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## 2 EVTOL TO THE RESCUE!

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Many of us have had planes devoured by trees and many of us have had such tragedies compounded by a rescue that included, sadly, a total demolition of said plane. This is an amazing exception!

On a cold day in April 2021, the Pandora went up and somehow ended up high up on a tree. The S.W.A.T. of Ray, Tony, Eugene and Mohammad went into action.

Eugene came up with the idea of hovering up to tree-top height and then putting this rather agile little plane into its vertical mode. This would release a string-golf ball contraption. Options were discussed with Ray and team. After hovering up and with much animated direction from the ground crew, the drone went into the vertical mode and sure enough the golf ball dropped and the line snagged the plane. This process was repeated with a second line.

After much yanking of lines and gnashing of teeth, the plane not only came down, but it actually slid down the string into the waiting arms of it's owner - Tony. Cheers and laughter were heard through the valley at such an amazing rescue that probably no reader has ever seen. (If you have, please send a note.)



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(courtesy: Eugene)

It's a beautiful thing indeed to see a nice airplane come down so gently from a very large tree after an unforeseen event.



### 3 MEMBERSHIP AND TRAINING

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#### 3.1 TRAINING DAY 1 & 2

Day 1:

Raheel and Fakhera came with their two boys, Moaiz and Tarik for training. You can see that training can be intense for the trainer, Ray Capobianco. They've met with Ray & Tony since who checked over their Apprentice STS.

Day 2:

Below are notes from a short interview I just did with Raheel (paraphrasing):

*The guys (Tony/Ray) spent 2-3 hours fixing the Apprentice that had some broken components, including trips home and to the store. They took things apart. The front wheel was not turning correctly Raheel fixed that at home.*

*It was real "hands-on" – they learned how the plane works that before was like a black box. The how/what/why – fun thing to do. The flying was exciting for them.*

*The guys had additional batteries which was good.*

*I want to donate a laptop. The one that was provided keeps crashing. We want to pay it forward. The guys have been great.*



## 4 FROM THE HANGAR



### 4.1 MICAH'S A-10 WARTHOG

Watched Micah take-off and fly this twin-engine beauty with down trim to counteract the flap lift during landing. And a gyro stabilized rudder to dampen the effects of front wheel induced yawing during take-off. \$380.

[Amazon link to plane](#)



(courtesy: Mel Suarez)

### 4.2 YOUR PLANE'S PICTURE HERE →

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Guys/gals, send me pictures of your flying vehicles to share with the club.

## 5 TIPS

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(Please think of sharing things that you've learned as you get deeper into this hobby, Folks. Thanks!)

### 5.1 MARCO POLO TO THE RESCUE!

Met up with Bob Draine, a mainstay at a field I discovered north of Bethany Beach, DE called Lewes -- <https://flylewesrc.com/index.html> . He showed me this Marco Polo device that provides a beacon and search utility for downed aircraft. It tells you the direction of the beacon and how far you are in percents (%). They need something badly at their field as they have nothing but corn on the other side of the runway as far as the eye can see. The outfit that makes theses is called Eureka Products at <https://eurekaproducts.com/> - the one he had could track 3 different units. So they shared the display unit. He put a beacon on my Sukoi plane just in case. I only put in a quick flight.



(courtesy: Mel Suarez)

### 5.2 HOW TO KEEP YOUR AMMO BOX FROM BECOMING A BOMB

As you may have heard, a lot of people pick up an ammo box to carry the very "energetic" batteries around. And said folks know that if there IS a fire in one of those ammo boxes and it is sealed up, it becomes a bomb essentially.

This from from Bob Draine of Lewes, DE. Cut a hole and put a muffler on it so that gasses can escape. Clever, huh?



(courtesy: Mel Suarez)



## 6 EDITOR ON THE LOOSE! – BY MEL SUAREZ

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### 6.1 THE FLATLANDS

To fly a somewhat large plane, like my quarter scale Patty Wagstaff Extra, it is good indeed to have extra flat land, especially when getting familiar with the plane. See picture of Dan Micalizzi working on the Extra.

