

Middlesex County R-C Fliers Club Newsletter – March 2020



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Upcoming Club Events:

<i>Wednesday, 4 March 2020 - MCRCF Regular Meeting</i>
<i>Indoor Flying Event - tentative date Monday, March 9th, 8 p.m. Mount Hope Christian Center, Burlington</i>
<i>Construction Derby Sunday June 7th, 2020 (June 14th Rain Date)</i>
<i>Family Day Sunday July 26th, 2020 (August 2nd Rain Date)</i>
<i>Fun Fly Sunday September 6th, 2020 (September 13th Rain Date)</i>



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2 CLUB MEETING NOTES – FEBRUARY 5 – MEL SUAREZ

2/5/2020, Attendees: ~12

2.1 MEMBERSHIP

Contact Saket with any issues regarding membership cards. Thanks to all the officers for last year's work.

- Reminder to renew your membership by end of Feb.

2.2 FINANCES

Jeff indicated that the balance at end of year is \$10k. The auction was key, netting \$1,827 partly due to the estate gifts. The venue cost was substantially less.

2.3 Remote ID

- Dan Hudson (AMA) will be speaking at the Burlington meeting. Members are encouraged to attend. Comment Period is through 3/2/2020.
- Methods of handling Remote ID include: the aircraft transmits its location, another is through the web, and a third is by flying in an FAA Recognized Identification Area (FRIA). (my rough notes)
- Members are encouraged to comment. There are templates that can help. You have to create a login to submit a comment.

2.4 Flight Committee

- Neil commented that it's almost complete. Will have it finalized soon.

2.5 CONSTRUCTION DERBY

- Neil mentioned that Ray has gotten all 6 kits ready for the construction derby, including 3 electric and 3 nitro 30-size kits. Tentative day is 6/7 with a raindate of 6/14.
- Family Day is 7/26 with raindate 8/2
- And 9/6 with raindate 9/13
- Also discussed Night Flights
- Indoor Flying – Cody Wodjiak – designer of Extreme Flight airplanes, will be attending



2.6 SHOW N TELL

- Dan M – showed off his Fokker. Took him about 6 months to build. He did his own painted decals; the plans were so old that the decals in the kit were no good.



What is it? Fokker D 7

How did you acquire it? Bought it at the Burlington auction last year

What was it like building it? Because it was left for so long partly complete, some parts were missing.

Engine? Super Tiger 60

2.7 Raffle

The raffle was a smart battery, 4s 2200mah, 30C discharge rate plus charger, 50 watts. Here's a Facebook post from Neil that explains the technology a bit and the link.

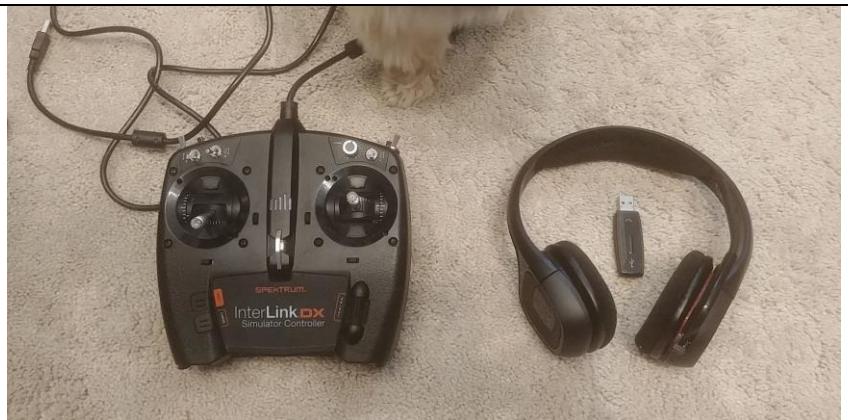
With last month's raffle of some Spektrum Smart batteries and checker, here's a video that should explain it better than I did.



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kQk_VrrLUU0&fbclid=IwAR1CVX4X0qQnz52xrWSGj9uaT_p4liw-Zn5fkuVxkeAUQSGg8YrcLSF1WIk

3 FROM THE HANGAR

Mel Suarez: After doing some RealFlight I realized I needed a headset. The guys on the server called "...warbird combat..." suggested a Gamecom. So I bought this Gamecom 818 shown on the right. Furry thing at the top is probably Milo – unrelated but curious. On the left is the RealFlight 9 controller.



Mel Suarez: This is the spinner I brought to the Show N Tell a few months ago. There was more interest than I anticipated.



4 INDOOR FLYING



Yaz posted a great video of the MCRCF indoor flying event in February. We've opened it up to other clubs. So the turnout was great. He comments in the video that there were 7 planes up at a time.

