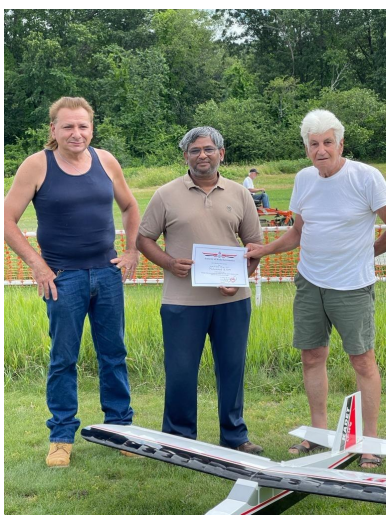




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Next MCR CF Monthly Meeting – 7/14/21 – at the field



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2 CLUB MEETING NOTES FROM 5/5/21 – BY PAUL SULLIVAN AND MEL SUAREZ

Meeting Date: June 2, 2021

15 members present (6 via Zoom)

Members: 55

New Members: Junior member, [Eamonn] Quin just joined. [His father is Connor.]

Treasurer Report: No Report

Old Business: We discussed pin placement, and it was decided to try posting pins on the bench rather than the pole except for 72 MHz pins which will need to post on the pole. [Mel to draft an email that we can leverage for FB and WhatsApp.]

We discussed the need to share runway time with other members.

Bylaw revision is still being worked on, and will be discussed by the B.O.D.

New Business: Motion from the president (2nd by Roy Kring) to award life membership to Gerry Crowley because of his years of dedication and service to the club. The motion was voted favorably and unanimously.

Next meeting will be at the field on July 14 with a 6PM start. There will be a raffle.

Committee Reports: None

Other notes

Club Cleanup – May 15 – fair turnout, including Eugene, Ray, Tony, Dan, Jim. Paul really appreciates how much got done.

Rolled over new runway with rented machine.

Careful with the ticks. Paul will put tick repellent down tomorrow. Been using it for years.

Saket announced that he is stepping down as secretary.

Show N Tell

We were treated to a video of the “Amazing Rescue of the Ponderosa” whereby a nice airplane ended up high on a tree at the field and an eVTOL RC plane belonging to Eugene was put to work with great skill. String and who knows what else (a golf ball?) were used to ensnarl the aircraft. Sure enough, not only were they able to get the plane down but it literally and accidentally slid down the string to the waiting arms



3 MEMBERSHIP AND TRAINING

3.1 MUHAMMAD SAMI SOLOS

Please join me in congratulating Muhammad Sami in getting his Solo Certificate on 7/1/2021.

In the picture: Tony DiPersio, Muhammad Sami, and Ray



4 IN THE FAA WE TRUST

Ok, folks, the FAA wants recreational RC pilots to have a clue about flying safely in the airspace. My take is that this has a lot to do with the fact that off-the-shelf drones are getting very, very powerful indeed and able to fly long distances and endanger full-scale air traffic. There are, I'm sure, many other reasons.

So, in order to fly RC, one must take a little time to pass this one-time test called TRUST and print the certificate and be able to produce it to authorities upon request.

We strongly encourage every member to take the test as soon as possible. Let someone on the Board know if you need assistance saving and printing the results.

This is the link to the AMA's site that supports the test: <https://trust.modelaircraft.org/> and below is some of the info on that page:

WELCOME TO THE RECREATIONAL UAS SAFETY TEST (TRUST)

The Academy of Model Aeronautics is an [FAA-approved Test Administrator of The Recreational UAS Safety Test \(TRUST\)](https://trust.modelaircraft.org/).

