



Pitts SPECIAL



Official Newsletter of
Metrolina Control Line Society (MCLS)

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September, 1981

AMA Chartered Club #1811



February 2018 Issue

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MCLS is also in association with:

Mecklenburg County Parks & Recreation Dept. through the
Waymer Aeromodelers Chapter of Academy of Model Aeronautics (WACAMA)

MCLS Representatives to WACAMA are Max Flowe and David Smith

**The next MCLS meeting is Saturday, February 24th 2018
at the home and flying field of Watt Moore**

2393 Gill Jordan Road
Chester, SC 29706
GPS: 34.776654, -81.082261

**Flying in the morning,
Pinto Beans with ham and Cornbread Lunch at 11:30,
And some more flying before the 2:00 meeting**



February, 2018

By Will Davis

The MCLS after Christmas party was well attended, the food was great and we had a fun time at Market Street Restaurant in Gastonia NC . We had a few regular members that were unable to attend and we hope to see you in February club meeting.

We had a brief membership meeting to cover a few open issues, but the majority of the time at the meeting was just a social event talking model airplanes, the wives catching up on their adventures and enjoying seeing the younger kids run laps around the tables.

The recipient of MCLS "Rusty Nail "award for outstanding flight achievement in 2017 was Kyle Anderson. The grandson of Charter member of MCLS James Duckworth and the oldest child on of Carrie and Dan Anderson. Kyle has progressed a lot thru the past six months, he has competed in several contest in basic flight and has just recently moved to the PAMPA Beginner pattern in Control Lone Stunt.



Kyle owes a lot of his progress to Watt Moore, Watt has helped provide Kyle with very rugged built and great flying models, all FP 20 and LA 25 powered models. Watt has built and rebuilt many of the models when most people would have discarded the pieces to start over . No one is better at rebuilding a model than Uncle Watt.

Park Dept News:

We continue to have issue with the walking trail that comes out onto the lower paved circle. Just like any time we fly close to non-modelers, we need to be aware of our surroundings.

The Wacama website (WWW.WACAMA.COM) has been updated with a join/renew option to purchase a park pass and our club in transaction.

MCLS has a web site that is linked thru the WACAMA Web site.
www.wacama.com

In the Shop:

James Duckworth is working on a new Firecat, Watt Moore is rebuilding a KOI crash, Don Jenkins is building a new PA75 Dreadnought. Rusty is building a Cardinal. Will Davis is building a Max Bee, David Smith has a new Gee Bee R3

Members News:

John Gibson has been in the Hospital for some testing, Please keep John in your prayers .

Club News:

Curtis Comer passed away in February. Curtis was living in a assisted living center in Alabama . Curtis was a long time member of MCLS, designer of the Skydancer and a good friend to all control line flyers in the southeast . For Many years Curtis owned the Profile Event at Huntersville, He flew a Tutor with a few modifications and just could not be beat . The last time he competed , about two years ago, he was having trouble remembering the maneuvers , I got in the circle and called for him. Curtis finished second out of 18 flyers . I traveled with Curtis to VSV, The Nats and many local contest. He will be missed by all.

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Upcoming Events:

February

February 24 2018 MCLS Club Meeting at the home of Watt Moore Chester SC

March

March 24 2018 MCLS Club Meeting Huntersville

April

April 28 MCLS Club Meeting Huntersville

May

May 4, 5 & 6 2018 Carolina Classic Huntersville Contest

May 12 to 19 2018 Joe Nall Week

May 18 & 19 2018 Joe Nall Contest

June

Brodak Fly In June 11-16 2018

July

July 8 -14 July AMA Nationals Stunt /Carrier

August

Paducah Kentucky Contest... Charlie Reeves

Sept

North Atlanta Contest... Tom Dixon

Oct

October 19,20 &21 2018 Carolina Criterium Contest Huntersville

Nov

Dec

KOI 2018. Glen St Marys Fla.... Gene Martine

Club Meeting:

The Next Meeting of MCLS will be Saturday February 24, 2018 at the home of Watt Moore in Chester SC . We will have flying early as weather permits, break for lunch around 12:30, and fly before the meeting at 2:00. Pinto Beans with ham and Cornbread are planned for Lunch provided by the Club.

MCLS After-Christmas Party



The Carolina Gang

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David and Wesley Smith



The Anderson/Duckworth Family

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Howard Shenton and Max Flowe

More pictures from the After-Christmas party



John Gibson and Everett Shoemaker



The Davis Family



The Jenkins Family



The Smith Family

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Everett, Watt, and Jo



The Powell Family

Keep on Keeping on!

Will Davis

President

MCLS

The Editor's Sandbox In Memory of Curtis Comer

By now I'm sure everyone has heard sadly of Curtis Comer's passing away. He was a long time good friend of Watt Moore and many others from MCLS as well as those attending our contests. The couple of times I met him, he was fun to talk to as well as to watch. He was widely known for his famous tail dragging, and occasionally silkspan shredding, low pullouts... just for the fun of it. Not to mention his many perennial wins in Profile at Huntersville.

