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This will be the last Newsletter for this year. It is been a very good year for flying at Peeler Park and we thank our members and officers for making it a fun and safe year. There will be many more good flying days this fall so let's enjoy as many as possible.

Time To Renew with MCA

It is that time of year to renew your Club membership for the coming year. There are two (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!



January Meeting

Next meeting – Jan 21st – 6:30 PM
Music City Aviators Monthly Meeting.
Ryan's Steakhouse. 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

November 2nd: MTRCCA Swap Meet at the Antioch United Methodist Church. Volunteers are needed to help with this event.

November 5th: Family Hobbies sponsored Indoor Flying begins at the Highland Heights Church of Christ, Smyrna TN at 6:30pm.

Each Monday from 1-3 pm: Indoor flying at the Mt. Juliet Recreation Center, Charlie Daniels Park.

January 1st. New Years Day. Always a good number of pilots gather to welcome the new year and get in that first flight. Some bring food to share. Rain, Snow or Shine.

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October Meeting Minutes

Date: 12 October 2019

Location: Our Peeler Park Flying field, Madison TN.

Members Present: 19

Presiding: Tom Bible, Club President

Meeting called to order at 12:45 pm after our Membership Appreciation Day Fun-Fly contests were completed and everyone feasted on delicious club provided hot dogs, hamburgers, drinks and snacks. Thanks to Tom Bible and Dave Palmer for being the outstanding "Chefs".

Opening Remarks: Tom thanked everyone for coming out and enjoying the good food and excellent weather conditions for our R/C flying contests. Motion made and approved to accept the September Minutes report. Treasurers Report: Hayes Graf reported our current club balance to be \$5442.00 after all expenses through today are accounted for. Our 2019 year ended with 60 individuals currently on the MCA membership role. Old Business: A future date for Our "Steak Day" cookout and plane build day will be determined when Clyde Fussell returns from his trip. New Business: Several boxes of items from the estate of Lanny Coggin Sr. is for sale in the clubhouse. Members are asked to make a reasonable offer on any item (s) they are interested in and the proceeds will be split between the club and the Coggin family. Club Officer Election results: Tom called for 2020 Club Officer nominations and motion was made for acclamation of current officers with the exception of the office of Club Secretary with Regis Galbach replacing James Harkreader. Motion approved by unanimous vote.

Music City Aviators Club Officers for 2020 will be:

MCA Club President: Tom Bible

MCA Club Vice President: Dave Palmer

MCA Club Treasurer: Hayes Graf

MCA Club Safety Officer: John Forehand

MCA Club Secretary: Regis Galbach

***Special Note** for a vacant Club position: For the past several years, Charles Waterston has followed Glenn Batson and Kris Tanner in continuing the informal position of "Multi-media" Publishing Representative but can no longer continue to do so. This special duty consists of maintaining the on-line Club website and of putting together the monthly Club newsletter. Charles has the info and format for the newsletter on an easy to use memory stick and asks that he be relieved of his responsibilities by an interested individual for this important role. Thanks go out to Charles for his work in perfecting these informative venues and for his professional work in maintaining the Club website and of producing the Club newsletter for the past several years.



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October Meeting Minutes Con't

Membership Appreciation Day Drawing Winners: Greg Donald- \$100 Family Hobbies gift certificate, "Suds" Quarrier- \$75 Family Hobbies gift certificate and David Powell- \$50 Family Hobbies gift certificate.

Membership Appreciation Day Special Event Winner: Don Clark (Braggin' rights ONLY- no prize money).

Upcoming Events:

November 2nd: MTRCCA (Middle Tennessee R/C Clubs Association) Regional Swap Meet at the Antioch United Methodist Church beginning at 8 am. Volunteers are needed to help with this event in the areas of set up, concessions, check-in and clean up afterwards. Contact Dick Tonan (MTRCCA President) for table reservations and/or if you can volunteer to help. Our club has purchased two tables and two chairs and there are only a few tables remaining. Len Minco will donate to the club any proceeds from the sale of a "Quickie 500" racing plane with an OS-25 engine installed and an extra engine and props. November 5th: Family Hobbies sponsored Indoor Flying begins at the Highland Heights Church of Christ, Smyrna TN at 6:30pm.

January 1st, 2020: The Turbine fliers traditionally have an informal event that has affectionately become known as "The Frost-bite Fly-in". This is again, as has been in the past, scheduled for New Year's Day regardless of the temperature or weather conditions. The jet fliers usually cook a turkey and bring in some food to be shared around lunchtime. Our clubhouse will provide sanctuary from the elements and we may provide some food, drinks and snacks from what is in the refrigerator. Anyone wanting to bring in hot soup or chili...feel free to do so.

Each Monday from 1-3 PM: Indoor flying at the Mt. Juliet Recreation Center, Charlie Daniels Park.

