

March 2020 Newsletter- 'As the Prop Turns'

Welcome to 2020! This year has flown by (total pun intended). There has been a multitude of activity surrounding our club. We have elected new chairs to oversee the group. Rob Page - President, Rachele Maas - Vice President, Bill Evans- Secretary/Treasurer, Dick Banken - Safety Officer. Thank you to those who stepped into these roles (or continued in them), as our club cannot be run without them! We are sad to see our former President, Kim Stern, step down, he did such a wonderful job with 2019.

As most of you know we have been informed that our MAC farms flying site has been temporarily closed. Mac Farms has rented out land nearby to the Case Tractor Company who is doing some testing of new equipment that is sensitive information. We have an estimated return date of Late March or Early April. In the mean time members have been flying at Copper Sky on the soccer fields on days when there is no soccer and less people (for obvious safety reasons). A group has also gone to the site 10 miles west on the 238 to fly. This is a great location as well. Please note: The gate combination was changed. An email with the new combination will be sent out when we can return to the site.

Meet Ron Page - President

Ron, our newly elected President of TMRCC has been married for 37 years and has 3 sons and 2 grandsons. He is retired Air force of 20 years and is a native Arizonian with 17 years here in Maricopa! Ron has been flying RC for the past 13 years and has a massive collection of planes and aircraft. His collection includes over 40 planes, 15 helicopters, 5 quad copters, 2 boats and 3 trucks. His 3 car garage storage is full! While most of his planes are electric foamies and mostly old war birds he does have quite a few EDF jets and is starting to get into the large scale gassers as well. In addition to being Club President Ron works a full time job.

Meet Rachele Maas - Vice President

Rachele and her family of 4 moved to Maricopa in 2006. Her husband was hired on with the Maricopa Fire Department and that is what brought them to town. Since then her family has grown from 2 kids to 4. A few years ago her oldest son (and club member) Justin sparked interest in RC flying after visiting a booth hosted by TMRCC at one of the Mac Farms family events. Rachele does not fly RC, but brings her two sons out to fly as often as possible. Justin is 12 and Jacob is 10. Justin quickly learned to fly and soloed over the summer of 2019! He is a natural pilot! He is now training to become a flight instructor! Jacob is still new to the group and is training to fly solo soon. In addition to being a mom and wife, Rachele also runs a business "Creations by Rachele" out of her home selling handmade gifts, art and decor which keeps her very busy. She also makes the club shirts!

TMRCC Goals - 2020

2020 Projects

- a. Strengthen the barriers and replace orange netting that has decayed with sun exposure. Dick Banken will lead the project. This has been postponed until we can get back to our MAC flying site sometime later this spring.
- b. Develop a 'new member' documentation package - Rachele Maas.
- c. AMA annual club charter documentation due in the March/April time frame. Bill Evans has completed this.
- d. North of field (Reservation) situation - Ron Page
- e. Develop protocol for new members in training to fly
- f.

Secretary/Treasurer Report:

1. Annual AMA Charter documentation submitted. Packet was received by AMA on February 4th.
 - a. Check was attached for TMRCC dues (\$40) & MAC Liability Insurance (\$80).
 - b. TMRCC Bylaws were revised, submitted, and posted on our website.
2. Current club roster:
 - a. 32 members (29 adult & 3 youth)
 - b. 6 members have not yet paid their TMRCC annual dues. An email was sent to them and all but 1 responded that they still want to be a member & will submit dues.
 - c. 2 members have let their AMA membership lapse.
3. MAC airstrip was closed on January 29th.
 - a. Case Tractor is using the fields surrounding our airstrip. Possible Mid-March re-entry.
 - b. Our gate combination was changed. Email with new combination will be sent out when we can return.
 - c. Our active members have been flying at Copper Sky east soccer fields during the week and on Sundays when there is no soccer and less people.
3. Treasury Report
 - a. Funds on hand: \$764.66
 - b. Keith McLaughlin made a \$40 cash contribution to the club. Thank you Keith!
4. We have a new flight instructor - Winfred Bauer take a bow and thanks!
 - a. 2 new members are learning to fly - Jim Hudson and Jim Mangini.

Safety Report

We will be redoing the safety barriers at the MAC field in late March or early April. I had planned on this being done in February but with the Case Company not leaving the area until some time mid March we have to delay this project. I will let everyone know when the work will be scheduled.

Also, I have e-mailed safety information to the members as to the use of the Copper Sky soccer fields where we fly. Please, make sure that the safety rules for that area are observed, we need to be safe in our hobby to continue to use that facility. An accident there could cause the loss of the use of the soccer fields.

MAC Field Update

I met with Cody we had a good visit. She indicated that Case was moving out on the 29th. But, she does not know of any changes to our use of the flying site, said I needed to talk with Clint Jones, the farm manager.

On Tuesday Clint return my call. Clint told me that Case had training scheduled at the MAC till March 11. He will let me know as soon as the club site is available to be used by the club again. I also indicated we were considering upgrading our runway by adding a 100 feet to the south and I asked if he knew of any changes by the MAC that might affect the clubs use of the site as we did not want to go ahead with the upgrade if something might prevent our future use of the flying field. He said he did not know of anything and saw no problem with us adding the 100 feet to the south end of our runway. I also went to the site and checked the runway, the covered area and the solar set up. Everything look great and clean. No problems found. P.S. (Cody did mentioned to me that there have been problems in the past with people coming across the MAC border with the res and that they were glad to have us being out there to discourage people from using that area.)

Member Status

If you have not paid your dues for the year and wish to stay in the club, please do so ASAP. You will not be allowed to fly until this is completed.

Please send check, made payable to TMRCC to:

Bill Evans
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Maricopa, AZ 85138

Facebook

The club has a page on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/maricoparcclub/>

I am happy to see a flutter of new activity on this our club Facebook page. Members have been sharing video and photo of on-goings at the field, new builds and other RC plane related posts. Feel free to visit the page, share, like and post your own pictures and comments. I would love to see this become our new "share" spot for these types of things. This also helps get our group "out there" as facebook is a great way to find new members. Many younger prospects use social media platforms to communicate much more than email. Having all these posts in one place and not in email also makes it easy to go back and reference again later. We hope to see you there!

Website

The club also has a website, and Bill Evans has done an excellent job of making it look awesome! There is a ton of information on there about our club. You should check it out and share it with your friends and family that are even slightly interested in the sport! This is also a great place to refer new people for information on training and to sign up. We are always looking for new content to keep our website informative and lively. Did you see the new web page regarding Don Piazza's secret hobby? Rick Purcell will be writing a new blog post series scheduled for April 1st.

Club T-shirts

If you would like to order a club t-shirt, you can do so at this link, or talk directly to Rachele Maas.

https://www.etsy.com/listing/706533630/the-maricopa-rc-club-t-shirt?ref=shop_home_active_1&frs=1