

Middlesex County R-C Fliers Club Newsletter – April 2020



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Upcoming Club Events:

Wednesday, April 8, 2020 - MCRCF Online Meeting

Indoor Flying Event - postponed
Mount Hope Christian Center, Burlington

Construction Derby
 Sunday June 7th, 2020 (June 14th Rain Date)

Family Day
 Sunday July 26th, 2020 (August 2nd Rain Date)

Fun Fly
 Sunday September 6th, 2020 (September 13th Rain Date)



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2 FROM THE PREZ — NEIL CUMBIE

Date: 4/1/2020

Subject: MRCF April monthly meeting moved to April 8, flying policy amid COVID-19

I hope everyone is staying home and staying safe during the COVID-19 pandemic. I also hope that everyone has been able to work around the economic difficulties this has introduced. Just as we're confined to our homes the weather is starting to get better and I know there has already been some flying taking place. I thought we should communicate the official recommendations for flying and our monthly meetings during the pandemic.

There is a sign at Vietnam Veterans Park stating that the park is closed. It's possible someone might have taken it down, but Paul Sullivan talked to someone at the Rec Department and the park is indeed closed and the sign is supposed to be up, ordered by the Board of Health. But he asked about flying and they said that if we fly, we should limit it to two people at the field at a time and maintain social distancing. So for now, that is going to be our policy at the field until further notice:

Flying Field Policy

1. Limit of two members at the field at a time (flying or just watching).
2. If onlookers come to the field, I would warn them about the park closure and 2-person limit at the field but I would not try to force them to leave.
3. Maintain social distancing (maintain 6 feet separation), even if you are not symptomatic.
4. Do not come to the field if you are sick or think you have been exposed to COVID-19.
5. We can't park next to the gazebo yet, so that is not an issue, but we should also try not parking along the side of the road behind the gazebo. We should park in the dirt 'lot' next to that road behind the trees. We don't want people driving by and see a bunch of cars at the park and parking there will provide some concealment from Treble Cove Rd. Obviously, if you have a trailer, you can park along the road.

Luckily, we have our MRCF WhatsApp group that we can use to communicate who is planning on going to the field during which time. We could use this method to ensure there are no more than two people at the field at a time. If you are not currently utilizing the WhatsApp app and would like to, please reply to this email for instructions.

Monthly Meetings

Clearly, meeting together for our monthly meetings will not be possible, but we are planning on trying online meeting via the teleconferencing app Zoom. Jeff has obtained a paid Zoom account for the club that will allow us to host large meetings. It will be free for members to join the online meeting. As a test, only the Board will be meeting online tonight and if all goes well, we will have the April meeting online next Wednesday 4/8/2020 at 7:30 PM. There will be another email with full instructions for joining the Zoom meeting.

I know this will be difficult, but we need to do our part not to spread the virus and to maintain our good standing with the Rec Department and the town. These rules could change as conditions with the virus change, but I think it's safe to say these rules will have to remain in place for a couple months at least. Please stay safe everyone.

Neil Cumbie, President

3 CLUB MEETING NOTES — MARCH 4

3/4/2020, Attendees: ~10 (Mel's very rough notes)

Discussed the Remote ID. 50k comments

Dan M. will do flyers for the Construction Derby teaming up with Ray.

Indoor Flying – Next one in March (cancelled). John Deselis (sp?) is a designer of planes and writes articles. He was there last time.

From John Parisi: “It’s John Glezellis. He’s an Xtreme Flight champion, believe he’s a pilot for Horizon Hobby now, local kid, his Dad Peter is a great builder. John was born with a silver transmitter in his hands!!!”

Misc - Dan M. is working on a Bushwacker as a winter project. (I’m guessing this is the model he spoke of →)



4 HISTORY LESSON – RAY CAPOBIANCO

Ray wanted to share these pictures from 1991.

<p>From left to right: Gus, Butch and Ray. →</p> <p>He said to note that there used to be a road between the pit area and the flying field.</p> <p>Also note the pine tree that still resides there to this day challenging pilots.</p> <p>There was no gazebo in those days.</p>	
<p>Butch Balduf is looking over his warbird – a Corsair – seen here with Arthur. shirt from 495th.</p>	

5 FROM THE HANGAR

Dany Pelletier with his sweet 3D plane - an Extreme Flight 52" Edge 540. Note the very small, light wheels.

Check out the nose cone with slots for cooling. Clever, albeit a huge drag contributor. However, with a strong thrust-to-weight, it probably doesn't matter much.

Neil: "It needs wheel pants!" 😏



Coronavirus (COVID-19) welcome sign at the park. It has since been moved. What a thing to see at the field. Bit of a shocker. 😏 😞



Butch's trainer. Tony repaired it for him after his tree "landing".



Tony working with Butch. Notice the social distancing during training. Amazing times.



6 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, 4/1/20 - 6/30/20**

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

7 FLYING TIPS

7.1 RECOVERING A PLANE

We all lose a plane or drone in the trees at one point or another. So, what are the options?

