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We are off to another good start this year. Now is a great time to make repairs, charge or replace batteries, etc. to be ready when the weather breaks.

Time To Renew with MCA

A new year means it's time to renew your MCA membership for 2018. There's 2 easy ways you can pay your dues:

- 1.) Come to a meeting and pay in person.
- 2.) Pay online at our website. There is a link to pay via PayPal on the Club Info page.

Don't forget to renew your AMA and Metro Park Permit too!



February Meeting

Next meeting -Mar 20th – 6PM
Music City Aviators Monthly Meeting to be held at our field at Peeler Park.



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Points of Interest

Upcoming Swap Meets

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Middle Point R/C Flyers



24th Annual AMA
SINCE 1936

Swap Meet

Saturday, March 17, 2018

Murfreesboro, TN - National Guard Armory

Table Reservations:

- \$15.00 - 8' tables (now larger table size this year)
(Due to table availability different table sizes may be used; however, rented area will be an 8' equivalent)

Tables not reserved by March 9, 2018 will be changed the day of the swap meet date

- \$20.00 per table the day of the Swap Meet (subject to availability)
- Setup at 7am for vendors/sellers
- Doors open to general public from 8am-12:00pm
- Concessions available

Raffle:

Spektrum DX8



Directions:

I-24 exit 78-B. East on Hwy 56. Left onto Thompson Lane. 1/2 block to a left onto Army Drive. Armory is at the end of the road. The entrance is in back.

General Admission: Adults \$5.00; Children 12 and under are free
Contact: Dan Wandel mecflyers@gmail.com (615) 439-0554



Make checks payable to, and mail to:
MPRCF
PO Box 11532
Murfreesboro, TN 37129
PayPal available. Contact LU for info.

Other Swap Meets which we don't have Flyers for:

Perry Ga. March 2nd & 3rd

AND

NARCA March 31st visit

www.flynarca.com for more information.



Word from the editor: These are both excellent venues to sell your old hobby items or find great deals on other must have items.

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February Meeting Minutes

Music City Aviators , February 20, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Presiding: Tom Bible, President

Opening Remarks: Meeting called to order at 6:35 pm.

Tom welcomed and thanked everyone for coming out to enjoy our club fellowship and fine dining at Ryan's Steakhouse on this first meeting of the Music City Aviators for 2018. Tom related how the winter weather conditions the past few months have somewhat put a damper on our club activities and general RC flying but further stated that we have lots of good things planned for the coming year. Motion made and carried to accept the club minutes report from October, 2017.

Treasurers report: Hayes Graf reported our current club fund balance to be \$6,346.88 which includes the 2017 distribution of \$661.50 from the MTRCCA (Middle Tennessee R/C Clubs Association). Hayes stated that members have until the end of March to pay their 2018 membership dues and so far 22 members are paid up for the year. The PayPal option for renewal membership on our club web-site was mentioned along with clarification of MCA membership requirements for new members which are; Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) membership, Metro Park Permit and voting majority approval. It was noted that although the Metro Park Permit application form can be obtained on-line, the application, proof of AMA membership (or required liability insurance) and payment must be either sent directly via the U.S. Postal Service or delivered in person to the Metro Parks & Recreation Permit Office located at 2565 Park Plaza, Nashville, TN. Hayes distributed copies of his proposed 2018 budget and asked that we each review it for further discussion of any needed changes/revisions before final approval vote next month. The only projected item not yet determined is the server fee for maintaining the on-line web-site. Motion made and carried to accept the Treasurers Report.

NEW Members: The MCA club membership applications of Bill Scott and Ted Pennington were approved by unanimous vote. Bill has become a proficient flyer and is particularly interested in model bi-planes, particularly WWI "War-birds". Ted is living proof that our new Pilot Training Program works, as he has put it (and his Trainer) through successful review in learning basic R/C flying skills and is now ready to develop his individual abilities and interests. Welcome aboard guys!

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Old Business: Charles Waterston has continued to temporarily fill the media position vacated by Kris Tanner last year. Tom reminded everyone that a volunteer is needed to step up to assume the role of maintaining the Club web-site and preparation of the monthly Club Newsletter.

New Business: Members present unanimously voted to allow our club to host the MTRCCA 2018 Spring Fly-in scheduled for the 9th of June. Our club will provide all concessions, the Cane Ridge club will provide the P.A. system and as in the past, volunteers will be needed to help out in all areas. Tom reminded everyone that The MTRCCA needs continuing volunteer support from each area club member in order to successfully plan and implement various enjoyable events throughout the year that benefit all area RC clubs and the surrounding communities. More plans and preparation for the Association Spring Fly-in will be discussed at our next meeting, along with our 2018 proposed budget. A MTRCCA sponsored Air Academy class, hosted by the Beechcraft Heritage Museum in Tullahoma TN. is planned for June 12-13 and Tom asks that each club member consider volunteering to help out for at least one day. Tom told how the kids really enjoyed building and flying Delta Dart gliders last year and related his personal satisfaction of working with the youth and helping spark their interests. More of those kits have been procured and maybe some Estes model rocket kits that were found to be on hand in the museum's inventory can be used to further interest the students and give them something tangible to take home as a remembrance of their fun and informative aviation experiences. Several new projects were discussed including the need for new rubber matting for our giant scale starting post area and for possible future replacement of the lawn mower and gas grill. Motion made and carried to authorize John Forehand to procure paint and materials for center-line runway stripes, and 60 degree stripes for establishing a pattern box. Discussion ensued of a recently posted U-tube video that apparently shows a person standing forward of the protective barrier fencing when a plane was taking off. Tom reminded everyone of the importance of following established safety rules and practices and asks that if anyone posts anything on-line, for them to ensure that it's "cool stuff" and portrays our club and flying activities in a good, safe and professional manner. Reminders were given that we as MCA members have no enforcement authority of Metro Park or AMA regulations and can only inform individuals of the rules and ask that they follow them. Suggestion was made of a prominent sign being posted stating field flying requirements and FAA altitude limits of model craft. Tom stated that he and other MCA Officers would review our existing signs and their placement. This was followed by motion made and carried allowing funds to procure additional signs, if needed, rather than involving the Metro Parks Dept. Motion exempting MCA Club Officers from having to pay yearly club dues was made and carried by majority vote.

