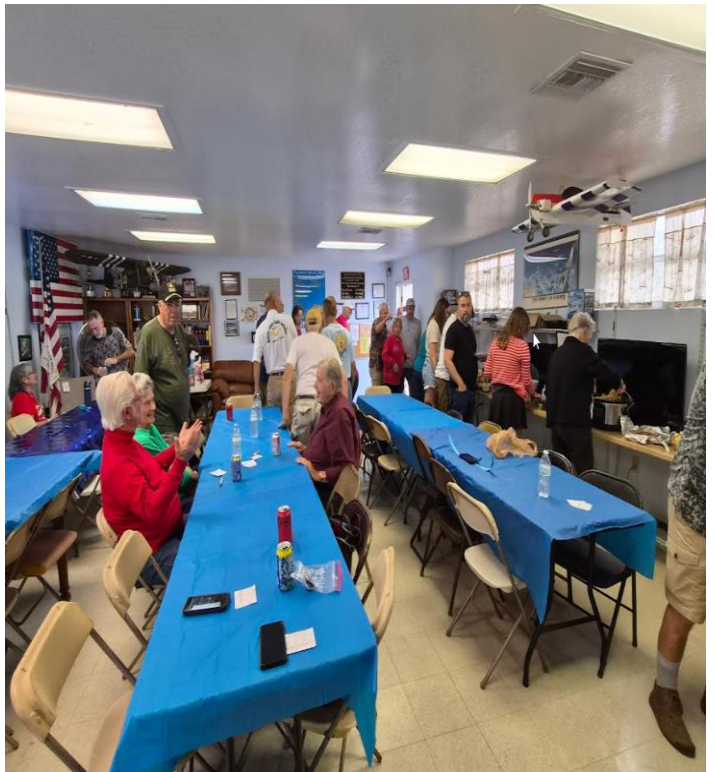




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[David Cutaia](#), Membership
At Large
[Charlie Arma](#), [John Miller](#)

MCRC News

There was no December meeting due to the holiday party and holiday celebrations. Here are pictures from the holiday party:







MCRC's Reminders & Upcoming Events



MCRC



COME JOIN US

MCRC FUN FLY & SPRING PICNIC

COME JOIN US

When: SATURDAY, January 17, 2026 FUN FLY 9 AM - Noon

SPONSORED: Manatee County Radio Controllers

PICNIC Noon - 3PM

LOCATION: 7315 71st Ave E, Palmetto, FL 34221

<https://www.manateerc.com>



FUN FLY EVENTS (Fun Fly will promptly start at 9:15 AM and go into Noon):

EVENT #1. Limbo - Pilots navigate their RC aircraft flying under a ribbon starting at a height of 6 feet and going down to the lowest height. (REQUIREMENTS: WINGSPAN 30" OR MORE). The winner will get a \$75.00 gift card from Phil's Hobby Shop. If there are multiple winners, the pilot's names will go into a hat, and the final winner will be drawn for the gift card.

EVENT #2. 3 Minute Timed Challenge - Pilots navigate their RC aircraft flying under a ribbon at a height of 6 feet and around a pylon for a 3-minute flight duration. The pilot who flies under the limbo and around a pylon the most times within 3 minutes will be the winner. (REQUIREMENTS: WINGSPAN 30" OR MORE). The winner will get a \$75.00 gift card from Phil's Hobby Shop. If there are multiple winners, the pilot's names will go into a hat, and the final winner will be drawn for the gift card.

EVENT #3. GOLF BALL Target Drop - Pilots will get one chance to drop a golf ball from the RC aircraft. The golf ball closest to the bull's-eye wins. The golf ball will be placed in a small paper cup attached to the upper fuselage with either rubber bands or Velcro which the club will provide. The ball can either be dropped out by turning the plane over or any other way you can get the golf ball out of the cup. The golf ball will need to be dropped within a two-minute time allotment. If it's not dropped within two minutes you lose. (REQUIREMENTS: WINGSPAN 30" OR MORE). The winner will get a \$75.00 gift card from Phil's Hobby Shop. If there are multiple winners, the pilot's names will go into a hat, and the final winner will be drawn for the gift card.

SPRING PICNIC (Noon until 3PM):

MCRC WILL BE SUPPLYING THE HOTDOGS, HAMBURGERS, FRENCH FRIES, CHIPS, & BEVERAGES; SPRING PARTY GOERS ENCOURAGED TO BRING A DISH TO SHARE WITH GROUP.

