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Thanks to Jack, we're back on track. The 5th Annual Fort Lauderdale Jet Together was a top-notch event, and the good reputation of the MPPA has been spread far and wide in the RC jetting community. Jack Goldfarb has earned the admiration and respect of all of us for the tremendous amount of effort he made to make this event bigger and better than ever before. Wife Luanne gave up what was supposed to be a holiday vacation to work the event right beside Jack, and single-handedly made the raffles a big success. Eddie Sultan used his inimitable witty personality and his RC expertise to both educate and delight the enormous crowd. Marcel Kruszkeski and Glenn Whittemore marshalled the flight line with authority. Dave Kruger controlled the radio impound and frequency board, and a clear sign of his competent control was evident in the absence of a single signal snag. Wife Judy Kruger set up the MPPA Store for its Grand Opening, selling shirts, hats, and jackets with style and grace... and a lot of income! Jerry Carley, Don Myers, Bob Zitrin, Barbara Smith, Howard Rennert, Ron Meyers, and I slaved over a hot barbecue and fed the masses, with no complaints, very little wait-time, and with almost no mess or waste. Brian Myers and Kevin Kruszkeski helped in a variety of capacities, including the "Critics' Choice" voting process.



And, thanks to the proceeds from The 5th Annual Fort Lauderdale Jet Together, the MPPA budget, which had dropped to a meager few hundred dollars, is back to a "comfortable" level again. Thanks to all the MPPA members who contributed their support to this, our best event ever!!

And as for the MPPA budget, we must stay focused and continue to be wise stewards of our club funds. Our members only contributed a portion of the profits we were able to glean from the jet rally. Most of it came from everyone at the Markham Park airfield, the RC pilots and hobbyists that use the field, and the spectators that also enjoy watching the show. We are stewards of the airfield, and we should use these funds to facilitate the greater enjoyment of the hobby, for our benefit, and the benefit of others. We do need to make club membership a real benefit for all members, to keep our current membership coming back, and to attract new members to join. The best way we can do that is to continue to be the good and generous people that we are ... open to meeting new friends... loyal to the long-established bonds with old friends. But where are we going with RC flying? Where do we have an opportunity to grow the hobby?

What is possible? Top executives in big

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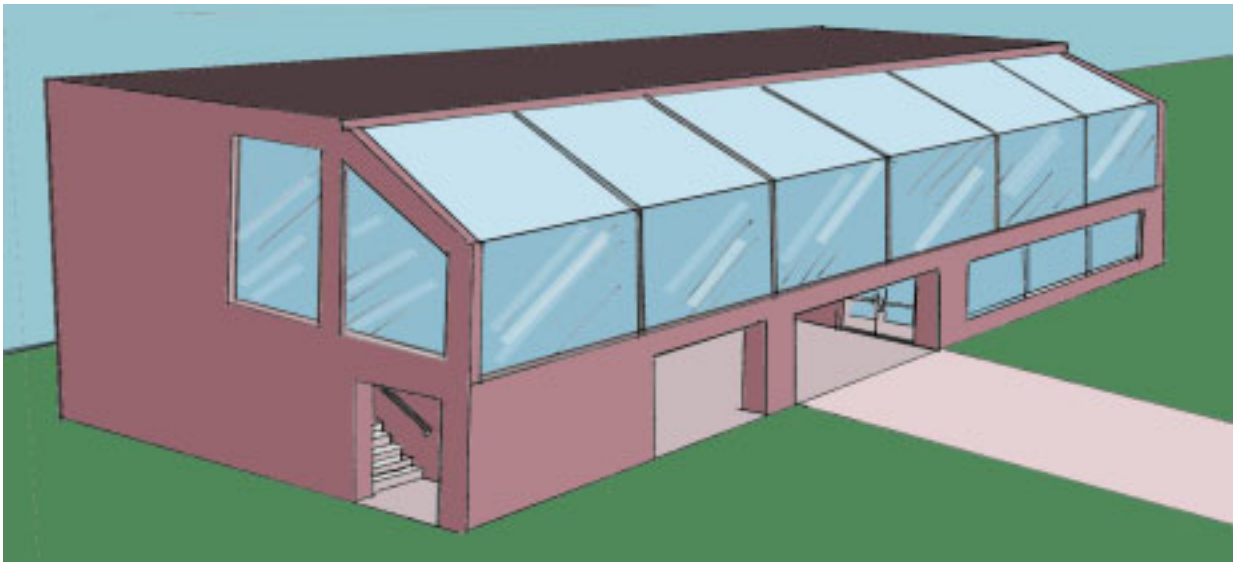
corporations spend a lot of money, time and energy on "visioning" the future. They understand that we are restricted most by our own lack of confidence. We naturally tell ourselves that great things are too difficult to achieve, will take too long, and that there are too many obstacles to overcome to reach success. So we have to learn to counteract that with "possibility thinking". Visioning serves an important purpose by giving us a path to follow. It helps us to recognize where we are heading (very important to a pilot). It helps us identify all of the changes that



