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Dick Coles Memorial held on March 10, & 11, 2007 and State of the Club

Presidents Corner March 2007

First my sincere apology for the last two newsletters. In the February edition I told you I was including the State of the Club that was presented at the January meeting for those that could not attend. Some how that was not included. I thought that for sure it would be in the next addition and it was not.

I take full blame for that as I did not follow up with e-mails and phone calls. It looks like that is necessary any more to get things handled.

Anyway in the March newsletter in my article I said a full report would appear else where in the newsletter about the Dick Coles Memorial and it did not. Again I left it to those with that information to handle it and again I have to take the full blame for that.

Many of our club members gave a lot of their time to help make this Dick Coles Memorial a success. It was very refreshing to see some new members helping with putting the covers up and then helping to make sure they were put away after it was all over. To all that helped in every area thanks very much. Without help it would not happen.

The TV with built in VCR DVD players was won by Elwood Simon. Sure hope he enjoys having that addition to his home.

We had 58 pilots register many from other clubs around the area and from as far away as Chicago. I know we had some also from Michigan and not sure how many other places. It was a good meet for the club from a fund raising stand point. We made about \$3100.00 this year as compared to last year at about \$2100.00 and the year before at \$2900.00.

State of the Club as of January 2007

Many things have been completed this past year. Since July 3, when Bill Cryer and myself met with the City of Palmetto officials and managed to get the Paint Ball Field and the water separated we have made a lot of progress.

Rest Room are completed and we have the C/O on the building and have applied for the C/O on the field. Which means we have completed all the

items that was man dated by the county.

Many dollars and lots of work to get these things done. All of this is not the efforts of any one or two people but the hard work of many club members with the same gold in mind. Complete our field and have one of the nicest in the state. We now have a field we can all be proud of. Several of our members have made the remark that they feel bad because they are not physically able to help with the work. Not everyone can do the work needed but we can all be supportive of the group and help in any way you can. Some can give sweat and some can give money and some can give both and some cannot give either. Never the less we are still one group with one gold in mind flying our models and having fun.

When I joined this club 10 plus years ago there was a limit on the number of members we could have. That has all changed and now we are enjoying growth and from that we get stronger every year. No group ever enjoys 100% renewal every year and we are no exception. We lose members in different ways some move away and some do not renew because they lose interest or for some reason can no longer afford to enjoy our hobby. At any rate we are still growing. 2006 we reached about 160 members including family and life members. We are at about 141 for 2007 and I am sure we will surpass last years figures. We have 30 members that have not renewed. Some of them will not renew for reason already stated.

This is my 4th year as your President and I hope I am doing a good job since I took this position I have been cussed at and called many bad names but only by a very few, the majority of the members support me in my decisions and I hope I am doing what you want. The most recent name I was called was a cheap ASS, well if that is so it is because I am trying very hard to look after your money and spend it wisely for you. This is not the federal, state, county or city government with unlimited funds to spend and can just raise taxes to get more.

We still have several projects on the table and had hoped to have them completed before the March meet however with the requirements by the county it does not look that we can do that.

We will be adding more fence before the March meet but the shelters may not be in place. I am working with the county now to try and get the required permits so we can move forward. As you all know the county moves at its

own pace which does not include hurry.

Thanks to the Sterka family we have the funds to put up the shelters and we will get this completed but it will take some time. When we do get the needed permission to move forward we will need some help to complete this work. I feel sure that we can recruit the needed muscle to complete these task.

I still feel very strong that the membership should have a say in what the club does so if you have some suggestions please pass them on to any board member so we can talk about them. It has been my experience that members have good ideas and should have a say in what happens with there club.

The financial state of this club is good. We have 2 debts that I know about 1 is for repairs to the lawn mower that will be paid very soon and the other is a loan that the club accept from one member that was willing to loan some money interest free for 10 years. At this time we still owe 7 years on that loan. The payments are \$250.00 a year for a total of \$1,750.00. Since this is interest free there is no rush in paying this back. It is not costing the club anything to keep this money.

All of our equipment is paid for however we are looking at buying another mower and if we get the one we are talking about I believe we will be able to pay cash for it.

Over all we have a very good club with lots of great members.

January 2007 by Ray Thompson

MCRC EVENT CALENDAR

Important Club Dates to Remember

Mark your calendar

April
Meeting at the field Aril 29,
1:00 PM

April
Club Supper King's Buffet
April 4, @ 6:30 PM they
SUMMER SIZZLER FUN FLY
July 14, & 15, 2007 at the field.

BOD Meeting
April 11, at Clubhouse at
@ 7:30 PM

MCRC Membership
Meeting
May 27, @ 1:00 PM at the
Field

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