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[Joe Klein](#), Field Manager
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MCRC News

Here are the meeting notes from the January 18th, 2026, MCRC Meeting:

Present at meeting: Dave Grenier, Maurice Spence, Joe Klein, John Miller, David Cutaia, Ernie Paredes, and Daniel Pierce

**Secretary's Report: **

- The meeting was called to order.
- The minutes from the previous meeting (November 16th) were accepted as written.

**Event Planning: **

- Upcoming event scheduled in ~2.5 weeks.
- Sanctioning: Sanction request was denied due to proximity to another AMA event (issue of events within 100 miles). Club to proceed with event regardless but needs to confirm insurance.

****Safety Report (Maurice Spence): ****

- Noted airplane damage at recent Fun Fly event and spring picnic; rule adjustments were discussed.
- The safety officer will review any proposed adjustments in the future.
- No safety concerns have been reported.

****Training Report (Joe Klein & Daniel Pierce): ****

- Joe Klein, Daniel Pierce, and Ray Gilbert are the club's active trainers currently.

****Membership Report (Dave Cutaia): ****

- There are currently 105 active members in the database.
- Only 50 of the 105 active members have renewed their membership in 2026.
- Wayne Smith is planning to send out renewal notices to the past due members.

****Field Maintenance Report (Joe Klein): ****

- The lawn mowing has been paused because the grass has not been growing much, but volunteers are still needed to keep the MCRC field beautiful.

****Communications & Publicity (Daniel Pierce): ****

- Facebook: Daniel Pierce will be regularly posting on the MCRC Facebook page so make sure to follow us at "Manateerc" on Facebook.

-newspaper: Article to be submitted to the February edition of the Parrish village news

****Treasurer's Report (Wayne Smith): ****

- Wayne Smith was absent from the meeting.
- The MCRC club finances are in fine shape.

****Newsletter Report (Dave Cutaia): ****

- Dave Cutaia has submitted an article detailing the MCRC's inaugural fun fly event to the Parrish Village News, and the article, accompanied by photographs, will be featured in the February edition of the newspaper.
- There are no new updates for the newsletter.
- Members commented that the newsletter "looks great."

****Control-Line Report (Wayne Smith): ****

- Wayne Smith was absent from the meeting.
- The control group is doing well. There are still a number of pilots that fly control line airplanes.

****Vice President's Report (Bob Klement): ****

- Bob was absent from the meeting.

New Business:

On Saturday, January 17th, the Manatee County Radio Control Club held its first-ever fun fly event, alongside their spring picnic. Contestants came from the Manatee County Radio Control Club, the Sarasota Silent Flyers, and

the Sarasota RC Squadron, with participants of all ages joining in the fun.

The day started with a golf ball drop, where contestants flew their radio-controlled airplanes and released a golf ball attached to their plane, aiming for a designated target on the ground. Mike Thompson from the Sarasota RC Squadron was the winner of the event. The winner's ball landed just six feet from the target. Next came a thrilling limbo contest; MCRC's own Joey Pampena was the winner and flew under a bar set only one foot above the ground. The final event was a 3-minute challenge. Again, MCRC's own Joey Pampena was the winner and flew his airplane, circled a cone, and passed under the limbo bar four times within the 3-minute time limit. Each winner received a \$75.00 gift card to Phil's Hobby Shop in Tampa, Florida.





MCRC Field Beautification Project Proposal

This year, MCRC will hold a vote to select a field beautification project.

