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Our club is committed to the hobby of R/C model aviation. We are an AMA Chartered club and are based at a Metro Park called Peeler Park.

We fly a wide range of RC aircraft ranging from small park flyers, to giant scale aerobatic and scale planes including turbine jets. We also provide a monthly newsletter called the Flightline, past copies are available on our Web-Site. Come join us !!

## In our Prayers

Currently known members dealing with illnesses. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

Mike Denton  
Kenny Skelton  
J W Plummer

## Next Meeting

**Next meeting -August 15th – 6PM**  
Music City Aviators Monthly Meeting  
We eat at 6:00, meeting at 6:30



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## Dates to Remember

July 22<sup>nd</sup> – Float Fli-in at Pooles Knob – Cane Ridge

Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup> - Old Farts Combat Competition at Peeler Park

Aug. 12<sup>th</sup> – Aviation Day - Cane Ridge

Sept 9<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> MTRCCA Giant Fly-in at Dickson Airport

Nov 4<sup>th</sup> - Annual MTRCCA Swap Meet

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## July Meeting Recap

### Music City Aviators , July 2017 Meeting Minutes

**Location:** Our Peeler Park flying field, Madison TN Members Present: 13

**Presiding:** Tom Bible, President

**Opening Remarks:** Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm. Tom welcomed and thanked everyone for coming out and thanked the chef for preparing the club provided dinner. Motion made and carried to accept the club minutes report from June, 2017.

**Treasurer's Report:** Hayes Graf is still on vacation and in his absence Tom reported our current club fund balance to be \$5,976.61 Motion made and carried to accept the Treasurers Report.

**Old Business:** The new wind sock was procured and has been installed. It was done using a climber on a ladder, with several individuals steadying the ladder, thereby negating the perceived need for the flagpole to be taken down. A first aid kit is now installed under the outdoor shelter and is mounted under the top of our battery charging station. This is much more readily accessible than the one mounted on the wall in the clubhouse and does not require getting into the usually locked and secured building.

**New Business:** Our battery charging station has developed problems maintaining sufficient voltage for adequate battery charging capacity. The permanent fix for this is a work in progress and several individuals are checking on possible solutions.

**Upcoming Events:** Our sister Metro flying club at Cane Ridge (MTRCS) is hosting their July Float-plane Fly-in at the Pooles Knob lake area starting at 9 am the morning of 23 July.

The MTRCS is also hosting "Model Aviation Day" supporting Disabled American Veterans (DAV) at their Cane Ridge field starting at 9am on August 12th.

Because of windy conditions and high temperatures, John Forehand was forced to cancel the scheduled club "Tissue Paper Drop" fun fly event. This contest will test the ability of fliers to intercept and cut a dropped streamer of tissue paper with their RC planes. It has been rescheduled for the first Wednesday in August (8/2/1017) weather permitting.

Continued...



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## July Meeting Recap Cont.

Volunteers to act as Safety Officials are needed for the MTRCCA (Middle Tennessee R/C Clubs Association) Fall fly-in scheduled for Sept. 8th, 9th and 10th at the Dickson TN airport. T-Shirts identifying Safety Officers will be furnished by Dick Tonan. The Dickson airport and the local Tri-County R/C club is totally supporting this event, which is open to all AMA members, and will be promoting it through community involvement and advertising.

The MTRCCA supported Scot Perry Air Academy for Youth, hosted by the Beechcraft Museum in Tullahoma, TN. is looking to expand this highly successful program to include two separate classes for interested young people. This will include the previously scheduled fall class in October, plus a new one to be started in June of 2018. Tom again gave testimony to the personal satisfaction that one gets from helping interested youth cultivate an interest in model and general aviation. New volunteers are needed to continue and expand this great program.

The MTRCCA Fall Swap Meet is scheduled for 4 November, 2017. Volunteers will be needed to help set up and conduct this event.

Area Competitions Report: L.A. Johnston reported on the recent S.A.M (Society of Antique Modelers) in TN contests that were held July 12th and 13th at the Cedar Hill Flying Field and hosted by the Cumberland Flyers R/C Club. The contests were professionally conducted and each competitor received a participation plaque with cash awards and contest winning identification stickers being given to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners of each event. There were 17 competitors present from various areas of the country. Members of our Music City Aviators club who competed in or helped administer to some of these events against some of the country's top S.A.M fliers were; Charles Waterston, L.A. Johnston, Jim Harkreader Jerry Nannie, John Forehand and Don Hudgins. L.A. stated what all participants know and agree; that the S.A.M event competitions are challenging, rewarding and are a natural progression of skilled RC fliers remaining competitive in events designed to put to the test one's ability to control remotely piloted craft at a distance while maximizing it's time aloft in varying wind and thermal conditions.



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L.A himself was recently honored in a full page article appearing in the S.A.M organizations publication (S.A.M Speaks). As stated in the article; L.A. was recognized for his many years of dedication to, and promotion of our hobby and in appreciation from his many friends was presented a gorgeous, scratch built Valkyrie model complete ready to fly professionally built by Tom Nelson from AMA plans.

**Closing Remarks:** Updates of what is known of the health issues of Mike Denton, Kenny Skelton and J.W. Plummer were given. Tom asked that we keep our sick and shut-in members and friends in our thoughts and prayers.

**Next Meeting:** Scheduled for 16 August, 2017, 6:30 PM at our Peeler Park flying field with club provided meal to be served at approx. 6 PM.

Adjourn: 7:10 PM

Respectfully, James Harkreader

MCA Club Secretary



James Harkreader  
MCA Secretary



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## Air To Air Combat



**At Peeler Park on Aug 2<sup>st</sup>!**

**(This is a reschedule from July due to the extreme heat)**

(Old Farts August 2<sup>nd</sup>) Ok, enough small talk...how good are you really? Can you cut a 10 foot toilet paper streamer dropped from just under 400 feet? Think so?

Okay, you'll have the chance as Bruce takes the streamer up with his trusty Cub and cuts it loose for your cutting pleasure. Largest number of cuts wins the free lunch. There will be multiple attempts allowed time available. One fighter pilot at a time in the air cutting the ribbon, but others may fly as normal.

Our intrepid fighter pilot will take off first, climb to an altitude he is comfortable with, and then watch as Bruce takes off and tows the streamer to the cutoff point.

Then the attack!!!!

As before, any airplane is welcome to attempt it, including gliders, quads, trainers, 3D types, etc. With TP being used even a VERY close miss, may cut it!

It all starts as soon as Bruce and I get there Wednesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> at Peeler Park.



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## Members at SAM's Contest



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