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MCRCF Regular Meeting
 - Wednesday, February 10

7:30 PM via ZOOM online meeting.

Members - watch for an email with information on joining the meeting.

Non-members are welcome - contact the club via email for an invitation.

All Scheduled In-Person Events are considered CANCELLED* until further notice

***Due to you know what... WEAR YOUR MASK at the field when you can't separate!**



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2 FROM THE PREZ

First, I'd like to thank the members who have been showing up at the Zoom meetings. It's ideal for this period of time, but we all look forward to in-person meetings. It seems like it's been a hundred years since pizza nights, in-person Show and Tells, the din of conversation, and the post-meeting visits to Dunkin' Donuts.

Thanks, and a "hats off" to John Parisi for snow plowing the road so that die-hard pilots could access the field. For now, we can fly near the road with skis and a spotter thanks to John.

I also would like to recognize and thank Ray Capobianco for all his help with keeping our field looking and operating like a top notch club. Ray's involvement is something none of us should take for granted, so a heartfelt "well done" goes out to Ray. Ray has lined up a person willing to take care of the sumac situation for the sum of \$500.00. We will be talking about this at our next meeting.

Lastly, I hope everyone is doing well during this pandemic with a cold winter thrown in for good measure. I know we're all COVID-aware, but also keep in mind the injuries that can occur in winter. Beware of ice, go easy shoveling snow, and let's keep our hands out of those snowblower chutes!

Paul Sullivan

President MCRCF

3 CLUB MEETING NOTES – 1/6/2021 – BY SAKET SANKHLA

Attended: 14 (via Zoom)

1. Saket S: **6 members registered** [to date] for 2021
 - a. Jeff W/Saket will be sending a reminder email to renew membership. From today, the 2020 membership is not valid and it is advised not to fly until it is renewed.
2. Everyone: We should look into guidelines in displaying the **pilot's information on the aircraft**.
 - a. How to resolve the issue: Jeff will review the guidelines provided by AMA/FAA.
3. Jeff W: **Card holder and frequency pin** topic was brought in earlier meeting. We will keep using the membership card and everyone should display it when flying.
 - a. How to resolve the issue: Jeff purchased card holders with a marker that he will leave in the gazebo. People can print their membership card and insert it in the card holder.
4. John P: The **membership card** needs to be worn on the pilot (hat, shirt, etc) so that they are identifiable.
 - a. Everyone agreed that the membership card needs to be visible.
 - b. Pilots using FM transmitters should display their frequency pin and should be proactive in communicating with fellow pilots.
5. Jeff W: The **club-owned** airplane is ready and tested it. He will share the key information so that it is accessible to the trainers.
6. **Election**: None of the current officers were challenged.
 - a. New change is Paul as President and Mel as VP.
7. **Show and Tell**:
 - a. Jeff W: Always read the manual. He shared his story of using a smart battery charger for weeks and it wasn't working as it should be. After a lot of frustration working with the charger, we eventually read the manual and He got all his answers... hence, always read the manual.
 - b. John P: He shared his heated gloves, benefits, links, etc ...
8. **Prize**: The wheel of fortune winner is.....
 - a. Director Dan M won the prize – a \$200 gift certificate to ABC Hobbies.

4 JOE NALL – AN RC EXTRAVAGANZA



Every year (except during pandemics) , RC enthusiasts migrate like wildebeests in the Serengeti towards the Triple Tree Aerodrome in S. Carolina.

Here's the site <https://tta.aero/aviation-events/joe-nall/> and event dates in May 2021.

Future Dates

- May 7-15, 2021
- May 6-14, 2022
- May 12-20, 2023

Joe Nall Traditionally starts on the Friday of Mothers Day Weekend

Dates are were:

2021 Joe Nall is cancelled due to COVID-19

The COVID-19 global pandemic is currently still affecting a large part of our nation. Medical professionals and statistics show that the current state of events is now worse in all 50 states than it was just 6 months ago.

Oops! Cancelled! Bummer: Out of an abundance of wisdom and caution, we decided to cancel the 2021 Joe Nall Week.

The pictures tell the story. Below are several from our very own Stephen Faust who goes often and even did a professional photography gig there. Check out the 2004 pictures page carefully. This year would have been the 38th year. The event was cancelled for 2020 and again for 2021.





Get this! Someone created a Joe Nall Real Flight field. Check it out on YouTube! It's simply amazing --

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JAPzI70rnzQ>

Here's the RCGroups site <https://www.rcgroups.com/forums/showthread.php?3605225-Official-Virtual-Joe-Nall-Info-and-Download>

I wonder if they will do a virtual event in 2021.



5 FROM THE EDITOR — BY MEL SUAREZ

5.1 MY 1/4-SCALE EXTRA IS FINALLY GETTING TLC

I have this 1/4 -Scale Patty Wagstaff Extra that I've flown once in 10 years. We moved and it's been sitting in my shed where mice ate into one of the leads.

So, finally I took it to ABC RC Hobbies where Rich told me he'd fix it for me...quoted me \$150. He wants to throw better wiring in it. Says he builds & flies jets and giant scale at Plum Island.

Looking forward to flying it again. Although, I must admit the size of the plane and the engine is not something I'm used to. Now that I have a car that can handle the transportation, I'm gonna bite the bullet and make it happen, Baby!

Today (1/29) I went to drop off my transmitter for the engine checkout and saw my Extra up on bungee cords in the back room. I'm told Rich comes in Tues/Thurs.