Please choose one of the following:

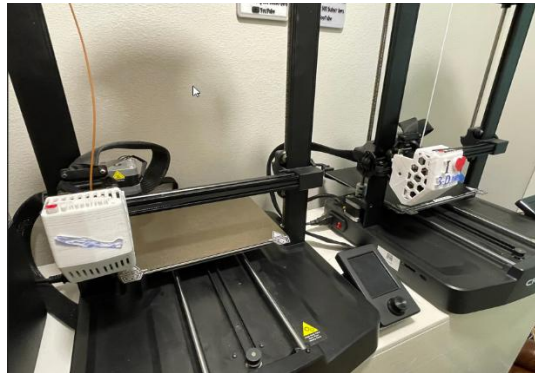
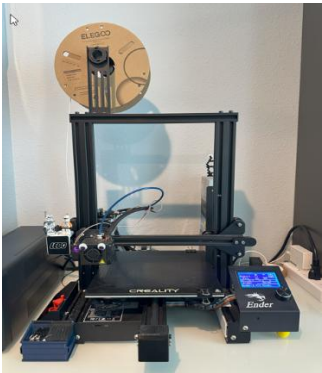
- Reside or painting of the current siding on the clubhouse, making it stand out with the new roof. MCRC members will choose the siding color.
- Repaint all storage containers, including removing rust before painting.
- Repaint the concession stand.
- Alternatively, MCRC members may propose their own beautification projects as write-ins.

Every member who votes is expected to participate in helping with the selected project. The project must be fully funded before any work can begin.

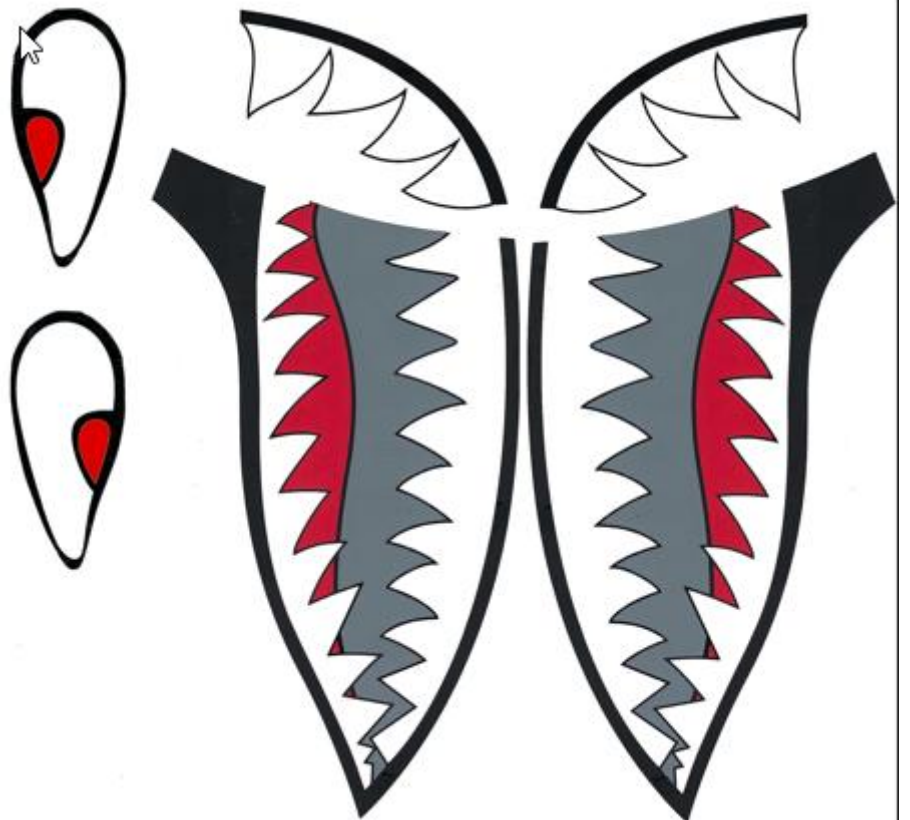
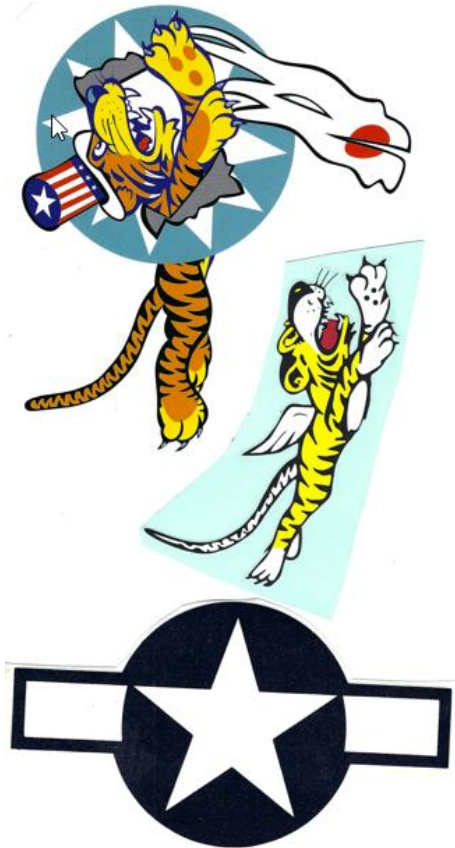
Voting opens on February 1 and closes on February 15. The results will be counted at the following MCRC board meeting, and the project decision will be based on the final vote total count.