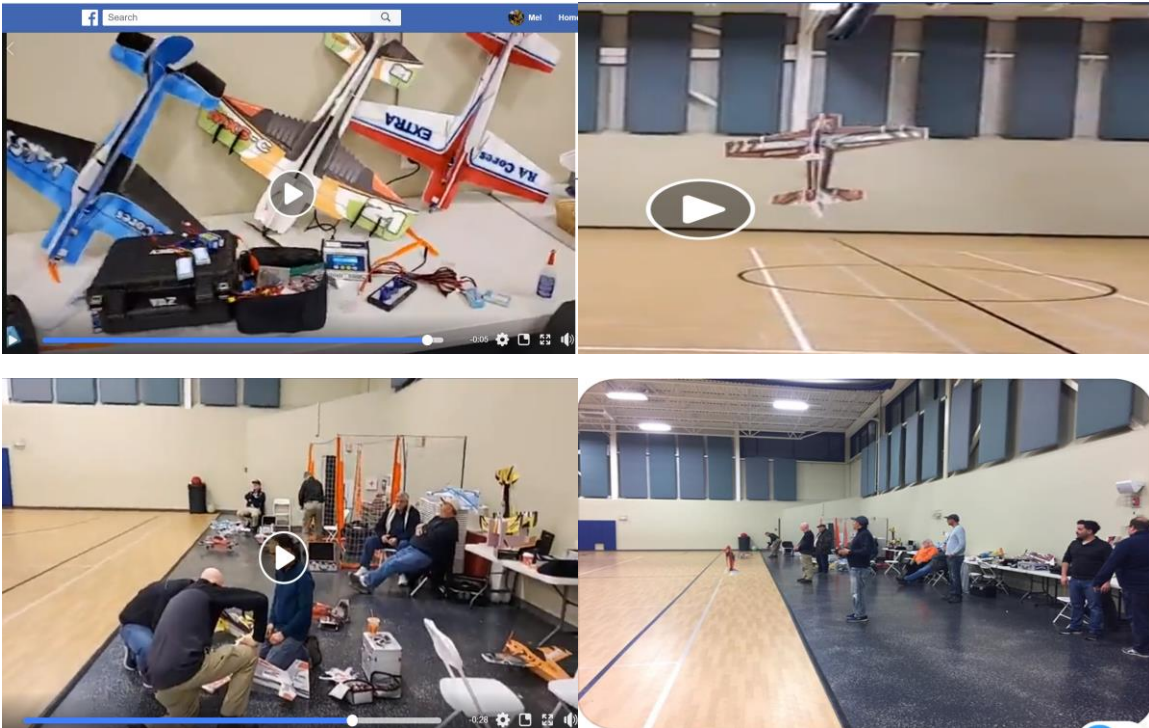
The nicely done video is currently available on Facebook. Here's the link if you're a member of FB: <https://www.facebook.com/johnnie.yaz/videos/951091145287571/>. I'm hoping Johnny will drop it into YouTube (no pressure).

RC pilots came from all over: Bridgewater, Millis, Southern New Hampshire, and MCRCF.

Planes included Night Vapors, ExtremeFlight, Multiplex Bipe, etc.

Some distinguished guests including RC aircraft designer, Ted Wodjik, AMA rep Dan Hudson, el Presidente Neil Cumbie and the man who makes it all happen Don Fitzreiter.

"Two hours was not long enough" it was said, so this time it was three hours, 8-11.



5 ARE YOU GOING? AMA EVENTS

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

Event Results: District 1, 3/1/20 – 5/31/20

MARCH22
6TH ANNUAL R/C SWAP MEET <i>CLASS E - NON-FLYING</i> Contact: DENNIS KEEGAN Location: 1074 S Colony Rd Wallingford CT 06492-5261 Visit Website
MARCH22
STEALTH SQUADRON 3RD INDOOR MEET 2020 <i>CLASS A</i> Contact: STEPHEN EVANS Location: 68 Elm Street Georgetown MA 01833 Visit Website
APRIL5
STEALTH SQUADRON 4TH INDOOR WINTER CONTEST <i>CLASS A</i> Contact: STEPHEN EVANS Location: 68 Elm Street Georgetown MA 01833 Visit Website
APRIL19
2020 PROPSNAPPERS SWAP MEET <i>CLASS E - NON-FLYING</i> Contact: DAVID CYR Location: 5 Bucknam Rd Falmouth ME 04105 Visit Website
APRIL19
SPRING FLING INDOOR CONTEST <i>CLASS AA</i> Contact: JOHN KOPTONAK Location: 330 Hubbard St Glastonbury CT 06033
MAY2
9TH ANNUAL GIANT WESTERN MASS RC FLEA MARKET & SWAP MEET <i>CLASS E - NON-FLYING</i> Contact: DAVID KORPIEWSKI Location: 82 Industrial Blvd Turners Falls MA 01376 Visit Website
MAY23
HCRC HELI-FEST 2020 <i>CLASS C - RESTRICTED</i> Contact: Location: 21 Honey Pot Road Hadley MA 01035 Visit Website
MAY30 - 31
RISC RED ROOSTER F5J CONTEST <i>CLASS A</i> Contact: MAARTEN BROESS Location: 631 Usquepaugh Road South Kingstown RI 02892

6 FLYING TIPS

6.1 SOFT-FIELD TAKEOFFS

Several times lately I've been flying a tail dragger that did *not* want to take off because of sticky, wet snow or tallish grass. There are two things that helped in that situation, lots of elevator *before* you start moving, and quick on the throttle so that the airspeed lifts the weight off the skis quickly. This is often referred to as a "soft field takeoff".

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. Don't everyone write at once! (just kiddin' 😊)

7 FROM THE EDITOR

7.1 GAMING COMPUTER IS BACK!

Finally got my gaming computer going, and thus X-PLANE, after months of wondering if I would ever "fly" it again. I run X-PLANE 10 on it for full scale practice. One day the stupid, silly computer stopped providing a video signal. So, in utter disgust, I left it to gather cobwebs for months.

Finally, I guessed it was the video card and ordered one a bit more powerful and new (as opposed to used/refurbished). Put me out a couple of hundred bucks but the missus seems to understand it will make me a safer pilot. Below is a picture of the screen with some scenery out in front.



The video card dropped right into the slot and worked perfectly. You'd think that, with this equipment, I'd be all over this thing...but for some reason I have to force myself to fly it. Weird hobby! Maybe flying in the ether (web) would be more stimulating.

7.2 FPV FLYING IN FLORIDA

Check out the gates on this permanent course FPV course in sunny Florida. Courtesy of Stephen Faust. Says Steve, "It's in a campground, not a regular field per se, and not AMA. They just call it the Drone area." It is great to live vicariously through Steve as he roams the South and flies. You'll have to join/check out our WhatsApp group to get the updates he sends...and the banter.



8 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/>

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