PLEASE RSVP TO Dave Grenier, President, or Bob Klement, Vice President or David Cutaia, Membership Coordinator if your planning to attend this event. All Pilot Family members are welcome to the MCRC FUN FLY & SPRING PICNIC.

General Rules for MCRC Fun Fly:

The MCRC Club field will be closed to general flying on Saturday, January 17th, from 9:00 AM to Noon.

The MCRC Club will not be responsible for any damage that occurs to a pilot's airplane during the fun fly events.

The MCRC Club will not be responsible for any health-related risk that may occur to a pilot during the fun fly events.

The pilot must have a valid AMA membership and provide proof of AMA membership.

The Judge's decision is final.

By signing up for the events, each pilot will adhere to the *General Rules for the MCRC Fun Fly*, and the Rules set forth for each of the MCRC Fun Fly events.

Rules for Event #1. Limbo:

The pilot's airplane wing must be 30" or bigger in length.

At the start of this event, the limbo height bar horizontally will be set at 7 feet in height and will be reduced by 1 foot with each successful run until the limbo height bar horizontally height reaches its lowest setting.

No part of the airplane must touch the ground when the airplane is going under the limbo height bar horizontally or the pilot will be disqualified from that run opportunity.

Each pilot will be given 3 opportunities to go under the limbo height bar horizontally, even if on the first or second opportunity the limbo height bar horizontally breaks. If the pilot's airplane breaks the limbo height bar horizontally on the third and final try, they will be disqualified and lose the event.

The pilot who goes under the limbo height bar horizontally, the lowest height, will be declared the winner. If two or more pilots achieve the lowest height, the pilots' names will be placed in a hat, and the judges will draw the winner of the contest.

Rules for Event #2. The 3 Minute Time Challenge:

The pilot's airplane wing must be 30" or bigger.

The limbo height bar horizontally will be set at 7 feet in height.

The 3 Minute time will start after the plane has taken off. The judges will keep track of the time and will notify the pilot when their 3-minute time is up.

If the pilot's airplane breaks the limbo height bar horizontally, they will be disqualified and lose the event.

No part of the airplane must touch the ground when the airplane is going under the limbo height bar horizontally or the pilot will be disqualified from that run opportunity.

The pilots will need to go under the limbo height bar horizontally and around the cone to complete a successful run.

The pilot who goes under the limbo height bar horizontally and around the cone successfully the most times within the 3 minutes time frame will be declared the winner. If two or more pilots achieve the most successful runs within the 3 minutes, then the pilots' names will be placed in a hat, and the judges will draw the winner of the contest.

Rules for Event #3. The Golf Ball Target Drop:

The pilot's airplane wing must be 30" or bigger.

Each Golf ball will be numbered, and the MCRC Club will assign the numbered Golf ball to the pilot.

The MCRC Club will supply the cup and the method to secure the cup to the pilot's airplane. The pilot will be responsible for securing the cup onto their airplane's wing or fuselage.

The pilot will be given one chance to drop their numbered golf ball onto the target.

The golf ball must exit the supplied cup to be considered a successful drop.

The pilot's numbered golf ball that lands closest to the designated target will be declared the winner.

The pilot's airplane must be moving when they drop their numbered golf ball onto the target. There will be no 3D maneuvers in dropping the numbered golf ball onto the target.

The pilot's airplane must land without crashing after the numbered golf ball is dropped to complete a successful dropping of the numbered golf ball.

The Must Attend R/C Winter Fly-In



WFAEFI

West Florida All Electric Fly-In

February 5 - 7th, 2026

Hosted at: Manatee County Radio Controllers Field

Website: www.manateerc.com

**Location: 7315 71st Ave E
Palmetto, FL 34221**

FUN-FLY ALL DAY AND INTO THE NIGHT NIGHT FLYING

FOOD, FUN AND FRIENDS!!

PUBLIC WELCOME- FREE ADMISSION!!

ALL YOU NEED IS AMA TO FLY.

FOOD AND REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE SATURDAY.

POWER AND RESTROOM FACILITIES ON-SITE.

*LANDING FEE: \$20 FOR ENTIRE FUN-FLY.
\$10 FOR THE DAY.*



Email or Text us with any questions

Visit website for directions

Alan: achervitz@yahoo.com 727-639-7536

Ernie: egp8017@gmail.com 941-932-7790

GET OUT OF THE COLD!!! WFAEFI WILL BE SPECTACULAR

MCRC Safety Concerns

Other times to wear a Mask

At his hospital bed, John Barnes wondered how building his boat had led him here.

