



# MPPA FUN FLYER

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## A NEW YEAR OF FRIENDS AND FLYING

### PRESIDENT'S CORNER March 2004

Thanks to the many loyal members who have demonstrated their active support of the club by renewing their memberships! And our members are a loyal bunch! Even this blustery past Saturday, March 20, with gusty winds of 20 mph, a large contingent of MPPA members (with their MPPA shirts on) assembled at the field. Although few were willing to risk a flight, we socialized and shared the current news. Sunday, March 21, I attended the Hot Air Balloon Festival held by the Kiwanis Club of Plantation at Heritage Park and took along my GP Patty Wagstaff for a static display. It was a nice day, and I got to tell a number of interested people about Markham Park and the MPPA.

We must continue to hold out the invitation to interested parties to join us in our study of flying and building

aircraft. It has been our most profound characteristic as a club that we eagerly invite every newfound friend to become a student RC pilot.



We have made this commitment to generosity in sharing the hobby with others. We value giving others an open hand in friendship to help them in discovering the beauty and mystery inherent in pure flight. We are guiding others, giving them a real education in aeronautics,

leading them toward the clouds. And it's not just "book learning" or "lecture"... it's real, hands-on training between the master and the apprentice. Each of us who takes on the task of instructing a fellow club member is making a sacrifice of their time and talent. They do it because it's the right thing to do. They find, however, that it is a labor of love. It is rewarding when you recognize that you are expanding the community of

RC enthusiasts. It is rewarding to be in the position of that experienced teacher that introduced you to all the intricacies of RC aircraft for the first time, to "give back" by offering the benefit of your own experience to mentor



an aspiring flyer. It is rewarding to relive the fundamental process of going through the checklist step-by-step, one more time, to put another new set of wings into the sky.

I remember when I first set foot at the airfield. It seemed too good to be true. I kept thinking "There's got to be a catch". You know, opportunities to become part of a friendly and supportive group, one that continuously provides assistance to you in learning a highly technical craft, and one that always likes to have fun, are not all that common. Our club is a rarity. Our field is open to the public at large, and we are the chief ambassadors of RC aviation. We are consciously avoiding the mistake of becoming an arrogant brood of condescending "experts". We are advocates for fun and relaxation

in the form of recreational radio-control. And FUN is the name of the game. There is no other reason to do it. If you find someone who thinks they can get into RC for the purpose of making a big profit... or

acquiring power... try not to laugh in their face. The fact is, the only people making money are the manufacturers and retailers (and they're basically just making a living). The rest of us spend and spend to keep our flying "habit" satisfied. Sure, sometimes you might sell something and get back a small fraction of what was originally paid. But, when all is said and done, this is not a money-making activity. So what. You pilots know what I'm talking about. In the end, it's not about the bankroll. It's about the bank and roll.

This month I took on the duty of being the club webmaster, and I have only had an opportunity to update the news, the calendar, and the membership list, but there are many more things we can do with the website. First, I want to showcase each of

our members by providing him (or her) a page on the website. Your page, for example, would include a short biography, your RC flying experience, RC trophies and awards, and descriptions and photos of the aircraft in your hangar. Please decide now to take on this project, and be sure to get started right away. Write up a little paragraph or two about yourself and your planes, take some photos and just get something going. You can always make it better later on. In this way, any relatives or friends around the country can see what you're doing. I believe these pages will have a strong impact in revealing the great depth of knowledge and experience that we have right here in our club. It will also help to bring us all closer together.

Secondly, I want to build a knowledge resource area for new pilots and veteran pilots, including information on flight maneuvers, building and finishing aircraft. To this end, I strongly urge you to take on the tasks of writing an article about something. Also, we



should continue to add to the "Tips and Tricks" page about any procedures or techniques used in building, equipping, or adjusting RC aircraft. Now there is an e-mail link to submit a new Tip at the top of that page. All

submittals will have a credit that bears your name. I am confident that these additions will make the website a more useful pool of valuable information that will serve us all. Please e-mail or call me to discuss any contribution you'd like to make.

Otherwise... I'll see you at the field.

Patrick Joyce

MPPA South Florida Jet Together

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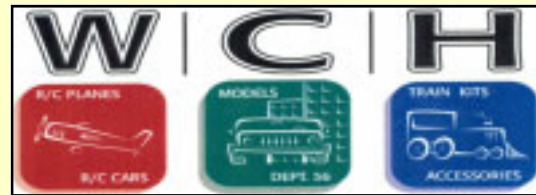
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