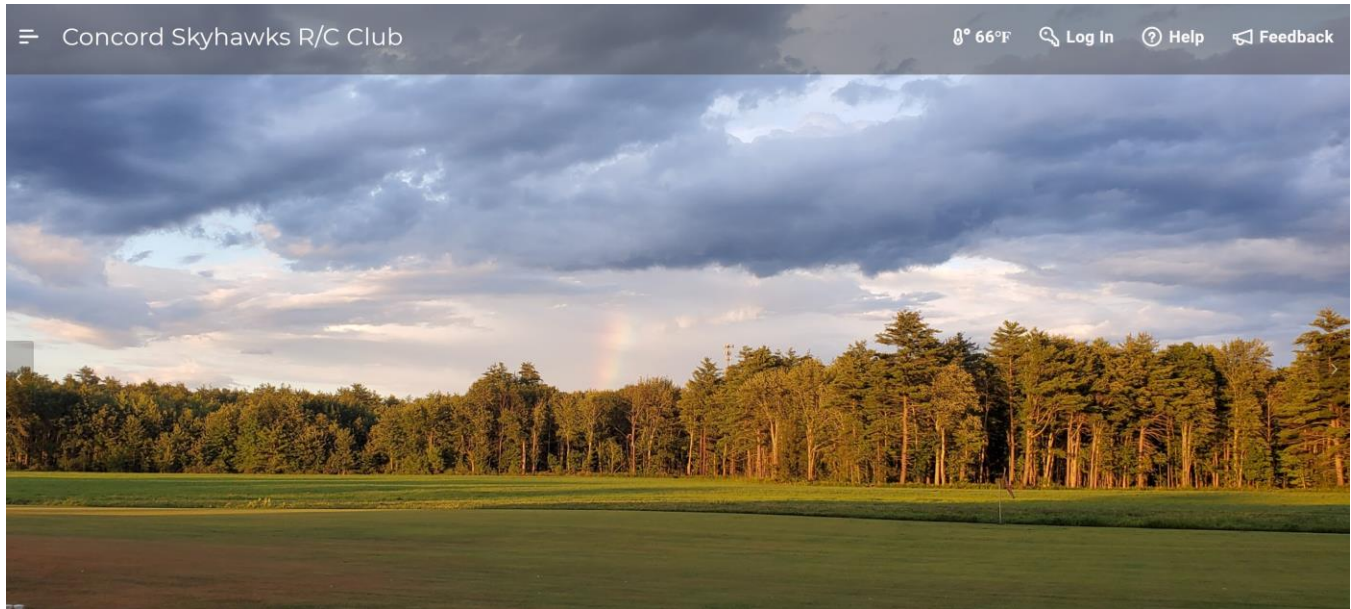


(courtesy: Mel Suarez)

And so Yaz mentioned that the field of the Concord Skyhawks was very large indeed and that he would be there that weekend. (Ref: <https://concordskyhawks.com/a/szz/r/rc/home> ) Well, I checked it out and let me just tell you that, yes,

it has every amenity that you could wish for – even an outhouse. But more seriously, it has a huge charging station with about 7 solar panels, a large tree providing shade for the pilots to talk trash under, a boxcar with equipment including a grill, and picnic tables.

It was a Saturday and, of course, they had cooked up some hotdogs. But the most extraordinary thing is the field itself. At one point it was a sod farm, so of course, it is very, very flat and very, very large. The runway is cut low (as you'd expect) and it's quite wide but also, around it is nothing but barley that is about 6 inches tall at the most, and so you can see forever. Check out the amazing picture below from their website. Is that crazy or what?



(courtesy: Concord Skyhawks)

I stupidly asked if there had been any good crashes lately, and, right after I asked, I realized how dorky a question it was... just slightly nervous and trying to make conversation. No answer. Sure enough, about half an hour later, one of the big planes went in with some kind of a servo malfunction and luckily the plane did not sustain heavy damage. Someone said “That answers your question.” (nervous lafter)

The field is a little bit closer than the CAGS damn, so I may try it with my quarter scale unless I decide instead to fly at the Acton fields. We shall see. Below is a picture of the charging station with solar panels.



(courtesy: Mel Suarez)

BTW, Concord Aero Guidance Sociate (CAGS), in Hopkinton, NH, is not a bad field at all to fly a large plane. Picture below:



(Courtesy of CAGS at <https://www.cagsnh.com/a/szz/r/rc/home> )

John Parisi and others frequent “The Dam” often.

