

Middlesex County R-C Fliers Club Newsletter – August 2019



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Club Events (TBA=To Be Announced)

Spring Night Fly – April 13 - done

Field Cleanup Day – May 11 - done

28th Annual Auction - May 19 - done

Family Day – August 11th

Construction Derby – Sunday, August 25

Yankee Doodle Day - TBA (Sep)

Fall Night Fly - TBA (Sep or Oct)



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2 FROM THE PREZ

Has it been hot enough for you? Made me feel like I was home (I grew up in Georgia), except it's like that every week in July and August. The heat probably kept a lot of us from the field but we have otherwise been blessed with few rainy days and it's been decently calm. Hope everyone managed to get at least some flying in despite the heat.

We had our July meeting at the field and it was well-attended and a lot of fun. We had a potential member come who eventually joined (Gerald Sunderman) and a new member made his introductions (Dan Del Sobral). We raffled off a new Timber X and Dan Costa was the lucky bastard. And it was a very nice evening and there was some flying after the meeting. Johnnie Yaz got some great drone video footage of me flying my foamy and I managed not to crash into his drone, unlike the last time that Steve Faust and I tried this. We posted the video on the Facebook page, so go check it out.

Don Fitzreiter has negotiated indoor flying rights at his church's new activity building, as long as we take some great drone footage for them, which Johnnie Yaz has agreed to do and waive any fee to the club. Thanks Yaz!

Don arranged for someone at the Billerica Parks and Trees Department to trim some of the tall grass around the runway which was getting a little high. With the seeding, thatching and fertilizing the Ray Capobianco arranged a few months ago, the runway grass is looking better than it every has. Thanks Ray, Don and Yaz for stepping up.

3 MEETING MINUTES – JULY 10, 2019 – BY SAKET SANKHLA

Attendance: 22, Location: MCRCF Field

1. Dan del Sobral: new member introduced to the club
2. Saket: Updated the Pike school (Sunday Chinese school) parents/kids interested in joining. I distributed 6 membership forms.
3. Neil: Construction derby is moved from July to August 25 (Sunday) because Ray thinks July is too hot.
4. Neil: Discussed the length of the grass and if it needs to be trimmed. Neil mentioned that John says that it needs to be cut super-low.
5. Neil: Brings, Be aware of the dog's park and fly safe. Yaz mentioned: we are safe to fly as we are too far from them.
6. Saket: As of July, we have 61 members, with nearly 12 new students. Simple kindness is inviting people to our club.
7. [Don Fitzreiter]: He was talking in Church, the family center (gym). We can use their gym to fly indoors. To fly indoor airplanes, the time needs to be scheduled so that we can fly indoor. All they ask is that someone take professional pics of the church. Yaz volunteered that he can take the pic. [This is at the Mount Hope Christian School in Burlington]
8. Raffle: Timber X 1.2m airplane from Horizon. Dan Costa won the prize.
9. Show and Tell: Yaz showed his flying wing, "Nano Strix Goblin FPV". Amazing wing with built-in camera for FPV. This is a rugged [flying] wing. I flew it with FPV and was amazing. Thanks to Yaz for being brave and giving me lessons to fly this FPV.
10. Still no update on connecting students to trainers.
11. No update on [field] mat.
12. No update: on construction derby, progress made so far, nitro or electric, equipment...
13. No update on family day...

4 FROM THE HANGAR



Dan de Sobral just joined our club and has been flying a couple of times a week since he joined.

Got into a conversation with him on WhatsApp and found out a little more.

Hi Dan, ...would you mind sending me a couple of sentences on the aircraft and why you like it?

"I like building planes, and I have had the Uproar kit for a couple years...I bought it on eBay. I was looking for a 40 sized "UltraStick" type of plane. So far it's been an easy build, although converting to electric is awkward. I had to add some extra spars in the center of the wing, because I will need to remove part of the leading edge to get a battery to fit."

What do you fly?

"I've got a handful of various parkflyers, a Midwest Aerostar, a Visionaire I just bought but have not flown, and the Uproar that's under construction."



Dan Boudreau about to take his eFlite Splendor for a spin.



Stephen Faust picked up his new-in-box Twin Otter.

“Heading to Syracuse NY today to pick up a NIB Hanger 9 Twin Otter. I’ve been looking for one for quite some time. They were discontinued a number of years ago. Not sure if I’ll go gas or electric.”

