



*The semi official newsletter of the West Pasco  
Model Pilot Association (WPMPA) R/C club*



## Message from the President

Hello to all my fellow pilots....

Well, here we are. Another year has passed, and our RC Flying Club keeps chugging along. We had lots of good weather this year and a lot of flying was done by our members. The spring came and we had the normal weather and some wind, but it was pleasant enough to fly most of the time. The summer came and with its humidity and heat attempted to scorch us, but this did not dampen our spirits as the airfield saw tremendous amounts of flying action through the hot season. And what can we say about the fall? Well let's be honest it was just an extension of summer and we still put in a lot of time at the flying field. The hurricane season came and went, and our flying field is no worse for wear. Finally, the cooler winter season crept in and our friends from the north began to reappear to fly with us once more. This 365-day cycle we call a year has been good for us as RC pilots.

We warmly welcomed new members hoping they will enjoy the time spent at the club as we do. We said goodbye to some old friends, and we even lost one as he took his final flight. For even though we have a variety of very nice aircraft to fly. And some of the latest gizmos and gadgets to toy with. These are all but an interest we share that brings us together. Binds us in our love for aviation and RC modeling. The friendly banter around the table and the conversations over aspects of the sport we enjoy so much. This is the heart of the club.

And let us not forget experiences of flying we have had. The smooth flights, the ones where nothing goes wrong, and the plane performs as if it knew what to do all on its own. The not so smooth flight that keeps the pilot on their toes making the flight more exciting than expected. And I would be remiss to leave out those fatal flights where the plane came back in pieces or not at all. Any way you slice each day of flying brings the chance of something different happening too both plane and pilot.

I want to take a moment and thank all the members who have helped the club. Whether serving as an officer or handling maintenance at the field. For those who have kept our web presence up and handled the many forms of communication. And a special thanks to our folks who take the time to be trainers for other members. Whether formal or informal helping each other is a critical part that allows for us to grow, maintain our membership, and build strong relationships throughout the club.

I look forward to this year of flying and hope you do as well. The amount of activity at the field is encouraging. It shows that we have a great group of folks at a great flying field participating in a great sport.

I wish you a Happy New Year and all the best. Happy flying...

*John Flood*



## Meeting Notes

*Club meeting for the quarter will be held at the airfield on:*

***January 21, February 18, March 18 at the airfield unless otherwise notified.***

**No Meeting notes to publish at this time.**

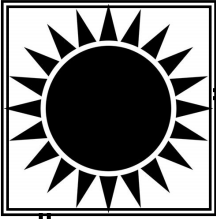


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## Notice to Members

- Please take a moment and say "Hello" to our new members as you meet them at the flying field. It is very important to the club that everyone feels welcome and has a great time in the club.
- Let's keep the airfield clean! Please pick up all trash and cigarette butts off the ground. The airfield is a great place for our club. We have amenities and a great flying location. As we look to attract new members and retain current ones it is imperative that we keep the location looking good. Please do your part in helping everyone have a great flying experience.
- We would like to thank all those who donate equipment to the club whether we auction it or use it ourselves it is a great expression of one those who care for our sport and a beautiful memory of the ones who have taken their final flight.



## Notice of Event: Swap Meet...

**When:** January 21, 2023

**Where:** at the WPMMPA flying field

**Hosted By:** Rob Caprio from Hobby King

To be held after the club meeting at 10:00 am

Bring your stuff, bring your money and bring yourself!



## In Memory of: Phil Kumalae

Phil passed away on the 8th of November 2022. He was a long time member and officer of the club. A memorial was held in his honor on the 17th of December 2022 at the airfield and it was well attended. He has taken the final flight....





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## *A Day at the Field.....*





## Quarterly Aircraft Review



### **ParkZone P-51D Mustang Bind-N-Fly Electric**

*The most successful fighter of WWII, the P-51D Mustang still thrills thousands today in air shows and air races around the world. Now anyone with a DSM2 aircraft system can experience Mustang thrills on a smaller scale with this fully -aerobatic, brushless-powered Bind-N-Fly reproduction from ParkZone. And getting it airborne is about as simple as it gets. Just attach the wing and tail, charge the battery, bind the receiver to your full-range DSM2 transmitter and you're flying.*



### **MARLIN 64MM EDF PNP**

Something different! The Arrows Marlin 64mm EDF is an ALL NEW design with the beginner to intermediate pilot in mind. This plane has a more robust fixed landing gear than most, to handle bumpy landings. More importantly it is the only plane in its class to have flaps to shorten takeoff, and to make approaches and landings more like those of a high wing trainer. The 3150kV motor combined with a 40 Amp ESC, and a powerful 64mm 11 blade EDF, ensure plenty of power for takeoff and maneuvers. The fan sounds like a real turbine.



### **Shrike Glider 1450mm (57") Wingspan - PNP**

Motion RC is proud to announce Skynetic, a new brand of foam electric aircraft for newer pilots looking to broaden their flying experience across a range of RC airplane types.

Developed by and available exclusively at Motion RC, Skynetic advances our vision of a global audience discovering the fun of RC Flight. Backed by Motion RC's customer support and a full line of spare parts to keep you flying, join the Skynetic revolution!

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Take a moment and visit the following business if you are in need of their services. We are part of the community and growth is key to our enjoyment, longevity and success as a model airplane club. By furthering our relationships with folks who have businesses in our area we can promote our club and our enjoyment of RC Flying sport to our community.

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