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We now have over 50 paid members and our dues help maintain and improve our facilities. Join us and share in the fun !!! Fall is one of the best times to fly at Peeler Park.

Time To Renew with MCA

Have you renewed your MCA membership for 2019? 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!



October Meeting

Next meeting – Oct 15th – 6:30 PM
Music City Aviators Monthly Meeting.
Location Peeler Park. We eat at 6:00!



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Points Of Interest

Upcoming R/C Events

Part of the fun in our Hobby is attending special events hosted by various local clubs. Check out the upcoming events listed below and make an effort to attend as many as you can. Additional information can be found in this month's minutes

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September Meeting Minutes

Date: 17 September, 2019

Location: Our Peeler Park Flying field, Madison TN.

Members Present: 12

Presiding: Tom Bible, Club President

Opening Remarks: Meeting called to order at 6:35 after everyone feasted on hot Little Caesars pizza. Tom thanked everyone for coming out and invited folks to take any remaining food home. Motion made and approved to accept the August MCA Minutes Report.

Treasurers Report: In the absence of Hayes Graf; Tom reported our club fund balance to be \$5,843.93 with a current club membership of 58 individuals. Motion made and approved to accept the Treasurers Report.

New Members: The membership application of Manuel Gonzalez was approved by unanimous vote. Welcome aboard Manuel.

Updates: Proceeds from our "Model Aviation Day" of last month were presented to the local area USO organization comprising the Nashville/Ft. Campbell area. Tom stated that over \$900 was donated to our local area USO.

The MTRCCA (Middle Tennessee R/C Clubs Association) recently enjoyed a good fall Fly-In at the Dixon Airport. Dick Tonan (MTRCCA President) related how he got a lot of good volunteer help and how a good number of individuals from various area clubs put in a great deal of effort to make this a successful event. Dick stated that "Although the weather was hot and turnout was low with only about 35 registered fliers, everyone had a really good, safe time with no accidents, no incidents and with the airport managers thanking us for being there and wanting us to come back next year".

Old Business: Our steak cookout and model glider build day is postponed until Clyde Fussell returns from his trip to Japan.

New Business: Our Membership Appreciation Day complete with Fun-Fly-in events and \$100, \$75, and \$50 cash drawings for MCA members was rescheduled to be held on October 12th beginning at approx. 9am.



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Announcements: John Forehand recently met with several MCA members with dual membership to our sister Metro club at Cane Ridge to discuss the planning and implementation of various contests and events to be held at both flying fields. It was decided to appoint several "Acting Event Coordinators" to plan and carry out the upcoming flying contests for our scheduled Fun-Fly event and also for future Cane Ridge events. John stated that our upcoming Fun-fly contests will consist of two events; A "Limbo" contest and a "Mystery Event" to be announced to the contestants just prior to the event. Prizes for the winners of each event will be "braggin' rights".

Discussion: Discussion ensued of individuals being required to register as R/C pilots with the FAA and place their registration number on their planes. Question was posed as to how to identify the Trainer plane or with what registration number?

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Closing Remarks: Tom reminded everyone that next month is Club Officer election time for 2020. Positions available are: Club President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Safety Officer and Newsletter Editor. Anyone wishing to occupy one of these positions or who might nominate some willing candidate for office, please submit the names before our next meeting.

Show-N-Tell: James Harkreader demonstrated his "\$40 Wonder (as Charles Waterston calls it). It's an OLD highly "weathered" GWS Slo-Stik recently acquired from the Family Hobbies "Scratch-n-Dent" area in back of their store. This one has the 1st generation metal stick fuselage and is equipped with an early vintage "Nippy-Black" low KVA high torque out-runner brushless motor. A night flyer exhibition followed.

Next meeting: Scheduled for 15 October, 2019 at our Peeler Park flying field. Meal to be provided at 6 pm for MCA members with the meeting to begin at approx. 6:30 pm.

Respectfully,
James Harkreader

MCA Club Secretary



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Another fun story from John Forehand

All of us with grey in our hair have grown soft over the years we've been modeling! A strong statement I know but consider:

The word "Whittle" didn't mean the designer of the first British jet engine, but a pleasant activity requiring a sharp knife and a hunk of wood. It meant little slices of balsa wood (ok, I'm re-directing this to modeling) on the floor and in your lap. It meant that most times the balsa you were "whittling" had a red stain somewhere on it from said sharp knife cutting into your finger, and a new band aid haphazardly wrapped around the finger. Today? I whimper uncontrollably when I unfold plans and get a papercut!

Remember pins? You couldn't build a model airplane without pins, and we were proud to show to our buddies the nice little depressions in our thumbs from pushing those pins into our mom's breadboards that we built on. Proud of those depressions we were! We competed to see who could have the deepest. Oh, we could use our mom's thimbles, but the pins would slip off from time to time and bend out of shape or the errant armor-clad digit would break one of the 1/16" sticks we were trying to assemble. Now the only use for a pin is to hold two pieces of paper together because we are out of staples.

How about glue? Testors Type A in the yellow tube was super-fast drying and smelled to us as sweet as a rose to a poet. Testors Type B in the white tube was a lot slower drying (and stronger) but didn't smell quite as good. Half the fun of building was those smells, and the way the glue would stick on your fingers so you could pull it off just like layers of skin. How cool was that! Then came the classic of all glues, Ambroid! That beautiful yellow color, not quite as good a smell as Testors, but it dried as fast as Type A and was as strong as Type B, but probably more importantly it peeled off your fingers just as well as Type A! All the other glues were lumped into the no smell, no peel category and were only used where their added strength was required. Glues today have either no smell, or they flat stink! They don't peel worth a darn off your fingers, and they are really strong. The only glue that might harken back is CA, because it does cause pain if you glue your fingers together or to a piece of wood.

And how about motive power? Running those good old spark and glow plug engines in our basements, or in enclosed garages, and that wonderful smell of exhaust. I still tend to stand behind glow engines at the field and inhale deeply. Then the noise! Ear shattering sound! Glorious ear ringing destruction of our ear drums! And the sound and smell of an engine run indoors....what bliss. Now we have some well muffled glows that inflict little to no damage to our ears but do still smell pretty good. Gasoline engines that stink, and electrics which nether smell or scream.

Bah! I say, we have grown soft with our grey hairs! Youth is wasted on the young!



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September Photos



MTRCCA
Fall Fly-In
at
Dickson
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Mystery Plane



Float Fly at Pooles Knob

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Hark with \$40.00 Wonder



Bigger photo of \$40.00 Wonder



Tom Nelson and L.A. Johnston discussing Jenny before Tom's presentation on Scale Model Building at MTRCS meeting.



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