



Milan Flyers Gazette

November, 2008

Coming Events

2007

- 17 Nov **Milan Flyers Meeting**
7:00 PM at the Campfire Restaurant
- 15 Dec **Milan Flyers Christmas Dinner**
7:00 PM at the Campfire Restaurant
- 19 Jan **Milan Flyers Meeting**
7:00 PM at the Campfire Restaurant
- 16 Feb **Milan Flyers Meeting**
7:00 PM at the Campfire Restaurant
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Note: Please don't forget the next club meeting on November 17th at the Campfire Restaurant in Milan. Many of us meet at 6:00pm for dinner prior to the meeting. Please join us.

Milan Flyers Minutes October 20, 2008

The meeting was called by to order by Phil Smith, acting vice president, at 7:00 p.m. Seven members were present. (Bob Hendricks showed up a few minutes late due to another commitment.)

Minutes of the last meeting were approved.

Phil Smith was nominated as temporary Vice President. Bob Hendricks (was Vice President) is acting President replacing Renaud Guibert, who resigned the president position because of a per-

sonal commitment/conflict on Monday nights.

Treasurer's Report: \$3,862.06 on hand

Membership Report: 30 members for 2008.

Field maintenance: The field was maintained during the past summer. A shaft broke on the mower and has been repaired at the expense of the club.

New Business:

1. There was no Fun Fly this year.
2. The Air Show was less than successful due to extremely poor weather conditions.
3. An extensive discussion was held regarding the lack of participation by club members. Bob Hendricks agreed to put an editorial in the newsletter pleading for additional participation.
4. The club web site was talked about, which was maintained by John Cramer, who was killed in an auto accident the passed year. The Club needs a volunteer with web experience to take over the website.

The business meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Jim Jagdmann showed his amphibious model plane which he has flown from

and landed on water.

Indoor electric flying begins November 14th at Saline Middle School.

Respectfully submitted by Ken Gable.

Renaud Guibert has resigned as Club President. His leadership and time commitment will be greatly missed. Thanks for the great job Renaud.

Letter from Renaud

Ann Arbor, August 15th, 2008
 To: Mr. Bob Hendricks
 Vice-President of the Milan RC Flyers
 1865 Pond Shore Drive,
 Ann Arbor, Mi. 48108

Dear Bob,

As I told you over the telephone, I will be dealing with personal business, which will prevent me to assume effectively the presidency of the Milan RC Flyers Club for a significant period of time.

I am convinced that, in order to prevent any detrimental impact on the Club's activities, it is preferable that I step aside and allow someone else to fulfill the duties inherent to the President's functions.

Therefore, I suggest that elections be organized during the next Club meeting (September 22nd, 2008) or during the November meeting to elect a new President.

I take this opportunity to thank all the Officers and Members of the Club for the trust, help and friendship that they gave me during my tenure as President.

Bob, please include this letter in the next Club newsletter in order to inform all the Club Members.

Very sincerely yours,

Renaud Guibert
 President of the Milan RC Flyers

Editorial:

Volunteers Wanted (and needed soon)!

Years ago a small group of volunteers with interest in model aviation and the City of Milan developed the Sanford Flying Field. The City of Milan provided land, and some support to develop the flying field, but the rest was up to the flyers to organize and maintain. This eventually led to the establishment of the Milan Flyers Club.

Thus, the Milan Flyers Club is unique in that our Sanford Field is owned by the City of Milan and is administered by the Milan Parks and Recreation Department. The Flyers have use of the land without charge, but in exchange, the flyers must adhere to AMA and city rules and regulations, provide for grooming and maintenance of the field and grounds, and maintain Charter Club/AMA licensing. In other words, the city fully expects that the modelers, who enjoy the use of the site, must do more than just fly at the site! The Milan Flyers Club has historically been the lead club that oversees the performance of Field maintenance and the enforcement of rules, licensing and other requirements necessary to keep the field a legitimate AMA authorized site and maintain the continued support of the City. If the Club did not exist, one can easily extrapolate that the Field would also cease to exist.

Currently, membership in the Milan Flyers Club is down from prior years. One can speculate that the de-

cline in membership is partly due to the economy, people moving, and an increase in the use of electrics and backyard flying. As a result, Club volunteerism is also down.

Financially the Club is OK, however, the Club has reached a point where more members are needed to volunteer. The Club's needs include people willing to take leadership roles, as well as other assignments required to keep the Club viable. If we can get more volunteers, then no one will be required to do too much. But, we have definitely reached a point where we need more members to step forward. Additionally, we need all members to work on persuading those who fly at the field, but are not currently members, to join and provide support for the Club and the Sanford Field.

Bob Hendricks

**Milan Flyers'
Christmas Dinner
At the Campfire in Milan
December 17th**

Please contact Vern Campbell at 734-439-7727 or e-mail dvcampbell@toast.net if you plan to attend the Christmas Dinner. Please let Vern know as soon as you can, but not later than December 5th. Everyone buys their own meal from the menu. Spouses and friends are all welcome. If there is not enough interest in a Club Christmas Dinner, we will have a regular meeting with a dinner gathering prior to the meeting as we usually do.

Special Notice:

**Indoor Flying
Saline Community Education**

**Presents
RC Indoor Flying in
Saline, Michigan
RC Electric Indoor Flying Dates –**

November 14th 21st & 28th
December 12th 19th & 26th
January 2nd 9th 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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