse.**



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## May Meeting Recap

### NEW BUSINESS:

Various suggestions were made to enhance our field for upcoming events including; Removing several of the metal poles at our parking area thus augmenting access to the designated Handicap parking spots. Making signs to identify specific areas for tent set up. Making sure that enough propane gas, food and refreshments are provided for our concessions.

### DISCUSSION:

Dave Palmer passed out a flyer from the AMA on "Fostering an Active Flying Club", where membership grows. Dave elaborated on the ways the AMA suggested to measure "how we stack up" and ways to improve our club. Discussion ensued about methods to attract new members and promote interest in our hobby including:

**Talking to spectators;** A friendly introduction should always be given to any visitor, then promote their interest by inviting them out to to our flight line area to look at planes and equipment close up when this can be safely accomplished.

Offer to help anyone get started in our hobby and have suggestions of reliable, cheap trainer aircraft and equipment that is "tailor-made" for beginning fliers. Point folks toward our local area hobby shops and let them know that those good folks are there to help them, not only just to get them started in the hobby, but to provide advice and service in all aspects of their future modeling experiences.

Also talk with the hobby shop owners and staff and have them also inform new customers about our club. Let interested folks know that we have trainer aircraft available and knowledgeable individuals who will help them get started safely and successfully.

**Making club membership a special bargain for new members;** Offer discount or trial memberships for new club members for their first year and/or discounted family associate memberships. Perhaps even offer deep discounted or free youth memberships.

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**Providing club visibility;** The monthly club newsletter and web site accomplished by Kris Tanner (<http://www.musiccityaviators.org/>) is perhaps our most positive tool for promoting interest and providing information on the process of requirements and getting started in our hobby.

Each member should always have in their possession, several of our MCA Club cards with their personal contact information already filled out, to be passed out to prospective interested individuals. Also suggested to put out a message on our "OF" mailing listing, that goes out to lots of area enthusiasts and not just club members, that we need everyone's support and ask for their support and club membership consideration.

**Encouraging young folks to take up our hobby;** Promote interest in local High Schools. Perhaps talk to Civil Air Patrol representatives about making a presentation at one of their meetings. Possibly set up static displays at local shopping malls, fairs, or air-shows? Be flexible with new technologies and equipment that youth are more interested in such as multirotors, FPV flying/racing, etc. Our only problem in that respect would be co-existence with what we "old folks" like to do.

**Planning more events that promote interest and competition;** It was pointed out that our sister Metro R/C club (Cane Ridge) tries to schedule an event for each month of the flying season. A quick recap of their last event (recent "Climb & Glide" competition) mentioned that individuals from our club won 1st, 2nd and 3rd places in that much enjoyed event.

L.A. Johnston related his recent experience of putting on S.A.M (Society of Antique Modelers) plane exhibition flights at the Knox Field flying club. That exposed that club's membership (a club with 80 active members) to a variety of planes and flying disciplines that they were not familiar with and afterwards showed much future interest in.

Various suggestions were made as to how we could improve our plan and process of encouraging new club memberships and fostering more enjoyable club activities. This will be discussed more in the future.

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### Show & Tell:

A custom made "Red Ripper" decal sheet was exhibited that will be presented to a fellow club member in the very near future. A "night-flying" exhibition was successfully staged by James Harkreader that exhibited two dedicated & customized night flying aircraft.

### Closing Remarks:

Tom reminded everyone to be courteous to everyone and to be respectful of what others are doing. He also gave a final reminder of our planned festivities for the MTRCCA Spring Fly-in on June 11th and asked for everyone's help and support for this, and future MCA and MTRCCA events.

**Next Meeting:** Scheduled for June 21st at 6:30 pm, at our Peeler Park flying field. Club provided meal will be served at approx. 6 pm.



James Harkreader  
MCA Club Secretary

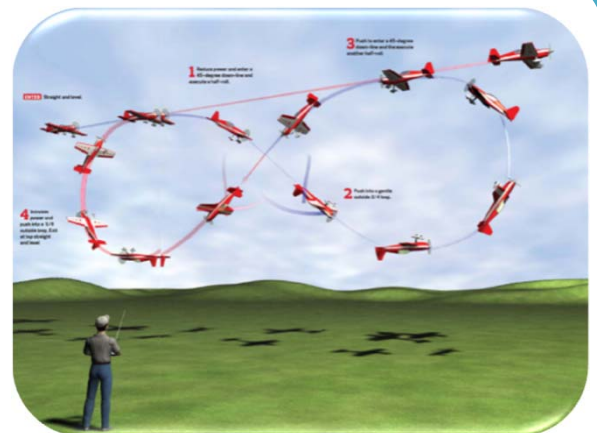
**Adjourn:** 7:30 pm



## Points Of Interest

### Fly A Reverse Cuban-8 with Half Rolls

When I first started aerobatic competition, symmetrical maneuvers that combined various elements were of the most complex to perform both precisely and consistently. Let's take the loop, for example. While it may be fairly straightforward to perform a single loop, try flying a vertical 8, which is an inside loop followed by an outside loop. Place these maneuvers... [READ MORE](#)



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