If anyone is up for fixing stuff (which I hate), I'm willing to pay. 😊



5.2 GOT ME A NEW TOY!

Got me a Tesla! Quite the find. Fell in love. The missus was none to happy. It was a day before *her* birthday.

It's a slightly used 2020 Tesla Model Y Long Range. It's a little SUV but it really goes. My planes fit nicely in the back.



Always wanted to ride in one, and when I did, it was amazing. There's a lot of interest in electric vehicles. I saw a piece that said there are 30 models now out there.

The computer console controls everything, even the mirrors. However, there are a couple of column levers and controls.

I could go on and on about the features. But by far the best one is when the autosteer does a lane change. However, the Summon feature is pretty cool too. <https://youtu.be/X48Vuieb0T8>

If anyone would like to go for a ride or drive it, or have any questions, by all means get in touch. Love sharing it.

6 AMA EVENTS – ARE YOU GOING? NOT FOR A WHILE, EH?

From the Event Finder at <https://www.modelaircraft.org/> for **District 1&2, 2/1/2021 – 5/31/2021**

Not a lot going on.

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7 RANDOM STUFF



7.1 WHATSAPP??? -- A CHANCE TO TRASH TALK WITH FELLOW MEMBERS



How to get onto WhatsApp?

- Install WhatsApp on your phone
- Send your phone number to someone you know is on the MCRCF WhatsApp group (almost everyone is an admin) – e.g. any officer
- That admin adds your name/phone to their contacts on their phone
- Via WhatsApp, that admin sends you a link to the MCRCF WhatsApp group
- You click on the link and you will be in. You won't see old threads, just new ones after joining.
- Be sure to introduce yourself when you join.

Alfredo, Bob, Carl, Dan, Dan de, Dany, Don, Gerald, James, Jeff, John, Long, Mack, Neil, Paul, Randy, Ray, Rohan, Saket, Sharad, Stephen, Tony, Yaz, +1 (413) 687-8619, +1 (617) 828-3967, +1 (617) 877-7683, +91 98192 01230, You

7.3 RC INSTRUCTORS

List of available instructors. Please note: this list is a work in progress. Some instructors may be listed below, however their schedules may preclude instruction at a given time. Contact Info will be added in the future but can be found in the Current Membership List.

| Instructor | Contact Info |
|---|---|
| Ray Capobianco | 781.944.6056 |
| Gerry Crowley | 978 857-1408 |
| Tony DiPersio | 978.430.2800 |
| Jeff Ward | 978.987.1142 |
| John (Yaz) Yassemedis | 603.321.8442 |
| Jim Orsborn (Horizon Hobby Coach) | https://www.horizonhobby.com/flight-school-find-a-coach.html |
| Stephen Faust – incl. FPV racing drones | 978.925.9810 |
| Neil Cumbie – 3D and XA (new) | 678.358.7006 |

7.5 NEWSLETTER GLOBAL TABLE OF CONTENTS

You want to buy a charger, say. And you know there was an amazing piece on it in one of the newsletters. But you which one??? We have a global table of contents listing some of the major articles. (Work in progress)

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1ZAbMnamPiclwd50E3XxQ2JhXYEQAZfkB3R0qvXZOiuo/edit?usp=sharing>

7.7 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://abcrhobbies.com/> 11 Rockingham Rd, Windham, NH 03087; (603) 458-6481

7.9 CLUB SAFE LOANER IS AVAILABLE

The AeroScout is ready for use in exposing people to flight. Contact Jeff Ward to reserve it. It comes with 1 22mah battery and transmitter.



The aircraft is kept in Jeff's workshop with a combo key enclosure.

7.2 LOANER REALFLIGHT SIMULATOR & LAPTOP AVAILABLE

If you're a new pilot or an instructor and would like to take advantage of our loaner laptop/simulator, contact Jeff Ward (see Page 1). Picture below.



It now runs RealFlight 9.5.

7.4 MCRCF.ORG MEMBERS ONLY PAGE

Contains our Membership List, RealFlight files that mimic our field, and other info.



Members Only

[Annual Financial Summary Reports](#) in Acrobat PDF format

[Current Membership List and contact information](#) in Acrobat PDF format

[MCRCF RealFlight Files](#) for download and use with RealFlight simulator.

[MCRCF YouTube Channel info and login](#) in Acrobat PDF format

7.6 LIST OF MANEUVERS

Tired of flying the same patterns all the time? Check out 100 maneuvers and some links on how to do (some of) them:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1O0eF2NAFN7SgUS0sOMc5hXOCtJBdJeM0/view?usp=sharing>

7.8 PLANE RETRIEVAL

Call Paul Sullivan – his friend, Mike, charges ~\$50 to retrieve a plane...depending on the complexity of the rescue!

Also, several members have camera drones and can help with a search & rescue efforts.

7.10 TRAINING REPORT

| Member | Training/Checkout Status | Type |
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| Steve Marone | Needs training/checkout (New in 2021) | |
| Eli Wiel | Needs Training/checkout (new in 2021) | |
| George Balduf | Training In progress | Nitro plane |
| William Schwahn | N/A – part of FLIR company | |
| Gerald Sunderman | Training In progress* | |
| Jon King | Needs official checkout – Gerry will contact | |
| Mohammed | Training In progress – has AMA, needs membership | |
| Hugh McNeil | Limited progress. Would like to proceed with loaner laptop & sim. (not yet member in 2021) | |

* Wants to take it easy during the pandemic.

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