John used CA Superglue and Gorilla Glue to build his boat. He felt ill the next morning, with nosebleeds. At the hospital, after several diagnoses, a Pakistani doctor identified a reaction to CA Superglue that caused a blood infection. John received medicine and was discharged after a 4-day stay.

This situation highlights the importance of always wearing a mask and ensuring proper ventilation when using CA Superglue, as exposure can lead to serious health risks.

MCRC's 2026 Membership Renewals

There are several ways to renew your 2026 MCRC membership.

Method #1,

You can renew your MCRC membership on the MCRC website.

Type this URL into your Internet browser:

<https://www.manateerc.com/a/r/szz/rc/join>

Once you're at this screen, click on Member Login

Browser address bar: <https://www.manateerc.com/a/r/szz/rc/join>

Manatee County Radio Controllers

Club Membership Application

Pay for your Membership via PayPal
Your Manatee County Radio Controllers membership fee can conveniently be paid online using several payment methods via PayPal. You do not need to create a PayPal account, or permanently save your payment information online. A PayPal payment button will be displayed on the confirmation page after you submit your application. Follow the instructions to "Check out as Guest", or use your existing PayPal account if you prefer.

Existing Club Members
If you are an existing club Member, please log in before renewing your membership as there may be different membership rates/types for new vs. renewing members. If you forgot your username or password, [click here](#). **Member Login**

Instructions
Please complete the application below to start the application process. Please be sure to fix any errors that show when you go to submit the application (lower side of the screen). If you do not get confirmation that your application was submitted successfully, you have an error you must fix.
Common errors are:
• Username field not filled in (Best to use your email address for your username)
• Password field not filled in or not following password rules
• Missing valid email address
• Missing valid AMA number
Once you submit the application, the next step will be to complete your payment via one of the club officers or mail to the club mailbox. After your payment is received, your application will be processed to member status which will allow you access to the restricted areas of the website.

Club Membership Period
Since we are a small club, the board has approved that the PayPal fee should be added to the membership, if that payment is selected, so that the full amount of the membership can be used for the benefit of the club.
PayPal is now available if you would like to pay now to process your application. Just click on the PayPal icon once you select your membership type and you will be directed to PayPal to pay your fees.
If you have any problems getting the PayPal module to load, you can manually go to PayPal and SEND MONEY for your application fees to MANATEERC.COM and it will route to our treasurer to be

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Fixed Date Membership Period

Fixed date memberships expire at the end of the membership period regardless of when you apply.

Membership Period ?

January 1st, 2026 to December 31st, 2026

Required

Dues/Fees

Annual Adult Membership (Renewal) - \$150.00 (+ \$6.00 if paying via PayPal)

Annual Family Membership (Renewal) - \$175.00 (+ \$7.00 if paying via PayPal)

Associate Club Membership (non-voting, no club offices, requires AMA & primary non-MCRC club proof) - \$100.00 (+ \$4.00 if paying via PayPal)

Youth Membership (under age 19) - \$30.00 (+ \$1.20 if paying via PayPal)

Social Only Membership (non-voting, non-flying, no AMA required) - \$30.00 (+ \$1.20 if paying via PayPal)

Required

Terms and Conditions

I hereby agree to abide by [AMA rules](#), [FAA regulations](#), [Club By-Laws](#), [Safety Rules](#) and [MCRC Safety Rules](#)

Required

Submit Application (Existing Member)

Method #2.

Please contact Wayne Smith at kamwns@verizon.net or call Wayne at 813-464-9965.

MCRC's Social Media Information

- There is a new Facebook page and YouTube channel created.