## 7 AMA EVENTS – ARE YOU GOING?

From the Event Finder at <https://www.modelaircraft.org/> for **District 1, 9/1/2021 – 11/30/2021**

<b>SEPTEMBER11 - 12</b>
<b>EASTERN MASS INVITATIONAL</b>
<i>CLASS A</i>
<b>Contact: NEIL SIMPSON</b>
<b>Location: 260 Pembroke St Kingston MA 02364</b>
<b>SEPTEMBER11 - 12</b>
<b>GRANITE STATE IMAC IN THE FALL</b>
<i>CLASS AA</i>
<b>Contact: JAMES CYR</b>
<b>Location: 58 Locke Rd Concord NH 03301</b>
<a href="#">Visit Website</a>
<b>SEPTEMBER11 - 12</b>
<b>STEALTH SQUADRON - SEPTEMBER CONTEST</b>
<i>CLASS A</i>
<b>Contact: STEPHEN EVANS</b>
<b>Location: 222 Lions Mouth Rd Amesbury MA 01913</b>
<a href="#">Visit Website</a>
<b>SEPTEMBER17 - 19</b>
<b>JOEL CHAPPELL MEMORIAL 24TH FALL FLOAT FLY-IN</b>
<i>CLASS C</i>
<b>Contact: Tim Sowder</b>
<b>Location: 973 Forest Rd Greenfield NH 03047</b>
<a href="#">Visit Website</a>
<b>SEPTEMBER18</b>
<b>19TH ANNUAL BIG BIPLANE BASH</b>
<i>CLASS C</i>
<b>Contact: DAMON ROSENTHAL</b>
<b>Location: 3 Meadow Rd Farmington CT 06032</b>
<a href="#">Visit Website</a>
<b>SEPTEMBER25 - 26</b>
<b>FALL FINALE COMBAT TOURNAMENT</b>
<i>CLASS A</i>
<b>Contact: NEIL SIMPSON</b>
<b>Location: 1330 Salem Turnpike Saugus MA 01906</b>
<b>SEPTEMBER25 - 26</b>
<b>SSRCC 2021 MULTI CLUB FLY IN</b>
<i>CLASS C</i>

<b>Contact: RAYMOND SCHMIDT</b> <b>Location:</b> 792 Conant St Bridgewater MA 02324 <a href="#">Visit Website</a>
<b>OCTOBER2</b>
<b>SECOND ANNUAL OUTDOOR SWAP MEET</b> <b>CLASS E - NON-FLYING</b> <b>Contact: SEAN SCIANNA</b> <b>Location:</b> East Coast Swamp Flyers Access Road Northford CT 06472 <a href="#">Visit Website</a>
<b>OCTOBER3</b>
<b>GREAT NEW ENGLAND ELECTRIC FESTIVAL</b> <b>CLASS C - RESTRICTED</b> <b>Contact: THOMAS TENEROWICZ</b> <b>Location:</b> 21 Honey Pot Road Hadley MA 01035
<b>OCTOBER6 - 10</b>
<b>PLUM ISLAND JETOVER FEST</b> <b>CLASS C - RESTRICTED</b> <b>Contact: JAMES CALOGGERO</b> <b>Location:</b> 19 Plum Island Turnpike Newbury MA 01951 <a href="#">Visit Website</a>
<b>OCTOBER17</b>
<b>ANNUAL AUCTION</b> <b>CLASS E - NON-FLYING</b> <b>Contact: Sean Feole</b> <b>Location:</b> 474 North St Georgetown MA 01833 <a href="#">Visit Website</a>
<b>OCTOBER23 - 24</b>
<b>107TH RC FLYERS FALL CHAMPIONSHIP</b> <b>CLASS A</b> <b>Contact: NEIL SIMPSON</b> <b>Location:</b> 1330 Salem Turnpike Saugus MA 01906
<b>NOVEMBER6 - 7</b>
<b>TURKEY DAY SHOOTOUT</b> <b>CLASS A</b> <b>Contact: NEIL SIMPSON</b> <b>Location:</b> 260 Pembroke St Kingston MA 02364

## 8 RANDOM STUFF



### 8.1 WHATSAPP??? -- A CHANCE TO TRASH TALK WITH FELLOW MEMBERS



How to get onto WhatsApp?

- Install WhatsApp on your phone
- Send your phone number to someone you know is on the MCRCF WhatsApp group (almost everyone is an admin) – e.g. any officer
- That admin adds your name/phone to their contacts on their phone
- Via WhatsApp, that admin sends you a link to the MCRCF WhatsApp group
- You click on the link and you will be in. You won't see old threads, just new ones after joining.
- Be sure to introduce yourself when you join.

Alfredo, Bob, Carl, Dan, Dan de, Dany, Don, Gerald, James, Jeff, John, Long, Mack, Neil, Paul, Randy, Ray, Rohan, Saket, Sharad, Stephen, Tony, Yaz, +1 (413) 687-8619, +1 (617) 828-3967, +1 (617) 877-7683, +91 98192 01230, You

### 8.2 LOANER REALFLIGHT SIMULATOR & LAPTOP AVAILABLE

If you're a new pilot or an instructor and would like to take advantage of our loaner laptop/simulator, contact Jeff Ward (see Page 1). Picture below.



