

# SUPER RC FLYER



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## MRCMC General Membership Meeting Minutes

**Date:** Nov 6, 2013

**Members Present:** Jim Bartch, Ron Brewer, Jim Clark, Bob Ebach, Karl Eckerle, Mike Fjerstad, Greg Gavit, David Goetz, Jerry Hahnfeld, Chris Hawkins, Bob Hill, Bobby Hill, Al Klashak, Mike Nentwig, Rob Pound, Al Quick, Ray Ruzsala, Bob Thompson, Brad Wolfgang, Don Zahm, Steve Zahm, Fred Schultz, Ken McNurlen.

**Visitors Present:** Bert Eggers

Mike Fjerstad called the meeting to order at 7:30PM

1. The minutes from last month's meeting were accepted as printed in the newsletter.
2. The treasurer's report was given and accepted. Karl Eckerle reviewed the income and expenses from last month. Dues for 2014 are now due and can be paid to Karl at any time.
3. One visitor, Bert Eggers, was introduced. He knows Mike Fjerstad. He has a go-pro camera and is looking for uses for it. He thought that putting it on an R/C plane would be interesting, so he is considering getting into the hobby.
4. Jerry Hahnfeld gave an update on the Cub Scout rocket launch which took place last month. There were about 25 scouts in attendance and many parents and siblings. The kids all seemed to have fun. The club supplied a hot dog dinner to the scouts and their families. The scout troop will reimburse the club for the expense.
5. Jerry also gave an update on the float fly held last month at Stratford Park in Midland. There were around 20 people in attendance and maybe a dozen people flew. The weather was nice. Most all planes were successful in getting off the water.
6. The field cleanup which occurred on November 2<sup>nd</sup> was discussed. There was a good turnout of members to help cut brush in the outlying areas and trim weeds along the fence line. Steve Zahm ran the brush hog and also came out a few days later to continue brush hogging areas surrounding the field. Steve will also plan on finishing up this Saturday. Mike Fjerstad expressed his appreciation to all who helped out.
7. If someone wants to go out to the field on their own to cut down brush, they should first talk to Jerry Hahnfeld or Karl Eckerle. The club is governed by Dow as to what areas we can cut, and what areas we can't touch.
8. Jerry and Karl recently met with Carrie from Dow to discuss the field. Carrie is happy with the condition of the field and gave us guidance on what types of plants and bushes can be cut and what needs to be left alone.
9. Mike Fjerstad discussed a Boy Scout jamboree that the club participated in last month. Three area R/C clubs participated in this jamboree by bringing out planes for static display. The jamboree was held at the Midland County fairgrounds.
10. The upcoming club banquet was discussed. It will be held on February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2014 in place of the normally scheduled monthly meeting. It will be at the Trillium banquet facility on State Street in Saginaw. The cost will be around \$20/person with a cash bar. World class magician Gene Anderson will provide entertainment. The banquet will start around 6:00 with dinner at 6:30 and entertainment around 7:30.
11. The club will have a snow fly at the field on Saturday, January 4<sup>th</sup>. The event will begin at 10:00AM. If members are so inclined, they can bring out a pot of chili or a dish to pass for the pot luck lunch. Mike Fjerstad will bring a heater to heat up the garage, so people will have somewhere warm to congregate.
12. Mike discussed the indoor flying events at SVSU's Ryder center. The cost is \$10 to fly and it is free to come out and watch. The dates are listed below:
  - Nov 10, 2013 Sunday 6:00PM-10:00PM
  - Dec 18, 2013 Wednesday 6:00PM-10:00PM
  - Jan 25, 2014 Saturday 6:00PM-10:00PM
  - Feb 12, 2014 Wednesday 6:00PM-10:00PM
  - Mar 5, 2014 Wednesday 6:00PM-10:00PM
  - Mar 26, 2014 Wednesday 6:00PM-10:00PM

13. The January 2014 MRCMC meeting will be moved from January 1, to January 8<sup>th</sup>.
14. The December, January, March and April meetings will have a presentation. Karl will contact Brian from Rogers Hobby center to see if he will give a presentation on quad-copters at the December meeting. Jerry will discuss scratch building in January. Airplane covering will be presented in March. Jerry will then give a safety presentation in April.
15. For show and tell Lee showed off a small profile plane constructed from blue foam. Karl also showed a little rascal which is a smaller version of his 110" wingspan rascal.
16. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Greg Gavit on 11-8-2013

## FALL CLEAN-UP

Thanks to the hearty souls who showed up to help with the field clean-up on Saturday, Nov. 2. The weather was cold and wet but we managed to take down several stands of autumn olive on the north side of the field and established a few more brush piles. The fence line was also cleaned up with string trimmers. A broken shear pin delayed the brush hog but we expect to have the north and east ends prepared for winter within the week. A special thanks also to Kathy "Cookie" Gavit for bringing hot dogs and taco pasta to fuel us up after the work was done.

## Gene Anderson Returning for the 2014 Midland R/C Modelers Club banquet

Mark your calendars for Wednesday, Feb. 5, 2014, the date of our annual banquet. This year's banquet will again be held at the Trillium on State Street in Saginaw. We are privileged to have Gene Anderson return for an encore performance. Those of you who saw Gene two years ago remember that he combines jaw-dropping magic with fun entertainment. Gene is a world-class magician who happens to live in Mid-Michigan. Gene has performed all over the world and is known for his famous newspaper tricks. The banquet is a great opportunity to see amazing magic at close range. Don't miss this opportunity!

Notice!!! Karl Eckerle has got a commitment:  
December meeting will feature Brian from Roger's Hobby Shop telling us about quad copters.

Interesting Web sites:

**Videos are done with a Quad Copter.**

**The first is the Space X Grasshopper test flight**

<http://spaceref.com/nasa-hack-space/spacex-grasshopper-completes-another-test-flight.html>

**This video is from a quad copter in Niagra Falls. Go to full screen and sound.**

[http://www.youtube.com/watch\\_popup?v=cfoLYTKObiU](http://www.youtube.com/watch_popup?v=cfoLYTKObiU)

B-17 in miniture:

<https://plus.google.com/photos/110024267165632636502/albums/5942905978574384609?banner=pwa&authkey=CNaX1ISVypvzHw>

**Space/Aviation History images of the month**

## Most Amazing War-Plane In History !!! The K7

Built in Russia during the 1930s, it flew 11 times before crashing and killing 15 people.

The designer, Konstantin Kalinin, wanted to build two more planes but the project was scrapped. Later, Stalin had Kalinin executed. Evidently, it was not good to fail on an expensive project under Stalin . It's got propellers on the back of the wings, too. You can count 12 engines facing front. The size would be equivalent to the Empire State Building on its side, with cannons. And you think the 747 was big... not only a bunch of engines but check out the cannons the thing was carrying. In the 1930s the Russian army was obsessed by the idea of creating huge planes. At that time they were proposed to have as many propellers as possible to help carrying those huge flying fortresses into the air, jet

propulsion has not been implemented yet. Not many photos were saved from those times because of the high secrecy levels of such projects and because a lot of time has already passed. Still, on the attached photos you can see one such plane - a heavy bomber K-7. Can you imagine what it would be like sitting in this thing when those cannons go off? Looks like something out of a Jules Verne novel.



Electric K7 rc Model video

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rJ0Bgo0OTFU>