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Sport Flyer

MCRC News

Big Doings at the MCRC Field

We have two major flying events at our field coming up very soon. February 17th-19th will see a reprise of **WFAEFI**. This event is a product of our sister club the Sarasota Silent Flyers and it has been very well attended in the past! This event is very profitable for the MCRC and is a TON of fun! The MCRC kitchen is open for this event and I wager John Miller could use some help. Mark February 17th-19th on your calendar!

Dick Coles is Back!

Dave Hasler has agreed to run the 30th (!) Annual Dick

Dick Coles Continued

The Dick Coles event has been our biggest event for quite some time and the revival in 2023 should be no exception! Dave has done a wonderful job of planning and scheduling this year's event. We will fly all non-turbine aircraft, including control line and drones. Come out a FLY! And HELP! There are plenty of things that a member of any skill level can do. Plus, the fly-in is a lot of fun! Reach out to Dave at: (941) 400-6570 or by email at: haslers@hotmail.com Sean has promoted some nifty raffle prizes as well.

Drone sightings!

Luminier, one of America's largest drone manufacturers has reached out to the MCRC via V.P. Sean Sutton and most of their employees have joined! They enjoy the fact that they can practice in our recently added heli-drone section and our fully electrified flying site. When they wish to fly in our regular flying area, they will adhere to the "racetrack" pattern if there are fixed wing planes operating and will have a spotter if comingling with fixed wing aircraft. **Luminier** also puts on commercial light shows and their first evening practice session on the 26th was SPECTACULAR! About 30 drones were airborne and the light display was pretty cool!

Drones Continued

The Board has had in depth discussions about not only Luminier's drone flying but drone flying in general. If a drone pilot wishes to fly with the fixed wing aircraft they must have a spotter and must follow the "racetrack" flight pattern. Should a drone wish to "exercise" one with a fully aerobatic flight from the main flight line he or she should ask fixed wing flyer's permission to fly over the main runway (just as has been MCRC policy with heli's) when fixed wing flights terminate theirs. Remember that we do this for fun and let's all get along!

Pre-Owned Stuff

Dave still has a whole shed full of preowned, lightly used planes and equipment. Reach out to him when you see him. REAL DEALS!

Runway News

The rolls of fiber for our runway have been delivered. Depending upon scheduling, the designated area will be scraped and rolled prior to installation. If there is equipment on the field, please be patient. The benefit will be long term. There was a thought that we might need an "all hands on deck" to assist. I'll keep you posted. Thanks to all that have designed and planned our new runway.

Interweb Stuff

The MCRC webmaster Randy Kendzior has debugged some of the stuff that should allow members easier access to many of the features. Our weather station is up and running real-time right now and he is working on allowing access to the cameras (they work now, just aren't on the web yet). We have also posted our event schedule as well as events held at nearby clubs. Check it out! A reminder, too, that we have good internet service at the field. The password information is on our web page after you log on.

Sean Sutton and Randy are working on a seamless link to a photo page and it should be accessible to all soon. I'll keep you posted on the progress.

New Looks and Progress

Signage! A PA system that works like a champion! New flooring in the men's room. Virtually ALL electrical outlets are now fully functioning. Great BIG monitors and WORKING Flight Simulators in the Clubhouse. New First Aid cabinets in the Pilot's Den and the Control Line area. Thanks to all that have contributed their time, talent and money to make this possible!

Oh, and the Picnic was a LOT of FUN!

We're the friendly club!