It now runs RealFlight 9.5.

### 8.3 RC INSTRUCTORS

List of available instructors. Please note: this list is a work in progress. Some instructors may be listed below, however their schedules may preclude instruction at a given time. Contact Info will be added in the future but can be found in the Current Membership List.

Instructor	Contact Info
Ray Capobianco	617.697.4514
Gerry Crowley	978.857.1408
Tony DiPersio	978.430.2800
Jeff Ward	978.987.1142
John (Yaz) Yassemedis	603.321.8442
Stephen Faust – incl helis & FPV drones	978.925.9810
Neil Cumbie – 3D and XA (new)	678.358.7006
Jose Mendes - drones	978.227.7124
Jim Orsborn (Horizon Hobby Coach)	<a href="https://www.horizonhobby.com/flight-school-find-a-coach.html">https://www.horizonhobby.com/flight-school-find-a-coach.html</a>

### 8.4 MCRCF.ORG MEMBERS ONLY PAGE

Contains our Membership List, RealFlight files that mimic our field, and other info. Go to [mcrf.org](http://mcrf.org) and click on the "Members Only" link. You will need ID & password from a club member to get in.



Members Only

[Annual Financial Summary Reports](#) in Acrobat PDF format

[Current Membership List and contact information](#) in Acrobat PDF format

[MCRCF RealFlight Files](#) for download and use with RealFlight simulator.

[MCRCF YouTube Channel info and login](#) in Acrobat PDF format

### 8.5 NEWSLETTER GLOBAL TABLE OF CONTENTS

You want to buy a charger, say. And you know there was an amazing piece on it in one of the newsletters. But you which one??? We have a global table of contents listing some of the major articles. (Work in progress)  
<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1ZAbMnamPiclwd50E3XxQ2JhXYEQAzfkb3R0qvxZOiuo/edit?usp=sharing>

### 8.6 LIST OF MANEUVERS

Tired of flying the same patterns all the time? Check out 100 maneuvers and some links on how to do (some of) them:  
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1O0eF2NAFN7SgUS0sOMc5hXOCTJBdJeM0/view?usp=sharing>

### 8.7 SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL HOBBY STORE & GET DISCOUNT

This is one great hobby store and the owner, Bill Horton, has agreed to provide our Club with a discount. Show a current MCRCF membership card and receive a 5% discount for any purchase over \$25.



<http://abcrchobbies.com/> 11 Rockingham Rd,  
Windham, NH 03087; (603) 458-6481

### 8.8 PLANE RETRIEVAL

Call Paul Sullivan – his friend, Mike, charges ~\$50 to retrieve a plane...depending on the complexity of the rescue!  
 Also, several members have camera drones and can help with a search & rescue efforts. Carl ("Mack") McKenzie is one - 978 208-7969

### 8.9 CLUB SAFE LOANER TRAINER IS AVAILABLE

The AeroScout is ready for use in exposing people to flight. Contact Jeff Ward to reserve it. It comes with 1 22mah battery and transmitter.



The aircraft is kept in Jeff's workshop with a combo key enclosure.  
 (photo courtesy of Jeff Ward)

### 8.10 TRAINING REPORT

Member	Training/Checkout Status	Type
Steve Marone	Checked out for drones. Needs fixed wing training	Jerry
Eli Wiel	Checked out for drones. Needs fixed wing training	Jerry
George Butch Balduf	Training In progress	Tony
Gerald Sunderman	Training In progress. Waiting for Covid relief.	Jerry
Hugh McNeil	In Training.	Jerry
William Lunt	Need to refresh need for training	Jerry
Charlie Petricone	In training.	Nitro & Electric
Taylor Alexandra	In training for drones/plans fixed wing training in future	Jerry
Bob Forgione	Refresh training for fixed wing	Jerry
Eamonn Quinn	In training	Jeff
Elizabeth Jean	In training	
Abigail McAdams	Needs checkout for drones(?) - Triton Systems	
Raheel Retiwalla	In training	Tony/Ray
Moaiz Retiwalla	In training	Tony/Ray
Tariq Retiwalla	In training	Tony/Ray

#### SOLOED RECENTLY

Muhammad Sami	Soloed on 7/1/2021	Ray/Tony
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