“Decided to go electric for the Otter for reasons such as variable CG with fuel tanks forward of wing, ease of use on electric, already have suitable batteries, ability for counter rotating props, can turn off/on one engine for single engine flight testing, airplane stays cleaner for packing the RV on trips, lighter overall weight, no gas smell in the car or RV, etc.”

Yaz going over the merits of his FPV wonder, the Nano Goblin. He buzzed the field at incredible speeds and maneuverability.

Then he slowed it down at altitude and put his FPV FatShark goggles on and proceeded to do the buzzing with the view provided from the plane. Then he let me (Mel Suarez) try it LOS but it was a bit “hot” for me as I haven’t been flying fixed wing until recently.



Sharad loves his 3D plane. Can you tell?
He likes to paint the sky with it. Used a sim to fine tune his maneuvers.



Dan checking the CG of his newly won plane (from the previous month's MCRCF meeting auction. Jim Orsborne is the assistant mechanic and Ken and I watching. The maiden voyage went well. Dan was cool as a cucumber.
He's got the leading edge slats on the thing. It will be docile for sure.



John Parisi is readying this beauty, a new 30cc Sbach 342.
Check out the lines and the color scheme on this aircraft!
Not a bad looking workshop, either...



5 NEW MEMBER FEATURE — DAN DE SOBRAL



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6 ARE YOU GOING? EVENTS IN THE AREA FROM THE AMA

Below are the results for a search on the Event Finder at <https://www.modelaircraft.org/>

PLUM ISLAND IMAC COMPETITION

CLASS AA

Contact: DAREN HUDSON

Location: 19 Plum Island Turnpike Newbury MA 01951

[Visit Website](#)

AUGUST3

SECOND ANNUAL FRITS MEMORIAL SOAR-IN (FORMERLY CRRC SOAR-IN)

CLASS A

Contact: CHRIS SCHUCH

Location: 233 North Road Sudbury MA 01776

[Visit Website](#)

AUGUST3 - 4

THE PETE REED Q-500 CLASSIC

CLASS AA

Contact: IRVING THURROTT

Location: 190 Green Rd Ellington CT 06029

[Visit Website](#)

AUGUST4

SECOND ANNUAL FRITZ BIEN MEMORIAL SOAR-IN

CLASS A

Contact: ANKER BERG SONNE

Location: 233 North Road Sudbury MA 01776

[Visit Website](#)

AUGUST10 - 11

CENTRAL MASS CHAMPIONSHIPS

CLASS A

Contact: NEIL SIMPSON

Location: 129 Podunk Rd E Brookfield MA 01515

AUGUST10 - 11

DOWNEAST SOARING CLUB UNLIMITED ALES

CLASS A

Contact: MIKE BERGERSON

Location: 175 Tuttle Rd Cumberland ME 04021

[Visit Website](#)

AUGUST10

MAINE CONTROL LINE FLY IN 2019

CLASS C

Contact: EDWARD SCHMIDT

Location: 449 Augusta Road Topsham ME 04086

[Visit Website](#)

AUGUST10

NEW ENGLAND SCALE FLY-IN

CLASS C

Contact: RAYMOND SCHMIDT

Location: 792 Conant St Bridgewater MA 02324

[Visit Website](#)

AUGUST10

RADIAN ONE DESIGN ALES CONTEST

CLASS A

Contact: DAVID SPIELMAN

Location: 233 North Road Sudbury MA 01776

[Visit Website](#)

AUGUST11

MID-SUMMER MELT

CLASS C - RESTRICTED

Contact:

NEW ENGLAND JET RALLY

CLASS C - RESTRICTED

Contact: LAWRENCE ROPER

Location: 19 Plum Island Turnpike Newbury MA 01951

AUGUST17

JOHN NICOLACI MEMORIAL FLOAT FLY

CLASS C

Contact: EDWARD WATTS

Location: 485 Marys Pond Rd Rochester MA 02738

AUGUST17 - 18

NEW HAMPSHIRE FLYING TIGERS FLY IN

CLASS C

Contact: JOHN LAVERY

Location: 37 Rockingham Road Londonderry NH 03053

[Visit Website](#)

AUGUST17 - 18

NUTMEG STATE ELECTRIC FLY-IN

CLASS C

Contact: GEORGE SAWN

Location: 190 Green Rd Ellington CT 06029

[Visit Website](#)

AUGUST24 - 25

RISC UNLIMITED TD

CLASS A

Contact: MAARTEN BROESS

Location: 631 Usquepaugh Road South Kingstown RI 02892

[Visit Website](#)

