



Milan Flyers Gazette

January, 2009

Coming Events

2009

- 19 Jan **Milan Flyers Meeting**
7:00 PM at the Milan Senior Center
- 16 Feb **Milan Flyers Meeting**
7:00 PM at the Milan Senior Center
- 17 Nov **Milan Flyers Meeting**
7:00 PM at the Milan Senior Center
- 15 Dec **Milan Flyers Christmas Dinner**
7:00 PM at the Milan Senior Center
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Note: The meetings, until further notice, will be held at the Milan Senior Center located at: **45 Neckel Ct, Milan 48160** (Neckel Ct. is off of Wabash St.)

A few of us still plan to meet for dinner before the meetings, at the Milan Big Boy just before 6:00pm. Please join us.

Milan Flyers Minutes November 17, 2008

The meeting was called to order by Bob Hendricks, at 7:10 p.m. Seven members and three visitors were present.

Minutes of the last meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: \$3,772.06 on hand. \$1,986.62 was spent 2008 year to date.

There are currently 30 paid members. Membership fee will remain at \$30 per year.

Discussion was held regarding attracting new members.

President Bob Hendricks was asked to get with Calvin regarding Thursday night instructors and procedures. Primarily to develop ways to better identify instructors.

Calvin's contribution to the training program needs to be acknowledged formally in some way.

Vern proposed that the entire membership be contacted, possibly by phone, in the spring in an effort to increase participation in the club meetings and activities.

The business meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Ken Gable.

Great Club Opportunity!!

Tom Krogell, the sponsor of the ETOC in Toledo has, not only asked the Milan Flyers for volunteer workers at the ETOC competition in Toledo again, but is also asking for volunteers to cover his other indoor flying operations. The donation to our club is expected to be even more generous than last year. The ETOC and indoor flying occurs on April 3rd and 4th, the same weekend as the Weak Signals Toledo RC Expo. So, you can attend the Expo (getting deals on RC supplies), and also volunteer to have fun making money for our club. When you work the ETOC or other flying gyms, you get to see some of the world's best RC flyers. The so called work is just down right fun. (Just don't tell Tom!) The following are the e-mails from Calvin and Bruce respectively, which help explain the offer.

" We again have an opportunity to make some money for the club at the Toledo Air show. In addition to security for the ETOC, Tom needs guys to man the indoor flying gym where the guys will have general flying. In all, we need around 14 to 16 members. The donation to the club will be larger if we can get enough members to participate. Please have the volunteers contact me as soon as possible because I need to let Tom know if we have enough volunteers. Club members and their relatives or friends can participate, but we need to know soon. This is a great way for us to make money for the club, and it's fun to get to know flyers from all over."

"This year's event will be held at a different venue, there will be 3 gyms in the same building and tom figured that he

will need around 15 people to help out, the gym duty will start on Friday around 4 pm until 11 pm, and on Sat it will be from 12 noon until 11 pm and we need to help him with all 3 gyms. He said that he will be more generous on helping us with funding and that any of us can fly in the gyms (I'm not sure about the gym where the TOC is). So, we need to get this word out at the meeting and in the newsletter. Maybe we should start a sign up sheet to get our people committed."

So, please put it on your calendar and contact Calvin, as soon as possible at:

cmitch232@comcast.net

or 734-677-5842

Calvin, please include Bob Hendricks on your list of volunteers (fun seekers).

From the Maintenance Committee:

The field maintenance committee was able to keep the field mowed and ready to fly for the past season. That was more of a challenge than usual because we had a major break down on the reel mower. That meant cutting the grass with only three of the five reels. That takes much longer, but we did it. The cost to repair the damage was \$410.00. The axle shaft on one of the wheels broke. It was a mechanical failure that no amount of maintenance could have prevented. The man who has done the maintenance work on the reels donated his labor since we had them completely overhauled last winter.

Because of the dry period we had during July, there were about five or six weeks when we did not need to cut any grass. When it did need cutting again, the people who are under contract to cut all the parks, cut the flying field. They were looking for something to do, and that did help us. They were thanked for the help.

The field got cut by the flyers 12 times for the full \$40.00 payments. In addition there were several partial cuts, and the trimming around the bushes.

Ken Gable drove his brush hog to the site on two or three occasions and really did the job in cutting some of the tall grass.

Paul Creger continued his work on cleaning up along the fence row. We are not sure where he will end up, but he surely does make it look beautiful.

Because of the fewer mowings this year we did not need as many volunteers as in the past, but we do thank all those who have done their part to maintain the beautiful flying field.

Vern Campbell

Special Notice:

**Indoor Flying
Saline Community Education
Presents**

RC Indoor Flying in Saline, Michigan RC Electric Indoor Flying Remaining Dates –

**January 16th 23rd & 30th
February 6th 20th & 27th
March 6th & 20th**

**Friday Nights
7:30pm to 10:00pm**

**Saline Middle School GYM
7190 N. Maple Road
Saline, Michigan 48176**

Cost \$10.00

**Coordinator: Phil Smith - 734-429-4707
(call if any questions) or e-mail Phil at:
jphilipsmith@verizon.net**

**Directions: US-12 into Saline – Go North
(about 1+ mile) on North Maple Road – Sa-
line Middle School is on the left.**

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