Please send in your vote to David Grenier (email: osirisdlg@gmail.com), Bob Klement (email: rklement416@gmail.com), or David Cutaia (email: dcutaia8453@gmail.com).

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

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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
W Pasco Model Pilots Association Inc - Gladstone Dr	28.198164	-82.583627	13749 Gladstone Dr	Odessa	FL	1200
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MCRC's Upcoming Events

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's Membership Renewals

Please contact Wayne Smith at kamwns@verizon.net, or call Wayne at 813-464-9965 if you have questions or concerns about your 2025 MCRC membership.

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 Sunday, February 15th, 2026, at 10:00am. 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.

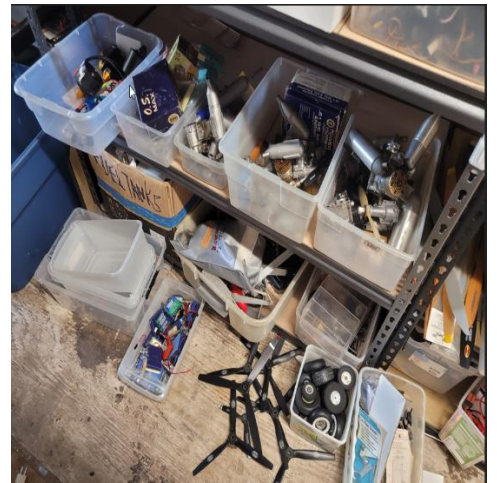
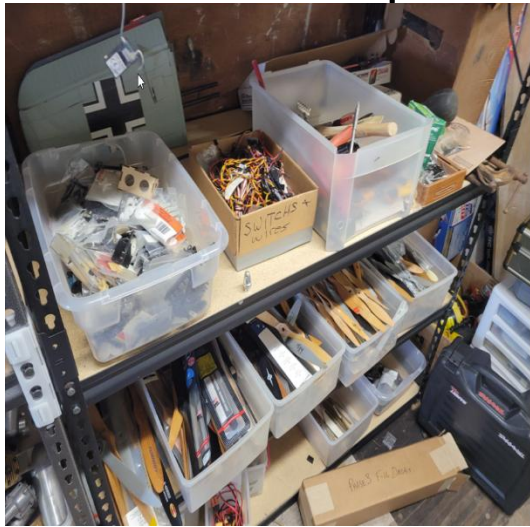
Wayne uses "QuickBooks" and our reports are accurate. We have sent a reminder email to members with outstanding membership dues and will be contacting them soon to inquire if they would like to continue their MCRC membership.

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:



Newsletter

Please email David Cutaia at dcutaia8453@gmail.com if there are any topics or information you would like to include in the next newsletter(s).

FLY SAFE and HAVE FUN!