AUGUST24 - 25

WINGS OVER HADLEY

CLASS C

Contact: MICHAEL SHAW

Location: 21 Honey Pot Road Hadley MA 01035

[Visit Website](#)

AUGUST - SEPTEMBER31 - 1

WINTONBURY FLYING CLUB GIANT SCALE FLY IN

CLASS A

Contact: THOMAS ROCHELEAU

Location: 200 Seabury Dr Bloomfield CT 06002-2650

[Visit Website](#)

SEPTEMBER7

SEPTEMBER CONTEST

CLASS AA

Contact: RICHARD ZAPF

Location: 222 Lions Mouth Rd Amesbury MA 01913

[Visit Website](#)

SEPTEMBER7 - 8

WARBIRDS OVER ELLINGTON

CLASS A

Contact: DENNIS THIBODEAU

Location: 190 Green Rd Ellington CT 06029

[Visit Website](#)

SEPTEMBER13 - 15

JOEL CHAPPELL MEMORIAL/23ND FALL FLOAT FLY-IN

CLASS C

Contact: TIM SOWDER

R14 - 15

18TH ANNUAL BIG BIPLANE BASH

CLASS C

Contact: STEVEN DALENA

Location: 3 Meadow Rd Farmington CT 06032

[Visit Website](#)

SEPTEMBER14 - 15

KIWANIS FLOAT FLY IN

CLASS C

Contact: WILLIAM REEVE

Location: 40 Kiwanis Beach Rd Standish ME 04084

SEPTEMBER15

MID-SUMMER MELT

CLASS C

Contact: PAUL STOTT

Location: 76 Maple Avenue Durham CT 06422

SEPTEMBER22

SIMSBURY FLY-IN, CAR SHOW & FOOD TRUCK FESTIVAL

CLASS D - DEMO

Contact: DAMON ROSENTHAL

Location: 94 Wolcott RD Simsbury CT 06070-1416

[Visit Website](#)

SEPTEMBER22

WINGS & WHEELS

CLASS D - DEMO

Contact: DAREN HUDSON

Location: 71 Airport Rd Concord NH 03301

SEPTEMBER28

SSRCC MULTI CLUB FLY IN

CLASS C

Contact: RAYMOND SCHMIDT

Location: 792 Conant St Bridgewater MA 02324

7 FLYING TIPS

None this month.

Please submit your tips to me at melsuarez@Verizon.net , on WhatsApp or text (617.335.9770) and put "TIP" in the text, in the subject or text so I can find it later.



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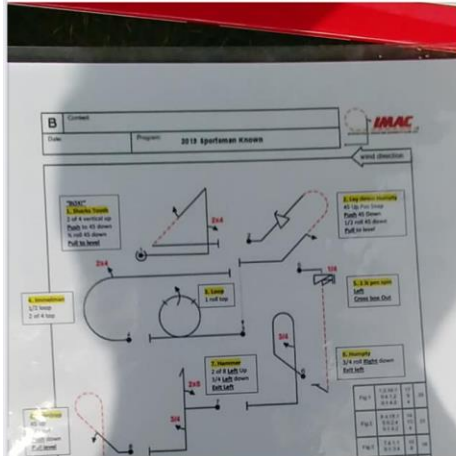
8 FROM THE EDITOR — MEL SUAREZ

This month I've been flying my "new" (from the auction) FlyZone Extra 300. It's a nice plane. Nice lines. Foamy. I hadn't flown planes regularly for quite a long time...maybe 3 years. Got a tiny bit of stick time from Jim Orsborn and Tony. So, this was trial by fire. I've put about a dozen flights on it by now and the maneuvers are coming back. Today I did a tail slide and some knife edge turns. Feels good to be "back".

Checked out the IMAC competition at Plum Island on Saturday, August 3. Saw some amazing aircraft and flying action. Had never been to one before. Interesting to see the 2 judges in their tents and hear all about the different classes plus watch the "Unlimited" guys go at it.

I was impressed with how high they have to fly to set up some of the stall diving roll maneuvers and I also understood that there is no "box" that they have to fly within. This picture below with Mark gives you an idea of the size. Check out the IMAC maneuver card also. See our Facebook page for close-ups.

Susan was such a trooper, hanging out in the car (with a good book). Bumped into Stephen Faust, Grant and Monica there and got caught up a bit.



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