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Upcoming Events: The Middle Point R/C club is hosting their 24th annual "Swap Meet" on March 17th. Setup for vendors/sellers begins at 7 am at the Murfreesboro National Guard Armory, 2350 Armory Dr, Murfreesboro, TN., with doors open to buyers and the general public at 8 am. Several MCA members have already purchased tables for this event which negates the need for the Club to purchase additional tables.

Announcements: The 100th year anniversary commemoration of the final flight of Baron Manfred Von Richthofen (Germany's highest scoring WWI ace) will be held at our Peeler Park flying field the morning of April 21st. Don Clark will fly his large scale Sopwith Camel and Whitney Philbrick (of the Cane Ridge MTRCCA club) will fly his large scale Fokker DR-1 Triplane as these two experienced R/C pilots plan a memorial R/C large scale model flying tribute to "The Red Baron" and RAF Captain Arthur Roy Brown (the Canadian ace given official credit for shooting Richthofen down). The National Museum of the United States Air Force in Dayton Ohio plans to unveil B17F bomber "Memphis Belle" for permanent public static display on May 17th with a ribbon cutting ceremony followed by tribute events that will run through the 19th of May. The 100th anniversary "Dawn Patrol Rendezvous" will be also commemorated by both R/C and full scale replica aircraft at the Air Force Museum in September 2018. Events are still in the planning stages but they will commence on September 22 and run through the 23rd. Plans on attending either event at the USAF Museum should be made well in advance as Dayton area accommodations will probably be quickly filled. One of the largest, if not THE largest R/C "Swap Meet" in the country will be held March 2-3 in Perry, GA. This event is officially known as The Southeastern Model Show and is hosted by the Georgia Aircraft Modelers Association at the Georgia National Fairgrounds in Perry, GA. Further information can be obtained via this web-site; <http://www.gamarc.com/SMS2017.html>. Anyone interested in driving down for the event and having room for any additional passengers/area enthusiasts looking to share transportation/lodging expenses is asked to contact one of our Club Officers to coordinate the ride sharing.

Closing Remarks: Our club lost three of our oldest members in 2017 leaving us with cherished memories of Mike Denton, Kenny Skelton and J.W. Plummer. Dave passed around a card received from J.W.'s widow that expressed her "Thank You" for our club remembrance and donation to J.W.'s charity.

Next Meeting: Scheduled for March 20th at our Peeler Park flying field. Dinner meal will be provided for MCA members at approx. 6 pm.

Adjourn: 7:20 PM

Respectfully, James Harkreader MCA club Secretary



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Member Moments

Below is a tale of woe and joy submitted by John Forehand. The photos referred to are on the following page:

The second photo you may have to blow up in size to see the Lancer hanging in the tree. The first one is John Bartlebaugh holding The remains, but on the ground! Here's a little background.

The legend of the Lancer of MCA swamp had it's beginnings back a long time ago. It has foretold in those early writings that a brave young...er...youngish knight would someday venture forth and do battle with the evil airplane eating tree devil that lived on the edge of the swamp and would swoop up, or out, to snag an innocent airplane to its doom. Sometime in the year of 2014 or 2015 the tree devil had caused a jet flown with great skill, by the brave knight Sir David Jackson to plummet to the ground directly at it's feet. Even more recently the Tree devil had plucked directly out of the air a elegant construction to the SAM rules, and then hung it up to dry 50 feet above the edge of the swamp looking forward to devouring the morsel through the long cold, wet, winter.

But nay, such cruelty was not to be, for forward strode a giant amount men, a gallant knight of the old school who understood the workings of the Tree devil, and was able to control the magic pole, and golden rope of hope. Working through the snares and pitfalls laid out by the monster, he with his side kick, fought, and fought, and fought, and finally success was his, the Elegant construct was once more on the ground, and set free to return to it's home where is will be dismantled, but will cherished and re-emerge as another elegant construct.

The name of this bravest of all Knights? Hail Sire John Bartlebaugh, protector of model airplanes, champion of those whose hope for recovery of errant aircraft was slim to none, and just a darn good friend.

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Thanks John for taking the time to write this humorous article. Also John has asked for some feedback from us as to whether there is interest by the Club members to do a super simple race series? With most people not building any longer, it would have to be a "race what ya brung" type of event. I haven't figured out how to work the handicapping that would be required to level the field, but thought first I'd see if there is any interest. Maybe do it once a month in the Summer, or once every other month.

I'm still planning on the First Wednesday "OFD" fun fly event for this year so that will be on board. One of the events this year will be Tethered Helium filled balloon busts.

John

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