***Special Note:** The MTRCCA needs continuing volunteer support from each area club member in order to successfully plan and implement various enjoyable events that benefit all area RC clubs and the surrounding communities. Announcements: Due to the upcoming Holiday Season, there will be no MCA club meeting for the remainder of 2019. Closing Remarks: All of the club officers wish everyone a happy Thanksgiving, a most Merry Christmas and a happy and joyous upcoming New Year!



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Another fun story from John Forehand

Shopworn

I was watching one of our better 3D and ¼ scale flyers maiden a new airplane a couple of weeks ago. It's always fun to see how others do the things that may cause you to have wobbly knees. He did a good preflight, and runup, did a taxi test, and got ready to take-off. A good take-off followed by a nice turn and keeping the gear down he started the trimming procedure. A few passes established the proper trim, and he retracted the gear and again ran a few more passes to check the gear up trim.

With everything OK, he began his first approach to landing and was fast and high so did a go-around.

This time he was still fast and high. The third attempt was the same. Finally, he slowed the airplane down and got it lower and made his landing. The airplane did one bounce (still a bit fast) and then the second bounce it went steeply nose up and those of us watching thought it was the end as we expect a tip stall when he added power to recover. Fortunately, the airplane did recover and completed the landing safely.

Now what does this have to do with you and me? Glad you asked! When was the last time when flying you practiced STALLS? You know, those good old 3 mistakes high, bring the power back to idle and hold the nose up stalls. What, not since forever? Maybe not since you tried to get the airplane to spin. Maybe not ever!

You see, our flyer who was doing the maiden we talked about above didn't do any stall series to find out how the airplane flew at the stall. If he had, he would have known that he could have slowed the airplane down more the first three attempts, and even a tad slower on the last one. That the airplane didn't tip-stall and go in hard, was just a lucky happenstance with the design of that airplane.

I have watched I don't know how many people yell out the infamous "I ain't got it." Just before the airplane dives into the ground. Did they have radio failure? Not from where I was watching. They had stalled the airplane, and pulling further back on the elevator was causing it to deepen and get worse, and then it would fall off on one wing or the other, and even if they added power by this time it would be headed for the ground.



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John's Shopworn Continued

Betcha that if they practiced stalls every time they flew, or even every other time (well we practice landings all the time don't we, and a landing does include a stall somewhere in it) they would have more of an opportunity to **correctly** recover from it and save the airplane. And they wouldn't have to cuss out the radio manufacturer!

Practice stalls you say, where's the fun in that. Try it sometime not straight ahead, but in a no power climbing turn to the left, and then to the right. Unless you have a lightweight 3D foamie, try it under power (just come back to $\frac{3}{4}$ power or slightly less, and pull the nose up. Then try that to the right and the left. You will have fun with those!

Remember the words of the prophet," if ye don't practice and remain proficient in thy flying...the ground will rise up and smite thee!"

Editor's note: Special thanks to John for taking the time to submit his "Shopworn" stories that are not only humorous but informative.



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Fun Fly report by John Forehand

What a blast! The 2019 addition of the Music City Aviators Members Appreciation Fun-Fly went off with everyone enjoying the food, the fun, friends, and yes, even the *Special Event!* No one was told what the Special Event would be, and everyone who flew, regardless of what airplane he had, was entered in it.

L.A. Johnston and I had devised a plan that combined some Pattern type flying based on the pilot's experience and airplane type, with a spot landing contest. The Pattern maneuver went from Straight and level flight for one, to Rolling Circles for another. Each started with 10 points, and a point was subtracted for each mistake. The Spot Landing portion was closest to the center of the circle on the runway, with no 180 or 90 degree turns to get back to the circle if they overshot it. We had three penalties applied.

WINNER OF THE SPECIAL EVENT: **DON CLARKE** at 37' from the center!

Lots of open flying followed with the Free Lunch cooked by Tom Bible and Dave Palmer starting at Noon. Following the lunch, Tom held our October Meeting (minutes in the newsletter) and we had the drawing for the \$100, \$75, and \$50 gift cards to Family Hobbies.

Since the wind was still a bit high for the crepe paper limbo streamer, it was decided that the final Fun Fly Event would be the *TWO MINUTE GUESSTIMATE* event. You know, take off and time starts, fly around with out a timer or clock for what you think is two minutes and then land. Closest to two minutes, either over or under is the winner. Simple until I had each entrant answer questions and do some math while they were trying to count, "one thousand one, one thousand two..."

WINNER OF THE TWO MINUTES: LEN MINCO at 19.13 seconds over. DAVE PALMER was second at...get this: 19.8 seconds over! DON CLARKE was third at 29.1 seconds *under!*

The winners of the Member Appreciation Drawing were:

3rd Place of a \$50.00 Family Hobbies Gift Certificate: David Powell.

2nd Place of a \$75.00 Family Hobbies Gift Certificate: "Suds" Quarrier.

1st Place of a \$100.00 Family Hobbies Gift Certificate: Gregg Donald.

If you missed this year's event, you missed a good one! Be sure and watch for the next event in 2020!!!!



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October Photos

MCA Membership Appreciation Day



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