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Glow Conversion of a Foamy

Yes, this is a foam plane that Sonny Sok modified by installing a glow engine for more power. Seen at the Field. *Photo by Jim Orsborn*

President's Message, by Jerry Crowley

Greetings to all our Club members. It's January and winter is here. For those who fly in the cold stuff it's time to dust off those skis and get them mounted. Hopefully we will be able to get in some nice flying days between now and the spring season. Paul Sullivan and others have closed in the gazebo for your winter enjoyment.

I would like to thank all those who helped in supporting all the functions we had during the year 2014. It's hard to believe we are into another year already. January and February are months where we plan for this years activities. I would like to thank all of the people who have supported the Club over the last year and thank them for the unselfish effort to support the activities and functions for last year. It's great that we have people to step up and support our Club year after year but please consider volunteering your effort to help support functions during this upcoming year.

Jerry Crowley

Annual Election of new Officer and Directors

The January meeting is when we elect new Officers and Directors for the coming year. This year we had 13 members who showed up to approve business and participate in the election. The following slate was offered. After asking, there were no additional nominations from the floor, so the proposed slate was approved as submitted.

President: Jerry Crowley

V. President: Paul Sullivan

Treasurer: Jeff Ward

Secretary: Ray Capobianco

Directors: Charlie Bacon, Dan Fisher and Bob Forgione

Congratulation to all.

Treasurer's Report:

Jeff presented an Annual Treasurer's report that has been posted to the Members Only section of the MCRCF Website. The following highlights are from Jeff's report.

Jan 1, 2014	<u>Starting Balance</u>	\$10,478
Income:	Auction	\$4,564
	Raffles	\$ 747
	Dues	\$4,115
Expenses:	Auction	\$3,246
	Raffles	\$ 640
	Field Maint	\$1,407
	Donations	\$1,361
	Other Exp	\$1,944
Dec 31, 2014	<u>Ending Balance</u>	\$11,306

Membership Renewals

Let's start with the good news: We've already received 41 membership renewals for 2015. That means almost 1/2 of our 86 members from last year have completed the renewal process. Great job.

According to our By Laws we all have an annual membership that goes from Jan. 1st thru Dec. 31st. There is a provision that allows members to vote in the annual election of Officers and Directors in January; so unpaid memberships do expire at the conclusion of the January business meeting.

Renew before March 1st

As a courtesy, the club has traditionally given members until February 28th to pay their dues without penalty. However, any member who waits until March 1st to pay their dues is required to pay the \$25 initiation fee as well.

Renewal Process

So let's go over the renewal process. To make everything clear, there is a checklist at the bottom of the renewal form. Trouble is we have members who forget to read and follow the check list. Members who forget to follow the checklist will find their application at the bottom of the pile — sort of like a plane with no fuel.

For the club to process your application, you MUST submit: 1) a signed application form, 2) a copy of your current AMA card, 3) a list of frequencies you will use, and 4) a stamped envelope. Use the checklist, otherwise Ray will wait for your call.



Field Safety

This is rather difficult for me to write, but we all feel that there is an important message that everyone needs to hear. One of our top flyers recently had an accident at the field and had to be transported by ambulance to the hospital where he received over 100 stitches to close 20 cuts on his right hand.

Safety First

Complacency was a primary factor, so the first point is to Think Safety First. John knew better, but he had already made one adjustment to the engine, so he tried to do it again.

Don't Fly Alone

So some won't like to hear this; but our Safety Rules already suggest that it is not a good idea. We don't say you can't; but John would have been in serious trouble had he been alone. With his right hand bleeding, it would have been very difficult to locate and dial his cell phone.

Fly with a Spotter

Some clubs require that flyers have a spotter with them to help take care of things that the pilot may not observe. The extra person can also help restrain the plane if needed; or warn the pilot that someone has wandered onto the runway.

We all wish John the Best

John, we all wish you the best and hope that you have a speedy recovery.

Coming Events

Auction: Sat. Jan 25th

Feb Meeting: Wed. Feb 11th

Annual Club Auction

— **This Sunday, Jan. 25th** —

The club's Annual Auction is scheduled for this coming Sunday, Jan 25th. The event will be held at the Marshall Middle School in Billerica.

We need volunteers!

We need members who can volunteer to help set up and run the auction. Show up at the school around 10AM and we'll help find a job for you. If you have some model related items for sale, bring them too.

We're going to try and make a quick exit once the auction is over, so we need a few volunteers to help with cleanup as well.

February Meeting

— **Wed. Feb. 11th** —

This is a bit early, but don't forget our next monthly club meeting will be held on **Wed., Feb. 11th.**

Monthly meetings are held at 7:30 pm at the Lewis building, 248 Boston Road.

Coming Events

Spring Cleanup

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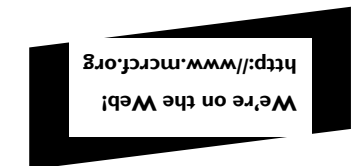
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