



NEWS AT THE TOP

April 2021

From the Editor by Anthony Curcuruto

We are going to start our in-person meetings on May 20th. We are planning to be serving some coffee and donuts at the meeting. We will be raffling off a plane donated by Nick Bielanowski.

The plane is a UMX Turbo Timber BNF Basic with AS3X and SAFE Select. We will be selling only twenty-five tickets at five dollars a ticket.



With the warm weather coming, I know you may be very anxious to get out there and fly. **The fields are open for flying.** Just be mindful, of the weather and the ground conditions. If the road or parking area seem very wet and water logged, don't drive on it. Thanks in advance.

Mask Up and be SAFE

President Comments by Pat Rizzuto

The start of the 2021 flying season will, I hope, be much better than our last year in all respects. Certainly, we need to involve ourselves as club members, helpful flyers and modelists who bring excitement to this hobby. I know that it has been difficult with social restrictions to relate to each other as we have in the past, but hopefully with most or all of us being vaccinated that fear may be behind us. Let us try to help each other enjoy this great hobby and the company of each other.

Our May meeting is scheduled to be at our regular meeting location, the Senior Citizen center in Andover. Let's make it a great evening by bringing in those planes we have been working on during the winter when we were confined to our homes. Talking about planes is much more fun than talking about our viral experiences. We will be having coffee and donuts during our meeting, if any of you would like to bring some personal specialties you learned how to make besides planes please do so.

Please call your friends and flying buddies and ask them to attend with you. This is your club and its vitality depends on all of you as members hobbyists.

Best Scale Jet at Florida Jets 2021

Florida Jets is the world's largest event for the professional radio control jet pilots. There are four great days of nonstop R/C Jet action with planes that operate with real turbine jet engines. Some of these jets are ten foot long and fly up to 200mph.

Florida Jets took place at Paradise Field on the south side of the Lakeland Linder International Airport on March 17-20. It's not a competition, but more like a fly-in with sponsors presenting several awards for excellence in several categories.

One of the awards given was for Best Scale Jet. Scott Geller received that award for a replica of the A-10 Warthog. The plane was detailed right down to every rivet, panel line, and nomenclature, which took over 400 hours to create.

The airframe was from MIBO Jets and it is 1/5.8 scale. The wingspan is 118 inches and the fuselage is 108 inches long and the weight was over 70 pounds. The plane was powered by two JetCat P-180's producing of 42 lbs of thrust each. For control, Scott used the PowerBox Core radio and the PowerBox Royal using PowerBox Pro batteries.

Detailing the model included realistic lighting by Unilight providing five freely programmable light sequences. The pilot was purchased from Tailored Pilots with a realistic fabric jumpsuit and scale helmet. Behind that helmet as indicated in the aircraft is none other than Captain Billy Reynolds. The Snow Camouflage paint and decals were obtained from Tailor Made Decals specifically for the MIBO 1/5.8 A-10. They were applied with precision by Scott and then a final clear coat was applied. Starting with stock MIBO ordnance, extra details were added to make them more realistic.

Overall – a Great Job and an award well deserved.



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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	Canceled
May 20, 2021	Meetings Resume
June 17, 2021	
July 15, 2021 Hardyston	Tail Gate Swap Meet
August 19, 2021 Reynolds	Tail Gate Swap Meet
September 16, 2021	
October 21, 2021	
November 18, 2021	
December 2, 2021	

The next meeting will be at the Andover Senior Center on May 20th at 7:30pm.