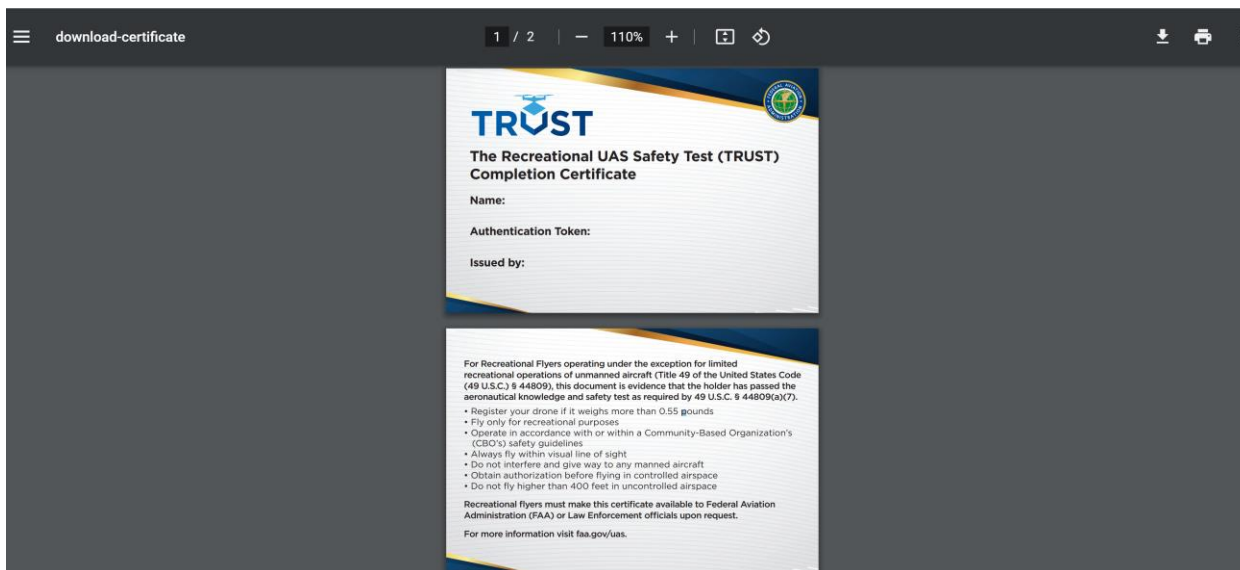
*TRUST is a collaboration between the FAA and industry to provide TRUST and educational safety material to Recreational Flyers. **Recreational flyers can access the TRUST here by clicking START below!***

Upon completion of the test recreational flyers should print or save a digital copy of their completion certificate and keep it on their person when they fly. The Academy of Model Aeronautics cannot re-issue your completion certificate if it is lost. The FAA cannot re-issue your completion certificate. Should you lose your completion certificate, you will need to re-take TRUST and obtain a new certificate.

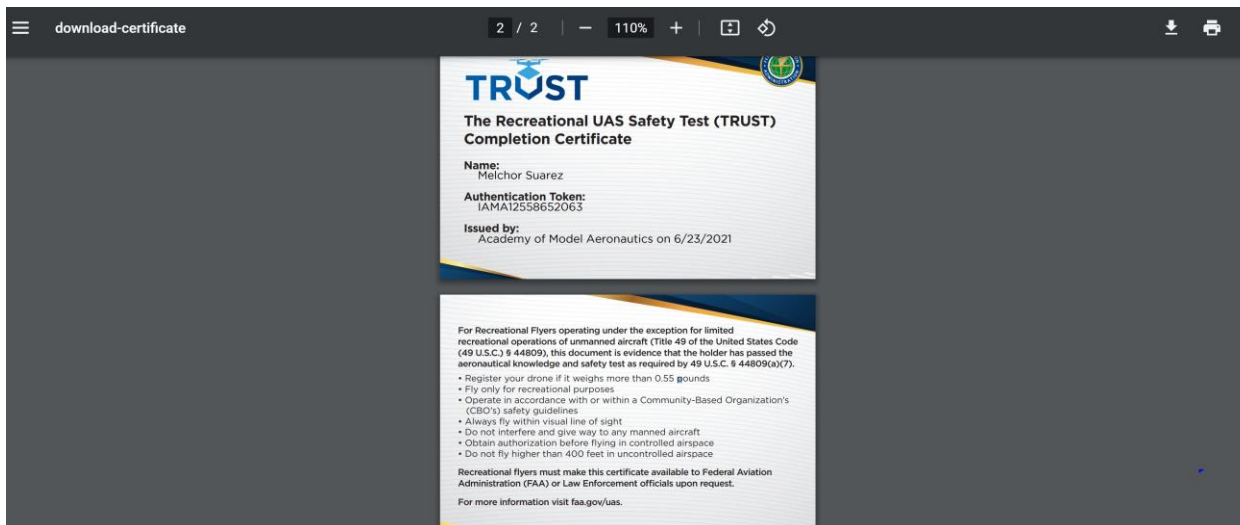
The test is a mixture of informational material and then the question about that material.

