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A NEW YEAR OF FRIENDS AND FLYING

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Here we are in 2004, renewed by the holiday spirit and festivities, we find more and more interest in this growing hobby. Growing crowds of spectators, and a wave of new student pilots accompany the strong winds and cool temperatures. This is a great opportunity for each of us, bringing our talents to the airfield to share with our fellow club members and flying community.

During the holidays, we nourish long standing friendships, seeing the same familiar faces and resurrecting memorable times of merriment and mishap. And in this new year, we also foster new alliances, welcoming new faces that reflect the curiosity, eagerness, and determination that we recognize. We have seen that expression on the faces of the pioneers of flight, in the archived photographs of the Wright brothers, Glenn Curtiss, and Igor Sikorsky, as they tested



the limits of their fragile machines. We also recognize that expression so well, because we continue to wear it every time we approach the flight line. It is that curiosity that drives us to make another attempt to understand the dynamics and limitations of controlled flight just a little bit better. It is that eagerness to witness this "modern miracle" of aeronautics that was beyond the reach of our ancestors for so many thousands of years. It is that determination, in spite of any obstacles that we have, or may yet experience, that propels us into the great wide-open, where we hope to rise above the mundane.

What? Does it sound a bit too profound... too 'melodramatic'? I know. Nobody talks like this. But this is my

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MEETING THIS WED
JANUARY 28th AT 7:30**

opportunity, and I'm going to take it. We need to be reminded that we are the caretakers of a noble craft that is both science and art. We need to rekindle our motivation, because there are always unforeseen setbacks, and it is very easy to become discouraged and disheartened. We have witnessed (and/or experienced!) a lot of crashes lately, and it is very disturbing. Need I remind you of that sinking feeling you experience when you watch an expensive piece of your own craftsmanship meet its doom? And tell me which is worse: (1) it was completely beyond the your control; or (2) the you did something dumb to cause it...? (The second is worse, right?) Depending on the circumstances, a mixture of anger, blame, remorse, self-loathing, revenge, suspicion, and despair can be wrestling around in a pilot's psyche.

Now these are a lot of strong emotions all mixed in there, and it's a lot for anybody to handle. Especially when it all happens in public, in full view of others. The witnesses to the crash typically include pilots, many of whom may be far more



experienced than the crashee, but it also includes spectators who have no idea of the difficulty involved. I have seen and heard laughter and ridicule about pilots who crash their planes from both camps. I can understand how the non-pilot, total-strangers might delight in the spectacular character of such a calamity... but our own pilots? We need to be more vigilant against this type of behavior, and foster an attitude of compassion. What will an arrogant round of ridicule intended to humiliate a pilot *teach*? What does it teach the young people nearby? For that matter, what does it teach the pilot?

Now pilots need to show a little restraint too. It is very easy to become angry, to want to find someone else to blame, to take it out on ourselves, to want to quit the hobby altogether. It is really hard to accept the loss, to move on, to keep trying. I saw one pilot's beautiful quarter-scale plane hit "pay dirt" a couple of weeks ago. I was very impressed at how many of our fellow pilots rallied around him, helping him to pick up the pieces and disassemble the hardware. I was also deeply

impressed at how he stoically shrugged off the loss, smiling and making no excuses... already committed to the purchase of a replacement aircraft. One week later, he appeared with an new plane, identical to the last, and took it up for its maiden flight. His satisfaction was evident. His demeanor and his composure throughout the ordeal showed that real pilots maintain the proper attitude.



And so I remind you of the profound nature of this mission to encourage you. To encourage you to continue this wondrous and exciting pursuit... making flying machines, and flying them. To remind you

that the reasons that you took up this hobby are still there. The experience and understanding of flight is in your brain and in your heart. You've got too much curiosity, eagerness, and determination to walk away from the challenge. So, my fellow MPPA member, we'll see you out at the field... and remember, we're going to be there to support you every step of the way.

I think this is a perfect example of where the MPPA spirit really shines. We do everything in our power to:

- (1) PREVENT crashes by assisting our fellow club members in preparing their aircraft for flight, and in flying (and safely landing) them; and we...
- (2) Support our fellow club members when they do lose an aircraft in a crash. We do that by helping them in the recovery and salvage of their aircraft and aircraft parts... but let's not forget... we help them deal with the disappointment, deal with the loss, help them see that things really aren't so bad, and help them rise above it. Novice and veteran alike, we all benefit from the support of our fellow pilots.

Patrick Joyce

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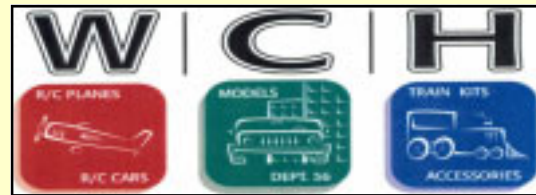
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