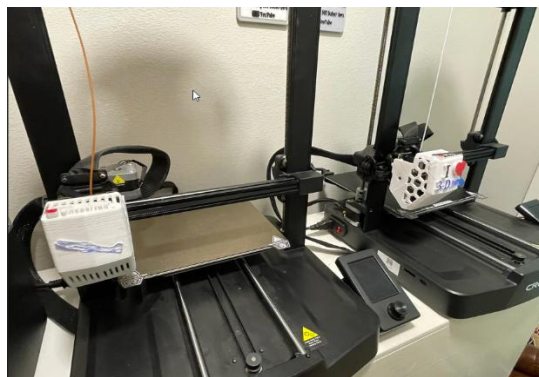
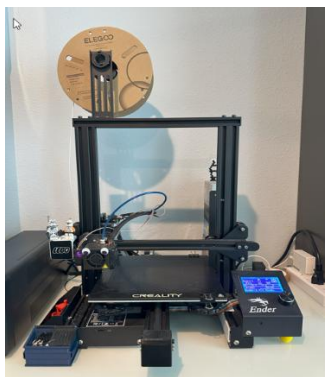
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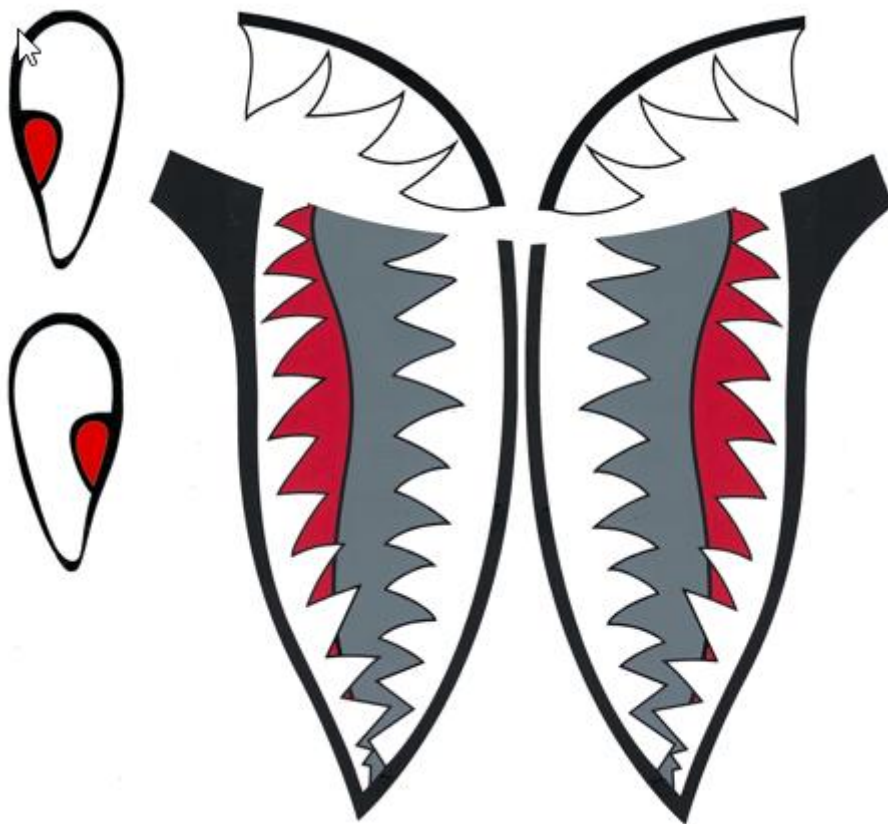
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3D Printing Capabilities and Decal Available to MCRC Members



If you need 3D printing services, please contact Robert at 941-293-6155 or Daniel at 941-720-9413 for pricing information. They offer a variety of 3D printing options from small to large projects, including whole airplane concept ideas, bomb doors, any replacement parts, and much more.



If you are looking for high-quality decals, please reach out to David Cutaia at dcutaia8453@gmail.com or 952-465-4609 for pricing information. David can scan any image and create professional-looking decals suitable for

your radio control projects or any other projects you may have.

MCRC's Safety Concerns

If you use a fire extinguisher, please inform one of the following club contacts so they can ensure the CO2 compound in the extinguisher is refilled:

- David Grenier: osirisdlg@gmail.com, 941-779-3294
- Maurice Spence: maurices9797@gmail.com, 206-949-9797
- Joe Klein: jibstay214@gmail.com, 914-420-8617

MCRC's 2025 AMA Charter Club Certificate



AMA's Altitude Extension

AMA field that's part of the national altitude extension in Class G airspace released in April of 2025

<https://amablog.modelaircraft.org/amagov/>



Flying Site	Latitude	Longitude	Street Address	City	State	Airspace Altitude
Tampa RC Aircraft Club Inc - Taylor Rd	28.01745902	-82.29383731	7208 Taylor Rd	Seffner	FL	700
Florida Float Flyers, Inc - Dover Rd	27.9572	-82.22	1166 North Dover Road	Valrico	FL	700
Largo Flying Club Inc - 8th Ave	27.910906	-82.776637	901 8th Ave SE	Largo	FL	700
Sarasota Silent Flyers - FL 64	27.4725	-82.3308	20600 FL 64	Bradenton	FL	1200
Valkyries of Manatee Inc - Woodstock Rd	27.50806	-82.36695	634 Woodstock Rd NE	Bradenton	FL	700
Manatee County Radio Controllers - Carl Wegner Field, Manatee Co	27.579578	-82.493001	7315 71st Ave E	Palmetto	FL	1200
Triple Creek RC - Triple Creek RC Field	27.80865231	-82.24327733	12705 Balm Boyette Rd	Riverview	FL	1200
BCF Area 52 Flying Field @ Conner Preserve	28.314989	-82.444851	22500 State Rd 52	Land O Lakes	FL	1200
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**MCRC No Fly List
As of
May 17, 2025**

