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Hello all MCA Members and Friends, if you missed our Spring Fly-in, you missed a really good event.

There are several events coming up in the next several months so stay tuned to our Upcoming Events for the dates and additional information.

John Bryant has agreed to assume Secretarial duties for the remainder of this year.

## Time To Renew with MCA

It's time to renew your membership for 2021. Our dues help keep our flying site in excellent shape. Of course we appreciate the volunteers who work hard keeping the grounds neat and the grass mowed.

There are several ways to pay.

- 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.



## June Meeting

**Next meeting – July 20th**

Meeting will begin at 6:00 at our field.



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## *Points Of Interest*

### Upcoming R/C Events

7/10 – Warbird & Classic Fly-in at Cane Ridge

July 13 - 14 SAM 43 contest at Cedar Hill

7/17 - 18 Warbird Fly-in at Tullahoma

8/14 – 15 Giant Scale Fly-in at Tullahoma

8/21 Aviation Day at Peeler Park

10/1 – 2 MTRCCA Fall Fly-in at Cedar Hill.

There is no better way to meet new friends and enjoy our hobby to its fullest than to attend these fun and exciting events.

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## June Meeting Minutes

### Music City Aviators Meeting Minutes

**Location:** Peeler Park

**Members Present:** 21 Plus Guests Bill Usry and Jordan Berry

**Presiding:** Tom Bible, President

**Meeting Called to order** at 6:31 PM

**Date:** 06/15/2021

#### Opening Remarks:

Tom welcomed and thanked everyone for attending. President Bible also cooked dinner for everyone in attendance.

**May Meeting Minutes:** Approved by members.

**Treasurers Report:** Tom reported that there is a \$8,088.70 balance in our checking account.

#### Old Business:

**(A)** MCA raised \$48 from the MTRCCA fly-in which paid for our dinner. MTRCCA raised \$480. Dick Tonan pointed out that MTRCCA would distribute funds to member clubs, minus an operating reserve, at the end of the year.

**(B)** MCA will host MTRCCA Aviation Celebration 08/21/2021.

**(C)** Clyde Fussell has obtained a new weather station which will be installed soon.

**(D)** Ron Adams has located a vendor in Gallatin who will provide and install a cover over the East charging station for \$950. Tom reported that the Parks department has no plans to remove any trees at that location.

**(E)** Scott Harris' friend will seal and stripe the field for \$1500. Members voted to appropriate \$1500 for sealing and striping if Metro does not have funds in its budget beginning 07/01/2021 for this purpose.

**(F)** Tom led a discussion on charging safety as a fire occurred at the charging station next to the clubhouse. He advised that everyone should carefully match the charger settings to those of the battery. The fire was extinguished with the MCA fire extinguisher. It will be replaced.

**(G)** Tom, Len, and Chris attended an EDF fly-in at Rosewood, Indiana. They have an 800 Ft paved runaway and a beautiful flying site.



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## June Meeting Meetings Con't

**(H)** Tom and John Forehand(Safety officer) led a safety discussion. John reported that MCA members are largely flying safely, but a reminder of safety precautions is always good. We are reminded to announce in an audible voice : before placing an airplane on the runway, Before taking off, and before landing. We are also advised to stay on the northside of the fence at the flying stations.

**NEW Business:** One member paid his dues, and new members Jordan Berry and Bill Usry were presented and inducted.

**Next Meeting** will be held at 6PM on 07/20/2021.

**On motion properly presented, seconded, and approved Tom Bible adjourned the meeting at 7:01pm.**



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## Shopworn by John Forehand

Shopworn for June

The other day L.A., Charles Waterston, and I were flying indoors at the Mt. Juliet Community Center, when the subject of the lack of people who still BUILD model airplanes came up. We did the usual old-timers lament about how the golden age of model airplanes is behind us, and where would we ever get new builders, and the price of balsa, etc. You know the usual thing old builders often do.

But, someone said, I think it was Jimmy Edwards, that with these foam airplanes all anyone had to do was throw a battery at it, take off, give it a couple of clicks of trim, and you were flying. No building skills required.

The more I thought about that, the more I wondered if the Golden Age of Model Airplanes (capitalized now) was past, or is it just beginning? I mean, I spend a couple of months on the average to build from a kit (one with just a bunch of parts, nothing pre-assembled) or scratch building from plans. When I'm through, I take it to the field and with shaking knees, shaking hands, and an elevated heart rate, I attempt to fly it on its maiden flight. Two months of blood, sweat and tears to put it in the air with no real knowledge that it will even fly. Ask me how I know that sometimes they don't. All that effort and you may end up with an even harder to put together kit of parts in Peeler's tall grass.

Now contrast that with what we have available today. You purchase an extremely close to scale foam airplane that is already finished, has the motor, esc. servos, sometimes even the receiver already installed where they are supposed to be. You screw it together with maybe 6 or 8 supplied screws, put the battery where the instructions say it is to be placed and put it on the balancer to check CG. Nine times out of ten it is right on. You charge the batteries, take it to the field do a range check, do a preflight to make sure you didn't plug the ailerons in backwards, and then fly it with the confidence it will need just maybe a couple of clicks of trim, and you have a beautifully flying airplane without the two months and fear of the maiden flight.

So which one is the Golden Age of Model Airplanes? You know, I gotta kind of go with today's foam and ARF airplanes. They fly so darn well, don't take forever to build, and are usually of extremely high quality.

Now that doesn't mean the L.A., Charles, Jimmy, and I and all the other builders in the Club won't continue building. And it doesn't mean we'll start buying a lot of foam or ARF aircraft. Heck we will probably still moan and groan about there being no new builders coming up. But that also doesn't mean that today isn't the New Golden Age of Model Airplanes.



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