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Hello MCA Members, we wish to thank you, our members for keeping our Flying Field safe by observing the safety guidelines set forth by the CDC and Metro Parks. Please continue to enjoy our hobby and stay safe and attend our meetings when possible. MCA Officers

Time To Renew with MCA

Have you renewed your membership for 2020? There are two (2) easy ways you can pay your dues:

1.) Come to a meeting and pay in person.

2.) Pay online at our website. There is a link to pay via PayPal on the Club Info page.

Don't forget to renew your AMA and Metro Park Permit too!

PayPal

June Meeting

Next meeting – July 21st, 2020..
To be held at our field, Peeler Park

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Points Of Interest

Upcoming R/C Events

Part of the fun in our Hobby is attending special events hosted by various local clubs. Obviously, many of the events have been cancelled or delayed due to the virus, but we are hoping things will get back on track soon.

Each Monday from 1-3 pm: Indoor flying at the Mt. Juliet Recreation Center, Charlie Daniels Park. Cancelled until further notice

Each Wednesday at Peeler Park: The Park is open but Old Fart Get-togethers is cancelled until further notice

Stay tuned as we plan future events at Peeler Park

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June Meeting Minutes

Date: 06/18/2020

Location: - Peeler. Members Present: 16 Presiding: Tom Bible

Club President Meeting called to order at 6:28 PM

Opening Remarks: Tom thanked everyone for coming out. Motion made and approved to accept the February Minutes report.

Treasurers Report: Tom Bible reported (for Hayes Graf) that our current club balance to be $6893.00 after all expenses through today are accounted for. There are 52 individuals currently on the MCA membership role and 14 have not yet paid their dues..

Old Business: There was discussion about LOA (Letter of Agreement) between MCA and the FAA. Agreement sets allowable altitude at 500 feet. There are circumstances when 600' is allowed if active Take-Off flight path is to the north. If we see pilots flying too high, we should approach them and ask them to decrease their altitude. If they refuse then we should call park police. There was one violation reported 2/16/2020. No further info on that.

New Business: MCA has placed signs about altitude restrictions. We are waiting for Metro to install their signs. One new member, Ian Levitt joined and looking forward to learning RC flying. Upcoming events: There will be a Cub and Corsair Fly-in at Cane Ridge on 6/20/20 and be Fun Fly at Cedar Hill the same day. Also, there is a MTRCS Float Fly planned for the 28th, tentatively at Poole's Knob.

Closing Remarks: Tom thanked everyone for attending .

Next meeting: July 21 at Peeler if weather is good.

Meeting adjourned at 6:49 (Submitted by Regis Galbach, Club Secretary)

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Another Fun Article from John Forehand

Shopworn – June 2020

I'm getting worried. I keep hearing things from everybody, and then find out that what they are saying is not necessarily actually is! For instance: the other day, out at the field, I heard someone saying that it was so difficult and important to get the Center of Gravity at the right point on the wing! I Googled that and found that the wing has nothing to do with it According to the internet, the CENTER OF GRAVITY is located exactly 3,958.75 miles directly below you right now. Nothing hard about that!

Also, I heard that our foamie models were going up in price because there was a serious decline in the growth of mature Foam Trees in the only place they're grown, Lower Slobovia. THIS IS NOT TRUE! The Chinese have simply bought up all the Foam Trees and are transplanting them to an undisclosed place in Manchuria. It is true they are raising the prices.

I also keep hearing people refer to our planes as *model* aircraft! Aha says I! T'ant so. Our aircraft actually fly (most of the time) and are therefore real aircraft. Model aircraft would be of the 1/72 scale plastic kind.

In a very scientific discussion the other day, it was mentioned that AMPs were the key to electric power. Basically, the more AMPs you can get out of your batteries the better the power of your motor. Let me here and now state that this is not true! Not heeding the safety instructions on a LiPo battery pack, I took it apart to examine it. There were No AMPs trying to leave the battery to be seen. Thinking that maybe they were hiding in the folds and creases, I took another one apart and laid it on the ground. No AMPs were seen. Even when laid on an Amp Hill, I did not observe AMPs running about. By scientific observation, there is no truth to AMPs getting out of your battery pack.

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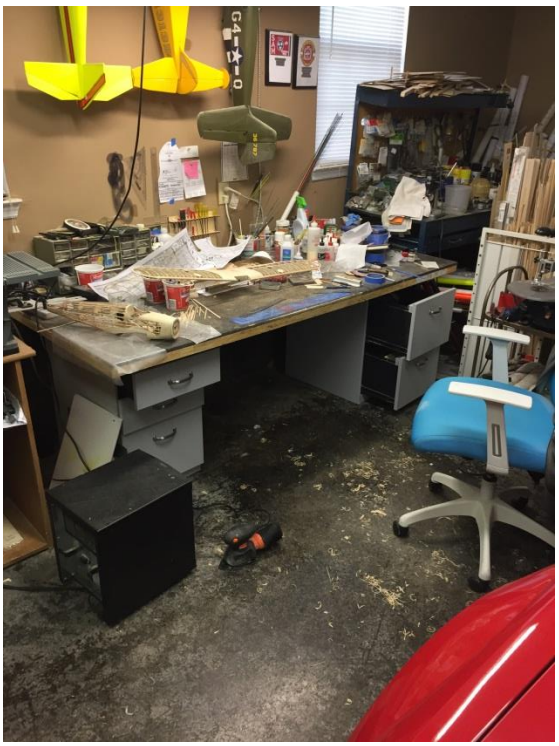
Shopworn – June 2020 Continued

Speaking of electrical power, I was talking, on the phone, with L.A. the other day about electric motors. I asked him about one thing we could use to measure the amount of power going to a motor. He replied: "Watt". I said, "measure the power going to a motor." He said: "Watt". I said, a bit louder, as perhaps he was outside, "Measure the power going to a motor". This time he yelled, "WATT!!!". I said: "Look here L.A. if you can't hear me, get a hearing aid!" He hung up…

Now, I have this, on the authority of someone who says he knows what he is talking about and proves it by saying it on the Internet, thereby proving that it I true. There is no such thing as Gravity! THE EARTH SUCKS!!! It was on the Internet!

I am now going to return to my shed which I have cleaned up. See picture below:



Editors Note: Wish I could have seen it before it was cleaned up.

Recent Photos

Special thanks to David Blood for allowing us to use some of his photos.

Please send pics to cwaterston@comcast.net for publication.

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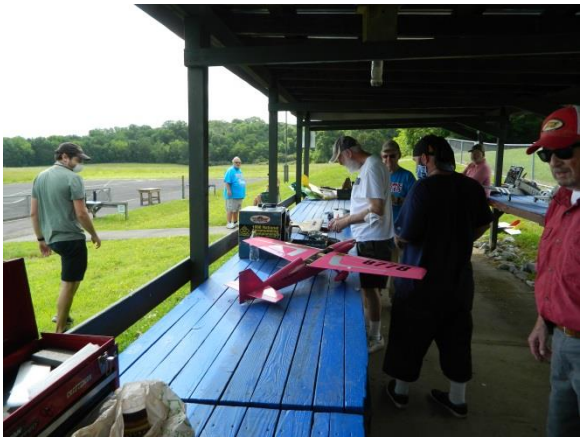

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