After you take the test, you get this download screen. When you press the download button on the right top, you get the second screen shown below with your name and the authentication token.

Print this and maybe download it as well. If you have trouble please contact me or any



After download...



I personally printed and place a plastic cover on it and placed it in my flight bag.

5 FROM THE HANGAR



5.1 MICAH HAWTHORNE'S CORSAIR

Making final mechanical trim adjustments on his Corsair. He sets up the Corsair with full-length ailerons by stepping up to an 8-channel receiver and a switch setting that turns the flaps into an extension of the ailerons. He did nice low passes, wheels up, over the runway. Nice profile!



5.2 YOUR PICTURE HERE →

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Guys/gals, send me pictures of your flying vehicles to share with the club.

6 TIPS

6.1 BATTERY SLIPS? FORGET VELCRO! - BY MICAH HAWTHORNE

Tired of the mess that Velcro makes with the bottom of your plane and having it come off wrong. Or making it so that batteries are impossible to remove?

Micah Hawthorne uses something that seems to work well for him. It's shelf liner.

"I use foam shelf liner for battery placement instead of Velcro. It's tacked into the battery compartment using double sided Scotch tape. It also allows for easier battery movement if the CG needs to be adjusted."

(picture courtesy of Micah Hawthorne)



6.2 PROTECT YOUR FINISH - BY MICAH HAWTHORNE

"To prevent the decals from peeling, I paint my planes with Minwax Polycrylic Water Based. All it takes is 2 to 3 coats to get a good finish. Don't go too thick, as it will start to drip."

For the Corsair, I used a Satin finish to match the paint job.

Of course, none of this protects the foam from gashes, whether from runway rash or transport."

The picture below shows the brand and colors he keeps handy (courtesy of Micah Hawthorne)



7 FROM THE EDITOR — BY MEL SUAREZ



7.1 FINALLY GOT MY PLANES FLYING!

Got out there with the Sukoi 29 and the Apprentice STS. Would like to get really comfortable with the Sukoi so I can finally jump into the quarter-scale gasser Extra...God love me! Micah Hawthorne was very helpful setting up and getting familiar with the Apprentice STS and its idiosyncrasies.

7.2 MY BUDDY RAHEEL IS GETTING INTO RC

Got a Facebook text message from an old friend the other day. Looks like my friend Raheel Retiwalla and his two sons have caught the bug! They came by the house and I showed them the way around RealFlight 9.5 sim and some planes. Then we went to the field and flew the Vortex 150 racing drone letting them experience the FPV view.

The Apprentice was next which had serious CG issues. Tony DiPersio gave me a hand with it.

Then, Tony took his biplane up and you could hear the acclaim from the boys whenever he pulled off a maneuver. Bi-planes are great for cutting a nice view in the sky.

You'll be hearing more about and from them as they have joined the AMA and are in the process of joining the Club.



(courtesy of Raheel Retiwalla)

8 AMA EVENTS – ARE YOU GOING?

From the Event Finder at <https://www.modelaircraft.org/> for **District 1, 7/1/2021 – 8/31/2021**

