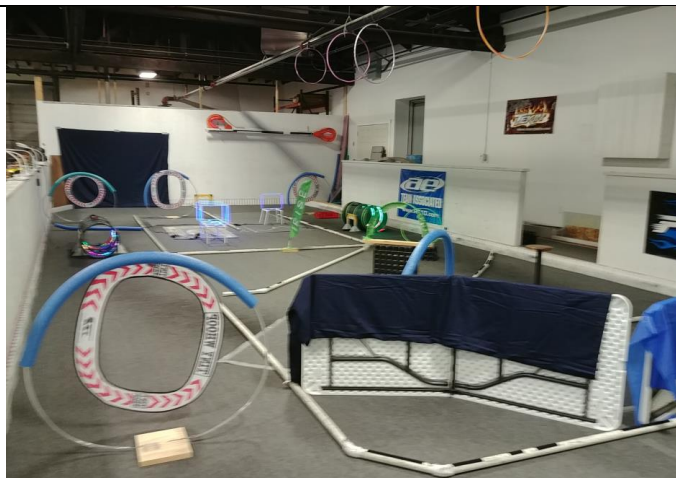




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# Middlesex County R-C Fliers Club Newsletter – March 2019



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## Club Events (work in progress):

Spring Night Fly - TBA (March or April, before mosquitoes)

**29th Annual Auction - May 19, 2019**

Field Cleanup Day - TBA (May)

Fly-In - TBA (June) - Intra club - open flying, no competition

Construction Derby - TBA (June) - Possible intra club

Competition Fun-Fly - TBA (July or Aug) - Possible intra club

Race and/or Combat - TBA (July, Aug or Sep) - Possibly

intra club - Using foamies

Family Day - TBA (July or Aug)

Yankee Doodle Day - TBA (Sep)

Fall Night Fly - TBA (Sep or Oct)



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## 28th ANNUAL AUCTION

Buyers Welcome!  Sellers Welcome!

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**Sunday May 19, 2019**  
**NEW LOCATION!**

**Knickerbocker Club AA**  
36 Chamberlain St, Lowell, MA

Club Kitchen & Cash Bar Available

Registration from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM  
**Auction starts at 12:00 PM**  
Ends at 4:00 PM

**ADMISSION FEE \$4.00**  
Includes door prize raffle ticket

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RC Related Sales Only - No Private Sales  
Small Items Tables Available

Selling Fee: 10% of selling price to MCRCF club treasury.  
No minimum bid. If bid is lower than seller's

Raffle: Spektrum DX5e Transmitter!  
Raffle: 50/50 CASH





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Director	Dan Costa
Director	Randy Grossman
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## 2 FROM THE PRESIDENT

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Hello again from your new President. It's been a busy month with making plans for the revived Annual Auction for 2019! There is still work to be done but it looks like it will happen. I went to the 107th auction on Feb 24 with Mel, Paul, Dan M and Paul. We provided flyers and made an announcement about our auction and there seemed to be a lot of interest.

Our next meeting is next Wed March 6.

We had a very small attendance last month but that might have been due to my forgetting to send an email reminder. Next week we plan to address the initiate/late fee so please come so you can vote on any proposed changes.

## 3 FROM THE EDITOR

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Check out this YouTube clip showing the 2011 Construction Derby: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0s7l6sJU0jw>

Guys/gals, we'll be emailing this newsletter to current and former members plus anyone else interested. At the bottom of the newsletter are instructions on how to **unsubscribe**.

If you know of someone who would like to receive our newsletter, please send an email to mcrsf6 @ mcrsf.org and we will confirm or have them send the email directly. Jeff has started an email list for friends of MCRSF.

## 4 OUR NEW MEMBERSHIP CARD

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In order to simplify the process, Saket is now emailing a soft copy of the member's membership card and doing away with the painful, time-consuming mailing of the hard-copy version. Also, it's small enough to fit in your wallet. Below is an example of what was sent to yours truly recently. BTW, in case you are interested, Mel is short for Melchior, one of the magi at Christ's birth. There will be a quiz. Here is the card:



## 5 FAA SAYS MARK YOUR STUFF!

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The FAA wants to know who's drone/plane/heli it is for obvious reasons. But also, it could help you recover your stuff if it happened to fly away on you...something many of us have experienced.

