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Ready to Go.

Dave watches as John gets ready for a flight. Looks like a Hanger 9 Funtana with a Saito 1.15, 4 Stroke, but you'll need to confirm that with John.

Photo by Gerald Carignan.

From your Newsletter Editor, *by Jim Orsborn*

This issue is on sort of a short schedule, so I'm going to offer an introduction and not ask our President for his usual input.

Please take note of Angie's article on page 3; she's writing from the heart and it's worth noting that some things are bigger than they seem at the moment.

John's plane, here

on the cover looks really great (Thanks Gerald for the photo). He is doing a last minute pre-flight before going up. Check out the article on page 2 for some additional thoughts.

We've got a new solo pilot, Paul Walsh. As a graduate of our MCRCF Flight Training program, he is ready for the next step in his journey as

an RC Pilot.

I'm talking with one of our members about an Advanced Flight Training program and would be interested in any thoughts you may have.

We've had one Fun Fly event that keeps getting rained out, but we do still have these dates on the book for the remainder of this year.

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January 2012

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Pre-Flight by Jim Orsborn

I guess I could have used any of the photos on this page for the cover, but the one I chose looked so much better. John, I wasn't even at the field when this happened, so please accept my apology for everything that I have wrong. I'm also sorry for what happened, but thought I might be able to fill in some pieces and close out the newsletter.

When he put the plane back on the pre-flight stand and started the engine, John was heard to say that the engine was running lean, and he thought that was the reason why it sputtered and then just quit on takeoff. Engine failure is a common cause for RC Plane crashes. But it sure does ruin the day when it happens. This plane went into the trees behind the runway

at the parking lot end of the field.

Nice thing that there were no cars in the parking lot. Guess this is why we don't allow flight over it when there are people and cars there.



John called on the services of a local tree climbing expert to help get the plane out of the tree. Knowing how and having the right equipment is an important safety factor. John, perhaps you could post the contact info at the field, or we'll add it here to the newsletter. I know that many of you have climbed trees and removed them yourself — poles, ladders, ropes, etc. I've seen them all, but also know that real tree experts will follow safe practices and will retrieve your plane with minimal collateral damage.



Back to the pre-flight title. I hope that John didn't know the engine was running lean before he took off. If YOU know that the engine is not running quite right: stop, ask for some help, fix the problem. This goes for anything else that is not working right. Even something that doesn't sound right might turn out to be a servo that has a stripped gear or the control surface is binding because something shifted.



Pre-flight checks should also include knowing the wind direction, frequency pin conflicts, status of all no-fly areas to be avoided, location of other pilots, planned flight maneuvers, and basic emergency procedures.



(Cont. from Cover)

Double check the club events mentioned on the cover and on Pg 5.

Yankee Doodle is a fun day for all that attend, and we do need volunteers to help organize the crowd that will show up to fly.

The party and Auction are scheduled for January, but you should already have the dates on your calendar.

In closing, have a great day and be safe as we move into the Fall season.

Jerry, we are all wishing you a full and speedy recovery, and hope to see you at the field soon.

Jim Orsborn
MCRCF Newsletter

Proud To Be In The Club by Angie Fitzreiter

My name is Angie Fitzreiter, and I am a female flier. I've thought about writing, to give you my unique perspective, but I've procrastinated. When Jeff Ward brought us "Red Tail Reborn" to watch at the August club meeting, I knew now was the time.

My interest in the MCRCF started with the purchase of our first home, its proximity to the flying field, and frankly because we drove by the field hundreds of times. You could say I was only interested as the wife of a guy who wanted to learn the hobby. However, the more that people welcomed or encouraged me to build or fly, including Don, it became clear that flying is a hobby we would share.

Since the first year we joined, I've had many memorable experiences.

- completing the training program, earning my sign off on a fall afternoon
- becoming honorary "First Lady"
- filling up parts of our basement with planes, parts, engines, and radios
- winning my own DX7 at the Christmas party
- remembering Vic Vogal's life earlier this year
- and the most recent experience was learning about the accomplishments of the Red-Tail Angels.

According to the brochure, "the club is dedicated to the promotion of building and flying radio controlled model aircraft". However, I'd say it is also in the business of promoting great friends, teaching life lessons, and sharing the American dream. So, even though my membership is the result of moving onto Treble Cove Road, a happy flying-related accident, I look forward to learning more, crashing less, and experiencing life together with my flying club.

Angie

Notes From the Field *by Jim Orsborn*

August Meeting Notes

President, Jerry Crowley, opened the August meeting at 7:40 PM with 16 members in attendance.

New Member this month is Buzz Burrowes who joins us from California. Buzz has flown before, but is coming back after an 18 yr slow period.

Jeff Ward offered a Treasurer's report that indicated we still have approximately \$5,000 in the bank.

Ray Capobianca reported that we currently have 63 paid members.

The business portion of the meeting covered the following topics, not necessarily in this order:

Plans were still on the table to hold the Fun Fly on the Rain Date. But this was actually cancelled due to staffing complications. Food, events, were all talked about.

We talked about the Yankee Doodle Day scheduled for September. The club usually supports this three-day event on just Saturday. But after the parade, we usually have several instructors and

a couple planes operating on the lower Soccer Field that is behind the Ice Rink. The line of kids who visit is always impressive. We often have a booth against the rear wall of the HS where folks can ask questions.

Workers who can be in place before the parade kicks off are appreciated, but relief workers who show up throughout the day are really appreciated.

Show N Tell

Paul Sullivan brought a Great Planes Corsair for everyone to see. I've since seen Paul fly this plane and have to admit that it is quite impressive in the air. No retracts, but then the landing gear is less prone to break too.

Bob Forgione brought a Hanger 9 P-51. Bob installed a Saito engine with a remote needle valve. The plane also has retracts that will add to the in-flight realism. I have not seen this one fly, so you'll have to ask Bob for a report.

New Pilot

Yes, Paul Walsh recently completed the MCRCF

Training program and has qualified for solo flight operations. Please take a moment to congratulate Paul the next time you see him at the field.

Raffle

We had a .40 size Space Walker as the raffle prize this month. I actually had possession of the winning ticket when it was drawn, but then had to admit that Angie had let me hold her ticket in anticipation of her number being drawn.



Bob Forgione's P-51



Paul Sullivan's Corsair



Angie Fitzreiter won the monthly raffle

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New Solo Pilot; Paul Walsh

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