JULY10 - 11
SUMMER SIZZLER <i>CLASS A</i> Contact: NEIL SIMPSON Location: 260 Pembroke St Kingston MA 02364
JULY11
DAWN PATROL <i>CLASS C</i> Contact: JOEL LANG Location: 190 Green Rd Ellington CT 06029
JULY17 - 18
2021 MAINE IMAC CHALLENGE <i>CLASS A</i> Contact: TYLER MCCORMACK Location: 201B Tobey Rd New Gloucester ME 04260 Visit Website
JULY17 - 18
ALES CONTEST <i>CLASS A</i> Contact: DAVID SPIELMAN Location: 233 North Road Sudbury MA 01776 Visit Website
JULY17
ALL ELECTRIC FUN FLY AND SWAP MEET <i>CLASS C</i> Contact: MICHAEL DEFRANZO Location: 479 Norwich Rd Salem CT 06420 Visit Website
JULY24 - 25
DOWNEAST SOARING CLUB UNLIMITED ALES <i>CLASS A</i> Contact: MIKE BERGERSON Location: 175 Tuttle Rd Cumberland ME 04021 Visit Website
JULY24 - 25
STEALTH SQUADRON 2021 SUMMER CONTEST <i>CLASS A</i> Contact: STEPHEN EVANS Location: 24 Candlewood Rd Ipswich MA 01938 Visit Website
JULY - AUGUST30 - 1
PLUM ISLAND IMAC COMPETITION <i>CLASS AA</i> Contact: DAREN HUDSON Location: 19 Plum Island Turnpike Newbury MA 01951 Visit Website
JULY - AUGUST31 - 1
CENTRAL MASS CHAMPIONSHIPS <i>CLASS A</i> Contact: NEIL SIMPSON Location: 129 Podunk Rd E Brookfield MA 01515

JULY - AUGUST31 - 1

WARBIRD WEEKEND AT THE SWAMP

CLASS C

Contact: JAMES CYR

Location: East Coast Swamp Flyers Access Road Northford
CT 06472

[Visit Website](#)

AUGUST7 - 8

NCRCC ANNUAL TWO DAY PYLON RACE

CLASS AA

Contact: JOEL LANG

Location: 190 Green Rd Ellington CT 06029

[Visit Website](#)

AUGUST18 - 22

2021 NEW ENGLAND JET RALLY

CLASS C - RESTRICTED

Contact: JEFFREY LYNDIS

Location: 19 Plum Island Turnpike Newbury MA 01951

AUGUST21

JOHN NICOLACI MEMORIAL FLOAT FLY

CLASS C

Contact: EDWARD WATTS

Location: 461 Mary's Pond Rd Rochester MA 02770

AUGUST21 - 22

**SECOND ANNUAL FRITS MEMORIAL SOAR-IN
(FORMERLY CRRC SOAR-IN)**

CLASS A

Contact: CHRIS SCHUCH

Location: 233 North Road Sudbury MA 01776

[Visit Website](#)

AUGUST21 - 22

WING OVER HADLEY

CLASS C

Contact: MICHAEL SHAW

Location: 21 Honey Pot Road Hadley MA 01035

[Visit Website](#)

9 RANDOM STUFF



9.1 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

9.2 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.

9.3 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	617.697.4514
Gerry Crowley	978.857.1408
Tony DiPersio	978.430.2800
Jeff Ward	978.987.1142
John (Yaz) Yassemedis	603.321.8442
Stephen Faust – incl helis & FPV drones	978.925.9810
Neil Cumbie – 3D and XA (new)	678.358.7006
Jose Mendes	978.227.7124
Jim Orsborn (Horizon Hobby Coach)	https://www.horizonhobby.com/flight-school-find-a-coach.html

9.4 MCRCF.ORG MEMBERS ONLY PAGE

Contains our Membership List, RealFlight files that mimic our field, and other info. Go to mcrf.org and click on the "Members Only" link. You will need ID & password from a club member to get in.



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

9.5 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>

9.6 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>

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

9.8 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. Carl ("Mack") McKenzie is one - 978 208-7969

9.9 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.
(photo courtesy of Jeff Ward)

9.10 TRAINING REPORT

Member	Training/Checkout Status	Type
Steve Marone	Checked out for drones. Needs fixed wing training	Jerry
Eli Wiel	Checked out for drones. Needs fixed wing training	Jerry
George Butch Balduf	Training In progress	Tony
Gerald Sunderman	Training In progress. Waiting for Covid relief.	Jerry
Hugh McNeil	In Training.	Jerry
William Lunt	Need to refresh need for training	Jerry
Charlie Petricone	In training.	Nitro & Electric
Taylor Alexandra	In training for drones/plans fixed wing training in future	Jerry
Bob Forgione	Refresh training for fixed wing	Jerry
Eamonn Quinn	In training	Jeff

SOLOED RECENTLY

Muhammad Sami	Soloed on 7/1/2021	Ray/Tony
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