



NEWS AT THE TOP

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From the Editor by Anthony Curcuruto

In case you all did not know, we are a model airplane club. I thought the days of building an airplane from a kit or plans were gone. ARF's popular because they get you in the air fast. Nothing beats the satisfaction of building a plane and flying it.

Featured in this newsletter are two projects from our membership. The first is a F4U-1 Corsair from John Mainville, a life member and the second is a Cessna 195, from Craig Miebach, the club Treasurer.

While the building season is coming to an end, I encourage all of you to build a plane from a kit over the next year and experience the thrill of seeing it fly for the first time.

If, by some remote chance, any of you are building a plane from a kit, let me know. I can feature it in the newsletter. All I need from you is some basic information and a few pictures.

President Comments by Pat Rizzuto

A belated Happy New Years to all of you I hope these greetings find my fellow club members in good health and deeply engaged in their latest winter project. I don't know when we will be able to resume in-person meetings but when we do please be sure to bring in these projects to share with all of us.

I know that this has been a difficult year for all of us, our lives and routines have been thrown into "Chaos" and for a while the outlook seemed distant. With the availability of the COVID Vaccine and hopefully stepped-up distributions perhaps a late spring/early summer return to some degree of past normalcy might be a possibility. Mike, Tony and Craig and I continue to speak evaluating the current conditions to see if we can get together, I would urge all of you who have not scheduled or received your vaccination to try and do so. I know it is difficult, the computer programs were designed on the fly and not that user friendly. Some of our members are a bit more computer savvy than the rest of us and perhaps those who are can reach out those somewhat challenged and offer some help.

I would also like to suggest an alternative course of action. Most all of the appointments are being scheduled on line and the more adept are more successful. Most of us fit into the 1B or 1C classification due age and co-morbidity issues. With this in mind please contact your town's department of health senior citizens coordinator and advise them that you are having great difficulty using your computer to schedule an appointment and would they please do this for you. Some towns and counties are setting aside appointments and days for computer challenged senior citizens. It can't hurt to ask. Also do not be afraid to call your county commissioner, state senator or assembly men to ask for assistance. Their telephone numbers are available online. Please be courteous and if they are able to help you a note of appreciation is always appreciated. Good luck!

Lastly, I would like to address the issue of our declining club enrollment. At present it looks like we are down to about 15 members. Our operations support based on dues is figured on a somewhat higher number. Perhaps some of you say why bother, we get too many stand downs and we can't fly anyway due to COVID restrictions.

Please understand that stand downs will be far less if any due to the change in administrations and with the increasing availability of the vaccine, life should begin to return to normal. Re-admission to the club should you choose to drop out will be based on standing policy and current dues schedule and the \$70 dollar dues is an outstanding value. We are only as strong and successful as a club when we maintain our numbers and join together in taking part in our wonderful hobby.

Mask Up and be SAFE



Member Projects

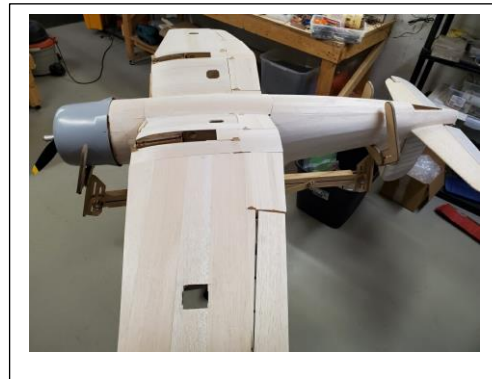
I often talk to club members about projects they are working on and I encourage them to give updates or pictures. A few months back, I was talking to John Mainville (a life member that lives out of state) about a project he was going to start. The plane was a giant scale Corsair from Nick Zirolì Plans.

The giant scale F4U-1 Corsair plan set is 1/5.3 scale and consists of four large sheets that clearly illustrate all structure as well as showing installation of flaps and retracts. The F4U-1 Corsair plan shows the installation of Robart retracts, fixed wire gear, servos and generic 3-6 cu in engine and features one-piece wing. John is going to power the plane with a G-62.

The basic structures use conventional "modeling" tools and materials such as balsa and plywood, and the techniques are straightforward; easily accomplished by anyone with previous model building experience. There are many online building threads at www.rcuniverse.com forums and www.rcscalebuilder.com forums for Nick's plans.

I believe John purchased a wood kit. The plans have a separate instruction guide and building notes on the plans. If you choose gear or an engine not shown on the plans you should have them on hand when you start construction to make any changes needed for mounting. Nick Zirolì Plans recommends covering the airframe with 1 oz fiberglass cloth and ZAP Z-poxy finishing resin and elevator and rudder with iron on cloth covering such as Solartex. Nick Zirolì Plans has building and scale accessories available for the F4U-1 Corsair.

John is well along in the construction and is having issues with the flaps. In any event, he sent me a few pictures. Hope to see the finished product in the spring.



(Members Projects continued.)

While I was texting Craig Miebach getting updates on the members who did not pay their dues as of yet, he sent me a few pictures of the project he is working on. Craig is working on a Cessna 195 plane from plans by Hostetler. The plane is a 1/4 scale with a wing span of 108.5". The finished weight will come in at about: 16 to 18 lbs. The length is 82", and the wing Area: 1824 sq. in. Craig is going to power it with a DLE 40.

Craig bought the plans and had the Precision Cut Kits produce a kit for him back when Larry Contana owned it. You can follow the progress on rcscalebuilder.com if you are interested.



Figure 1 Finished plane pictured from vendor.



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Event Schedule for 2021

Monthly Meeting	
January 21, 2021	Canceled
February 18, 2021	Canceled
March 18, 2021	Canceled
April 15, 2021	
May 20, 2021	
June 17, 2021	
July 15, 2021 Hardyston	
August 19, 2021 Reynolds	
September 16, 2021	
October 21, 2021	
November 18, 2021	
December 2, 2021	

Meetings are suspended until further notice because of COVID-19.