

RETROSPECT

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Who would have thought when we had our last meeting that we would be longing for the “good old days”.

Hard to do “remote” flying from home unless you are the US military!

Adam Foreman shows us the latest technology in the RC industry!

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**Keep safe and keep distance.
Check our website for updates about
the field and activities.**

Featured:

Adam Foreman's "Retrospect"

Our next club meeting is:

**Cancelled
until further notice.**

March Club Meeting Summary


Our President, Denis Loo, called the Mar.02, 2020 club meeting to order at 7:35p.m. There were 24 members in attendance. Denis spoke about a new FAA proposal regarding the requirement of all drones (which would apply to all model aircraft) to broadcast their identity over the internet. *Editor: I found this site that has a good explanation <https://arstechnica.com/tech-policy/2020/02/new-faa-drone-rule-is-a-giant-middle-finger-to-aviation-hobbyists/>* Needless to say there is a huge backlash against the idea.

Denis noted that the AMA has a plan service for 18,000 models - the website can be found with this link <https://www.modelaircraft.org/ama-plan-service>. *(I guess this is a time when more building will be going on and this archive of plans gives everyone interested a chance to find an unusual project and get back to the old fashioned way to have a model airplane - self built)*



Denis mentioned that the coffee (and donuts) service for the club meetings this year is losing money and do we really want to continue with it. The general consensus of those (coffee addicts) present was that we should continue and revisit at the AGM of the club. *(guess it is rather academic for the time being)*

He also discussed the previous topic about a club directory and what information we, as a club could collect and get consent so that a directory could be made available again. We could have a section on the renewal form (as well as the new member application form) where you check off boxes to indicate which info each member would consent to being shown (i.e email, phone, address) or possibly by adding wording to the effect that by joining the club you agree to having your info published in the club directory. This idea will need further thought (submit your ideas) before the executive can make a recommendation to bring to the membership.

After the break, the draw for the Ace of Spades was held,  with Harvey Slaght's ticket being picked AGAIN (that's four times out of the last five!). He did not find the Ace so the pot continues to grow and is now at \$266.40. *(I swear I don't know how Harvey does it - he must have some power over the person picking the ticket - but he does not seem to have the power to pick the ACE!).*

By Adam Foreman

A few years ago the original skylark 56 prototype (which was to become a Kit sold for 50 years) was accidentally sold to myself by the AMA who received a donation from the Goldberg family. (The AMA admitted later to me they didn't know at the time). I discussed how I was able to contact the original technical consultant who flew the prototype in 1963 Making shim adjustments (incident) before the final plans and the kits release and what radio was in it. He also told me that Carl Goldberg used it as promotional material, calling on hobby stores across the US with the plane and most likely others in his lineup at the time. I included the PowerPoint just for your reference (see at the end of the article), that I used when I did a presentation maybe 2017? at one of our meetings. The prototype still had the original



servos, wiring and switches installed, but the radio transmitter, receiver and battery got lost at some point.



