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Next Meeting: February 8 at **National Coney Island**, 30140 Van Dyke, Warren, MI 48093 (between 12 & 13 Mile Rd.) 7:00 PM

From the Editor

Hi guys, it's a brand new year, and as you can see, I've been a bit lazy again and decided to combine the January and February newsletters. I figured that this would be okay since there was no January meeting, and thus there will be no report on it. The club Christmas party was a great time, and hopefully everyone had a safe and happy holiday season.

As far as announcements go, membership dues are due by the end of February. For those who don't know, there is now an option to pay your dues online, just follow the link on the club's website. Also, the club has a new Vice-President for 2012, Perry Maniaci. I would like to welcome Perry to his new position as one of the club officers, and I'd like to thank John Kermizian for the job he has done the past few years as Vice-President.

In case you didn't attend the December meeting, we were visited by Darrell Bell who had a proposal for the club regarding his Mid-America event. Darrell requested the club's assistance in running the event by providing volunteers. In return, the club would be able to promote its involvement in the event, as

well as keep any profits turned in. So far, the major concerns expressed by club members regarding this proposal, are whether or not the club will be responsible for any potential losses incurred from this event and being able to come up with a sufficient number of volunteers. In regards to the concern of financial responsibility, a few members who I have spoken with seem to agree that, at least initially, the club shouldn't be held responsible for any losses that may be incurred. However, going forward, it may be possible for the club to take on some measure of financial responsibility for future events. If this relationship turns out to be a positive thing for the club, and I believe it will over time, I think that doing so would help to strengthen it. Of course, these matters can, and probably will, be discussed further with Darrell prior to the event. As for the issue of volunteers, while there were several members who expressed interest in helping out, it seems unlikely that there would be very many who would be willing to give up a day's flying at the event. The most appropriate solution seems to be to have volunteers work in shifts of a few hours each, much like what is done at the IRCHA Jamboree. It was also agreed that most of the work would be involved with setting up on Friday morning and cleaning up on Sunday, with not a whole lot going on in between. If anyone has any opinions or concerns regarding the club's response to this proposal, I encourage you to either attend one of the next couple of meetings, or send an email to one of the club officers to make your voice heard.

In closing, I'd like to let everyone know that Joe Mack has organized a weekly indoor flying night. It starts this Wednesday and will continue every week from 9-11 PM at the golf dome by the Great Lakes Crossing mall. I have included a flyer with all the details. I would also like to express my most sincere condolences to Steve Durecki and his family on the passing of his father earlier this week. That's all for now, hope to see you all at the next meeting.

John Barta

Recap of December Meeting

The meeting was held on Wed. December 14, 2011 and was called to order at 7:30 PM. There were 13 members and 1 guest in attendance. The minutes for the November meeting were read and accepted. The treasury report for November was incomplete and Phil promised to have a revised report ready for the next meeting.

Old Business:

Tony Vomfell was given one of the gift cards purchased for needy families, and a call was placed to Len Bruley regarding the disposition of the other gift card.

The date for the 2012 fun fly was set for September 9, and Mike Lasker said that he would submit the paperwork for the AMA sanction after the first of the year.

New Business:

Guest Darrell Bell made a request for help from the club in running the Mid-America Fun Fly. He asked for volunteers and in return, the club would be able to promote its involvement in the event as well keep any profits made.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 PM.

Upcoming Events

February 2012

(8) Meeting at National Coney Island

March 2012

(14) Meeting at National Coney Island

April 2012

(11) Meeting at National Coney Island
(13-15) Toledo Weak Signals Show

May 2012

(9) Meeting outside at field
(19-20) Mount Pleasant Spring Fling
(30-31) 3D Flight School (Mid-America FF)

June 2012

(1-3) Mid-America Fun Fly
(13) Meeting outside at field

July 2012

(11) Meeting outside at field
(?) Chesaning Fun Fly
(?) CARDS Fun Fly
(?) Skymasters fun fly

August 2012

(8) Meeting outside at field
(11-15) AMA Nationals
(15-19) IRCHA Jamboree

September 2012

(9) Whirlybirds Fun Fly
(12) Meeting outside at field
(23?) Whirlybirds picnic

October 2012

(10) Meeting at National Coney Island

November 2012

(14) Meeting at National Coney Island

December 2012

(12) Meeting at National Coney Island
(?) Whirlybirds Christmas party

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The Michigan Whirlybirds welcomes new members of any skill level and will help novices with equipment selection, set-up and flight training. Membership is open to anyone with an interest in R/C helicopters. Dues are \$30.00 per year. New members enrolled after August 1st are \$15.00. Initiation fee is \$10.00 to new members and others renewing after February. Current AMA membership is required. Applications are available at most hobby shops, from the club or by contacting AMA directly.

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