- A long stick – although not great for a plane.
- Climb the tree – tricky and possibly dangerous, plus you have to be in great shape
- Bow and arrow with a line then a rope to bend the branch – I have seen this work thanks to Dave Palermo of the Burlington RC Flyers
- Hire an expert tree climber – see below
- Other methods?

Paul Sullivan wrote to me: “I thought you’d like this for the newsletter. The plane belongs to Butch and the climber is a friend and co-worker, Mike. Mike is a trained tree worker and climber. He used climbing spikes and spikes as well as rope and harness for this caper.”

Contact Paul if your plane or drone needs rescue at some point. Mike charges \$50 for a recovery like this one.



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’ 😊)

8 FROM THE EDITOR

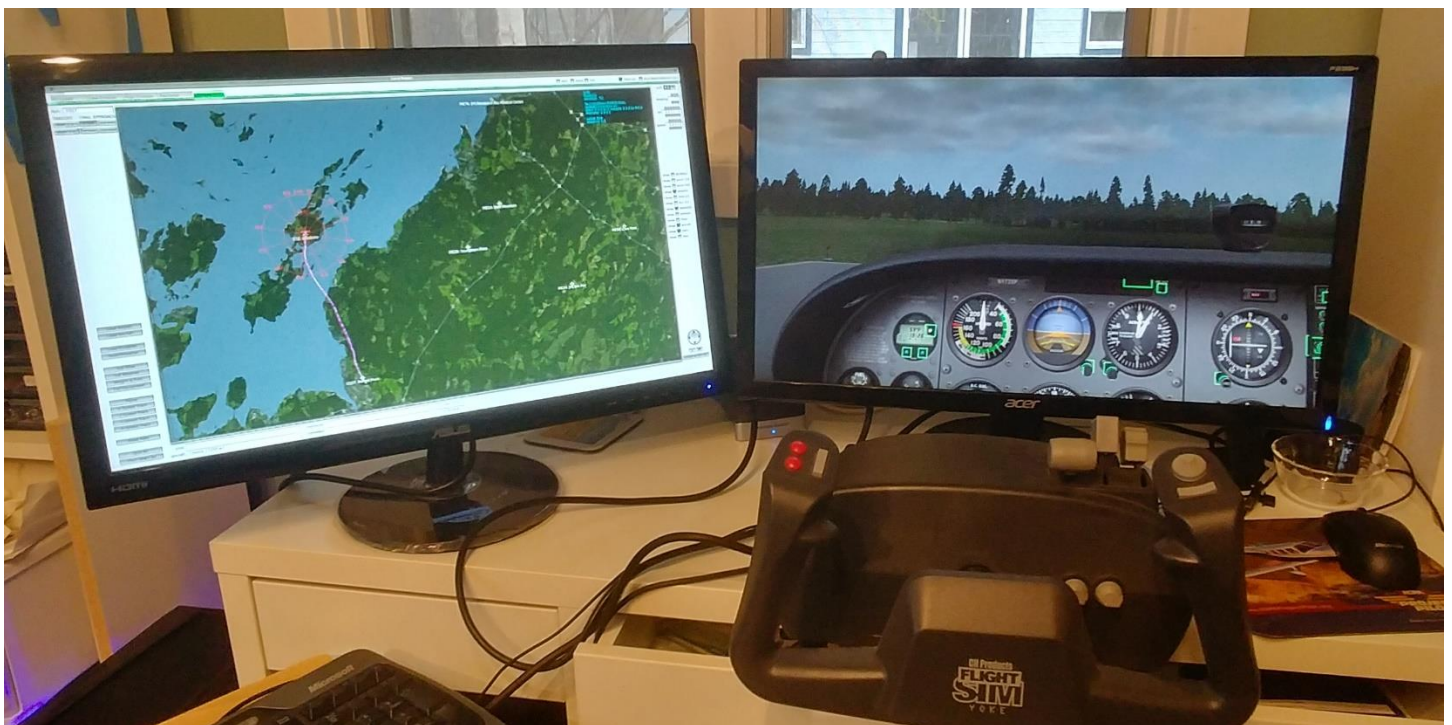
8.1 REPAIRED MY INDUCTRIX

The good news is I repaired my little Blade Inductrix FPV drone actually replacing the frame. It was a great experience. The bad news is that I destroyed one of the motors by doing a stupid thing, putting pads using glue (foam tac). Will order a new one and the old one will be used for parts.

8.2 X-PLANE 11 – SORRY FOR THE INTERRUPTION

I realize this is about full-scale flying, but thought some of you might find it interesting. And as you retire (or before) consider jumping into full-scale flight as well as RC.

Got X-Plane 11 going. It's quite a bit easier to use – so far. Below is the pic of the setup. Just learned that there's a way to hook up my iPad running ForeFlight to it, so that I can see my flight plan.



9 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.

Plane hanging from the hobby store's ceiling. I understand it belongs to Bill Horton (per Fred). Check out the radial engine.



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