An original unbuilt Carl Goldberg kit "JR Skylark" Circa 1967

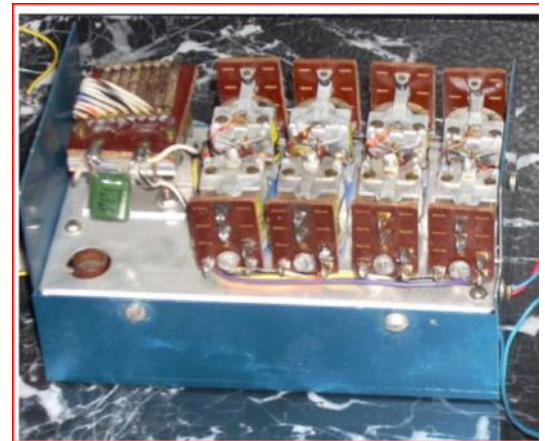
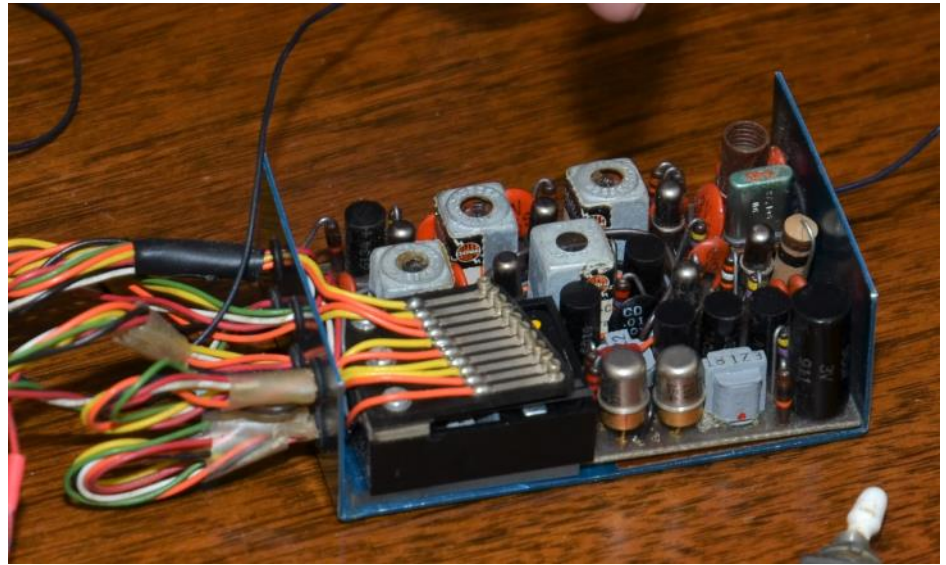
Last year at Toledo, gratefully someone had the F&M radio (super rare to be available at Toledo) and I bought without hesitation, so now I can complete this package. I was excited to get the radio working as it didn't at first require tone frequency tuning. There is somewhat like a little music box with metal tines that resonate tones



F&M Electronics 10 channel relayless reed radio circa 1962 for the prototype

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from the transmitter, and when each tine resonates then it will move a control surface in one direction from centre. There are two tines for every servo in the receiver. These would require tuning, perhaps twice a year, if all went well back in the day.



Older relay type receiver compared to Adams relayless that he showed.

I just brought the Junior Skylark kit which has a 37" wingspan because I was excited to find one available as these are rare to buy. I am planning to build it next winter, with original scheme (as it would have been flown back in the day) and install 2 COX .020 engines that I already have, but with a modern radio. A. Foreman



For your enjoyment

Mike McDermott's Model is looking good! Oh, and his Mitsubishi A6M5 Zero is coming along nicely too! It was featured in last April's Fliteline and there is progress.



From our friends over the pond in Hampshire UK. Barry Cole, who looks forward to reading the Fliteline, sent these photos of sailplanes being towed aloft. Below is a 1/4 scale Habitch, and the blue one is a 1/3 scale Flamingo, both designed, built and flown by



Chris Williams. They are being towed by Barry's "Greenley" tug. 2.5m wingspan powered by a Zenoah 62 with a tuned pipe & equipped with an onboard electric starter. (All are being flown with FrSky RC gear)



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OMFC Meeting Dates for 2020

<u>Date</u>	<u>Agenda</u>
Apr. 6 (Monday)	Cancelled
May. 4 (Monday)	Cancelled

OMFC Event Dates for 2020

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Event Contact</u>
May 12 (Tuesday)	Flight School - Cancelled	(OMFC Field) Ron Birchall
Jun. 13 (Saturday)	Street Display - Cancelled	(Milton) Bill Funnell
Jun. 21 (Sunday)	Air Show - Cancelled	(OMFC Field) Exec.
Jul. 25/26 (Sat/Sunday)	Prec. Aero. Contest - TBD	(OMFC Field) Paul Brine
Aug. 15 (Saturday)	Electric Fun Fly - TBD	(OMFC Field) Denis Loo
Aug. 29 (Saturday)	Family Fun Fly - TBD	(OMFC Field) Aldo Agostini