**Ansboury, Jim
Barker, Granville
Brown, Warren
Carbonneau, Jackson
Cavis, Nicholas
Histed, Jeff
Pettit, Mike E.
Roman, Stan
Winget, Jason**

If you see any of these individuals flying at the MCRC field, please contact David Grenier (email: osirisdlg@gmail.com) or call David at 941-779-3294, or contact Maurice Spence (email: maurices9797@gmail.com) or call Maurice at 206-949-9797.

MCRC's Membership Badges



Please email David Cutaia at dcutaia8453@gmail.com if you need a MCRC Membership badge. We encourage you to wear your MCRC Membership Badge while at the MCRC field to identify yourself as a member and help others get to know your name. The badge holder opens at the top, allowing you to insert your AMA card with your MCRC badge.

MCRC Board Meeting

The next scheduled MCRC Board meeting will be held on January 18th 2026 at 10:00 am. All MCRC members are welcome to attend the board meeting to discuss any concerns they have with the MCRC board. Following the board meeting, there will be a general MCRC meeting with lunch being served.

MCRC Field Maintenance

Field Maintenance is an ongoing need. Volunteers for field maintenance, including mowing and some small projects, are needed. Please contact Joe Klein if you can help.

Finances

Wayne Smith has reported that the club's finances are in fine shape. We've welcomed several new members, and our financial situation is healthy. Currently, there are no plans for dues increase or assessment. Any member is welcome to view our financial records upon request. Wayne uses "QuickBooks" and our reports are accurate.

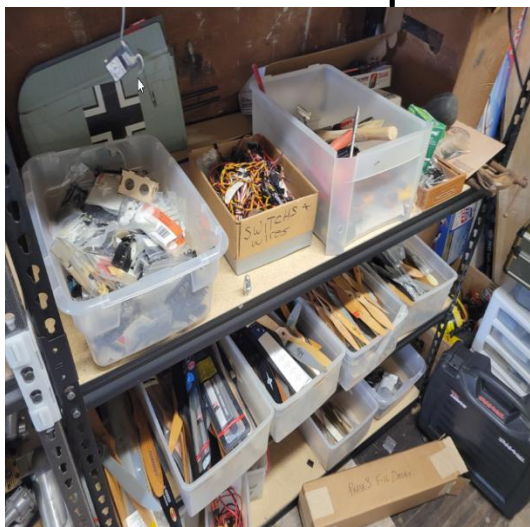
We have sent a reminder email to members with outstanding membership dues and will be contacting them soon to inquire if they would like to continue their MCRC membership.

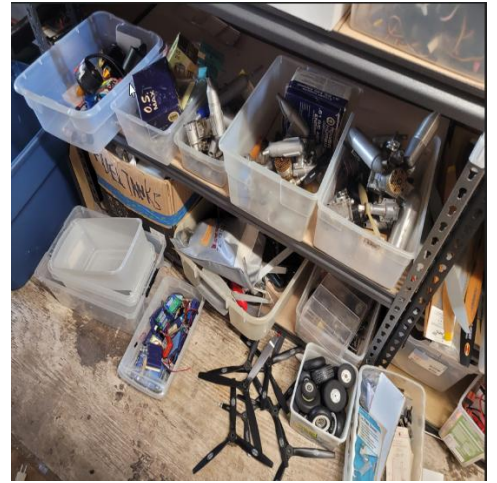
For Sale

If anyone has items for sale related to radio control, please send an email to dcutaia8453@gmail.com with pictures and a description. I will include the item for sale in the For Sale section of the newsletter.

Maurice Spence manages our clubhouse shop. If you need any radio control items, please contact Maurice Spence, at maurices9797@gmail.com, or 206-949-9797), and he will check the clubhouse shop and get back to you with the item's price.

Here are some pictures of our Shop:





The club's hobby shop is filled with good/used R/C parts, and if any members are looking for R/C items, contact - The club's hobby shop is filled with good/used R/C parts, and if any members are looking for R/C items, contact Maurice Spence (email: maurices9797@gmail.com) or call Maurice at 206-949-9797.

Newsletter

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FLY SAFE and HAVE FUN!