don't let your creative imagination be held back by any present-day restrictions like lack of funding or park politics. Here are some ideas Eddie Sultan and I were kicking around...

How about a two-story pavilion that is much larger, air conditioned, with the entire second floor being an observatory for

the spectators, a snack bar/kitchen, a pilots lounge on the first floor, a classroom/meeting room with RC simulators, and an office? (see sketch below)



may have to be made, and it helps us identify what the next step is in the process of reaching the chosen goal. It also helps us recognize the obstacles that are could impede our progress, and gives us the confidence and drive to rise above them.

So again I ask you: "What could be possible for Joe Hancock Field?" And

How about a 1000 foot by 100 foot runway with a full-length taxiway and multiple entry/exit points? And since we are trying to make things safer AND model full-scale aviation... How about wireless microphone headsets for each pilot to use, and a small 'tower' enclosure with a safety officer

acting as air traffic controller, just like in full-scale aviation. The controller would manage the use of the taxiway and runway (just like in full-scale aviation), give taxi, take-off and landing clearances (just like in full-scale aviation). Pilots would call the controller, make requests and repeat back their instructions (just like in full-scale aviation).

The controller could assist in maintaining separation of aircraft, advise on wind speed and direction, and advise all pilots of emergencies (just like in full-scale aviation). These communications could be fed to the observatory and pilots lounge to give more insight and further the interest in RC flight.

It sounds pretty "far out" doesn't it? But the big model train clubs already conduct similar types of operations on their club layouts. There is a central controller that manages the routes. The other engineers on the line run their trains just as they are managed in real life. They prepare waybills on every railcar, manifests on every train, assemble trains at the rail yards on the layout, stopping at small towns and industries to drop off certain cars and pick up others, change their manifests, and try to stay on schedule. Each engineer manages their operation and coordinates activities with the central controller. They use telephones or radios to communicate, and never lay a hand on any of the trains... it all has to be done using their switch-control boards. In other words, not only do the models train engines look and run like the full-scale ones, the entire system they run on is managed with methods as close



as possible to those used to manage the full-scale system. We could do the same. We could create a revolution in the hobby, transforming it from "model airplanes" to a model aviation system. Answer me this: Is it possible?

It's going to happen somewhere, someday. Because it is possible, it will be done. We all have

an insatiable curiosity that drives us to pursue both science and art. It is our ability to vision the future, and our capability to believe that nothing is impossible, that gives us the motivation to reach out for those dreams. What is your dream for Joe Hancock Field? What do you envision for the MPPA? Bring it up. Let's start talking about it, and the club just might get behind it. When we put together all our hearts and minds (and muscles), we can do great things. Just look at what Jack and a handful of club members accomplished with the jet rally. Lets have the courage to keep moving forward, and the vision to begin building that "dreamed-of" future now.

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