Bottom line is that *even AMA members have to display their FAA number on the outside of their plane.*

Here is an excerpt and the link:

The FAA issued an [Interim Final Rule](#) today that will require drone pilots and model aircraft pilots to **display their FAA-issued registration number** on the outside surface of their aircraft. The rule will take effect on Monday, February 25, which means the markings must be in place for any outdoor flight beginning on that date.

Although most AMA members already have their FAA registration number posted on the outside of their aircraft, AMA will be submitting comments to the FAA requesting a waiver process for those who might be burdened by external markings, such as members who fly scale replica model aircraft. Most importantly, this rule does not change the original acceptable methods of external marking, nor does it specify a particular external surface on which the registration number must be placed. The requirement is simply that the registration number must be seen upon visual inspection of the aircraft's exterior.

Details are here:

<https://amablog.modelaircraft.org/amagov/2019/02/13/faa-issues-interim-final-rule-for-external-marking-requirement/>

## 6 NEW MCRCF AUCTION LOCATION AND DATE

The Club's auction date and location is moving! Take a look at your hangar and move stuff out or stuff in!

Here's the announcement PDF location <http://www.mcrcf.org/auctionflyer.pdf>

Here's a



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## 7 JANUARY 6 CLUB MEETING NOTES

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Outline by Saket; additions/clarifications by Mel.

Attendees: Neil, Paul, Jeffrey (officers). Mel, Jim O, Dan, Tony

Saket shared all the pics he took during the holiday dinner, specially the pic of couple called including Charlie Petricone and his wife and the prez and the First Lady.



Saket: Shared a pic of Neil that he took. Neil's first jam-packed first presidential meeting : )



Everyone: suggested doing something in memory of Rich Williams -- cook out, plaque, flying bench (inviting Rich's family)

Neil: will develop calendar of events for this year.

Everyone: Yankee Doodle is an event with the town... When and what needs to be done? This was discussed. It is a way to share our hobby with the town that supplies our field

Neil: will post information of our events in FB, webpage, etc.

Saket: Membership renewal is at 35 so far. However, it's early in the season.

Saket: Launching a new membership card and new registration form. The new form will include precise information and will be less laborious to fill.

Paul will get New Trash/Garbage barrel

### **Membership Drive Ideas**

Mel's membership generating ideas:

- How about half rate for women pilots for this year: this was preferred
- Amnesty for previous members who did not renew going back in history. This means they would not have to pay the initiation fee.
- A permanent "Learn to Fly (RC) Here" sign similar to what you see at airports that the commuters can see easily...

Jim O: Proposed training days - pick a Saturday and put a sign by the road that new members can fly and join on the same day. A discussion ensued. The real estate-type sign we have could be used.

Jeff: Members from another club can join our club without paying the initiation fee. Second year these members will pay the initiation fees. This was preferred.

Saket: Every member should encourage new members when they visit our field.

Saket: I will put Club cards/membership details in the club field box to join

Everyone: Club flyers to distribute at gas stations, grocery stores, etc.

Saket: To make a things-to-do list and progress made so far in the meeting, else these meetings will be just discussions with no outcome.

From the treasurer – Jeff: Bank balance as of January 31 was \$10,006.

## **8 INDOOR MINI-DRONE FLYING IN WEST BOYLSTON**

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Thanks to Danny, I discovered this...Wow! Incredible experience at Turn 4 HobbyTown in West Boylston. There were about four guys flying mini-drones and they were doing combat -- which consisted first of trying to knock each other out of the sky and also trying to knock each other off of a stool that was the parking lot so to speak.

Basically, hitting a tiny drone in flight that is that small is nearly impossible so they resorted to an easier plan – knocking the drone off the bar stool.

There was some FPV flying but not a lot that night. One of the guys got my FPV Inductrix flying for me so I got some stick time on that. And then another guy gave me a drone and a transmitter to use and I was able to fly in the combat event. So, a lot of fun, met a lot of people, a neat experience.

The owners of Turn4, Mike & Kim, were there...nice people. They have events there almost every night - the only night they are not at the store is Wed. night!!! It acts as a feeder to the hobby store that is quite well equipped.

This is the obstacle course:





The guys work on two sets off benches. In the background the owners hang out, eating their dinner, watching. The stool behind the fellow in the checkered shirt acts as one of the landing pads where a drone might land and the others attempt to know it off:



This is Mike in hist store which is quite well stocked:

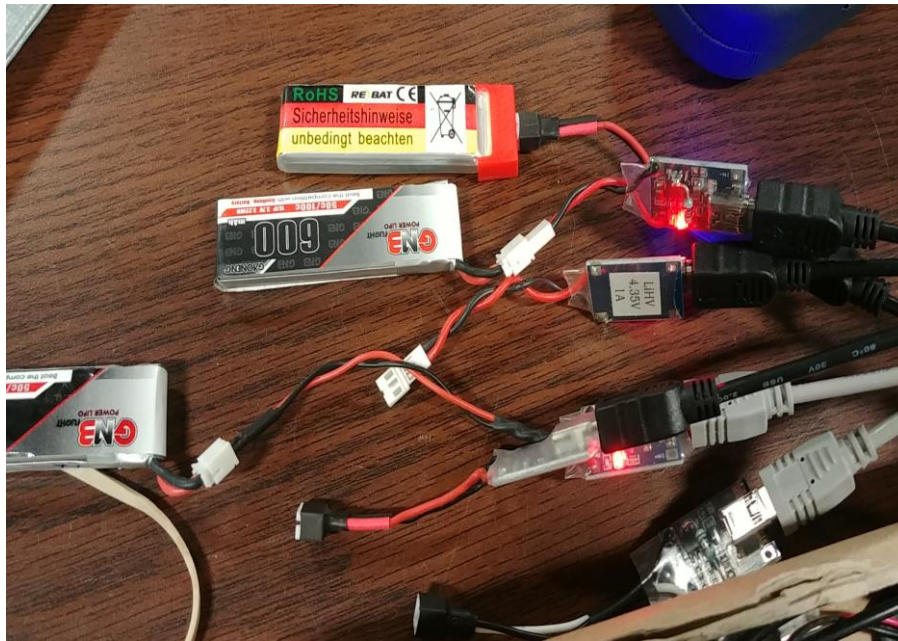




Below is a home-made micro-drone, one of three provided by one of the guys (in the red sweater above). I got a chance to fly this one:



The guys make their own chargers using USB power stepped to the proper voltage for the tiny 1S batteries:



## 9 107<sup>TH</sup> HOLDS AUCTION

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There must have been about 75 planes of all sizes and shapes waiting their turn on the auction block – warbirds, trainers, 3D, ancient kits, micros. I was surprised at how few drones there were for sale. My take is that there was a lot of unloading of nitro planes in favor of electrics. Somehow it felt like I was at home among all those planes and pilots. I love auctions. One high-wing trainer with about a 5' wingspan went for \$50. A Mustang fuselage went for \$1 because the buyer wanted the canopy. There was a cute little electric RTF with about a 1 ft wingspan...new-in-box...tempting.

Below are a couple of pics including a thumb:



# 10 EVENTS IN THE AREA FROM THE AMA

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

To get the list click on Events and enter your criteria. I only entered two, District and Dates...

Event Results: District 1, 2/28/19 - 12/31/19

Displaying 1 - 6 of 6

## MARCH24

### MARCH INDOOR CONTEST

**CLASS AA**

**Contact: RICHARD ZAPF**

**Location: 68 Elm Street Georgetown MA 01833**

[Visit Website](#)

## MARCH31

### 5TH ANNUAL R/C SWAP MEET

**CLASS E - NON-FLYING**

**Contact: DENNIS KEEGAN**

**Location: 1074 S Colony RD Wallingford CT 06492-5261**

[Visit Website](#)

## APRIL14

### 2019 PROPSNAPPERS SWAP MEET

**CLASS E - NON-FLYING**

**Contact: DAVID CYR**

**Location: 5 Bucknam Rd Falmouth ME 04105**

[Visit Website](#)

## APRIL28

### APRIL INDOOR CONTEST

**CLASS AA**

**Contact: RICHARD ZAPF**

**Location: 68 Elm Street Georgetown MA 01833**

[Visit Website](#)

## MAY4

### GIANT WESTERN MASS RC FLEA MARKET/SWAP MEET

**CLASS E - NON-FLYING**

**Contact: DAVID KORPIEWSKI**

**Location: 82 Industrial Blvd Turners Falls MA 01376**

## JUNE1

### 5TH ANNUAL FARMINGTON VALLEY WARBIRD FLY-IN

**CLASS C**

**Contact: PETER CHURCH**

**Location: 1 Meadow Road Farmington CT 06032**

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