Here's a peek at him with his Skydancer and some comments, along with some of his friends.



Curtis Comer's Sky Dancer

The Sky Dancer, powered by a Fox 35 engine and is done in traditional silkspan and dope. The picture was taken in 1991. A unique model with some different features .

Replicas of the 1960 Classic design have been built by Larry Draughn, Will Davis and Roy DeCamera.

Notes: From Curtis Comer

I was living in Lexington, KY at the time I built the Sky Dancer and flying with the Lexington Model Club, Lew McFarland, John Peck, and numerous others. We had a flying area right on Bluegrass airport.

The first Sky Dancer was completed in 1960. During the 1950's I had flown a Bob Elliott Black Tiger and also a Guilow's Trixy profile. In 1959, I needed a new contest stunt airplane and decided I would make my own original design. From this desire, the Sky Dancer evolved. The concept of the swept back leading edge came from my Trixy profile, which was a flapless design with a considerable amount of wing sweep.

The Sky Dancer paint job was the Black Tiger colors, black and light blue. It was a little overweight (normal for me). When the cowl came apart, I redesigned the nose, and I think I put on a different paint job. I can't remember any details. I flew it a lot until 1964 when we moved to Huntsville the first time. Then, it went into storage until 1988.

Yes, I was impressed with my Black Tiger I built in 1953 from Bob Elliott's plans. I lived reasonably close to Bob, Walt Pyron, and others. When I went on active duty in the Naval Air Reserve in 1954, I was first stationed in Corpus Christi, TX for a few months. While there, I got to fly in Don Still's contest in Beaumont, TX, and I was fortunate to take the High Point Stunt Award. I got a lot of satisfaction from that.

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The Editor's Sandbox

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I had an interim plane between the Sabre Dancer and the Black Tiger, basically a modified Sabre Dancer. So, I kept pretty busy all along.

To go way back, before the Sabre Dancer, I flew an Over Easy biplane with an OK Super 60 running on ignition.

About the mid 1960's, I took a lengthy break from flying. I resumed flying in 1988 in Charlotte, NC when I met William Davis and other enthusiasts at the local MCLS Club. The original Sky Dancer was pulled out of storage, repaired, and given a quick solid red finish to get me quickly back into flying. My second Sky Dancer was built in 1993 and flown at the VSC and numerous local events. It even placed 7th in Advanced at the 1994 Nationals, some 34 years after the original's first flight.

After a long delay, I did get the Sky Dancer published in AMA Model Aviation in the December 1994 issue. Plans are available

Three Sky Dancers



Larry Draughn - Blue and White

Curtis Comer - Gold

Will Davis - Red and White

The Editor's Sandbox Curtis Comer

Rest in peace, Curtiss. I wish I'd had more time to get to know you. But Holley and I enjoyed the few times we did.



Golden Oldies Stunt Championship Tifton Ga 1994
Left to Right ... Dave Hemstrought (PT 19), John Simpson (Cavalier), Tom Dixon (Nobler) Curtis Comer (Sky Dancer), Derek Barry (Dolphin)



Thanks, Will Davis,
For telling me more about
Curtis and for sending this
article and pictures.

This is the Bob Elliott Designed Black Tiger Curtis Comer built in 1953 .This plane had some influence on the original 1960 Sky Dancer 's design and paint job

Note: *Curtis Comer*

My 1953 Black Tiger which I don't think many have seen. It is No. 44. Bob Elliott was No. 41, Harris Grimes was 42, Walt Pyron was 43, and I was 44. That was some good times.



Metrolina Control Line Society

AMA Club # 1811

2018 Membership Application

Name AMA #

Birthday (M D ?)

Mo Day (Year - optional if you want it known)

Spouse / or?

Address

City

State

Zip

Home Phone

Cell Phone

email

General Interests / Comment

Control Line Flying Interest ☐ Stunt (St) ☐ Combat (Cb) ☐ Speed (Sp) ☐ Sport (Sr)
☐ Carrier (Cr) ☐ Scale (Sc) ☐ Racing (Ra)

Membership Dues	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$0 JR/SR AMA Member or ASSOCIATE non flying member
	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$20 INDIVIDUAL or non flying member wanting to support the club
	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$25 FAMILY- Only if all members are flyers. Need separate applications for all family members.
	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$0 NEWSLETTER ONLY- MCLS Membership not required but we would like your personal information for our mailing list. AMA card not required

Make Checks or Money Order Payable to:
Metrolina Control Line Society
Send to

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4042 River Oaks Road
Lake Wylie SC 29710

Phone: 803-831-1753
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Please record the date on your current
AMA or MAAC (Canada)
MEMBERSHIP CARD

Month - Year
Exp.: 01-2018

**You must be a 2018 AMA member
to fly with us at Waymer field**

SURFING THE WEB - USEFUL WEB SITES FOR CONTROL LINE:

Stunthangar.com
Control line forum



Non-member visitors can close the Log-In nag window.
Click the "Do not display again" button.
Guests can post in the "General Questions" forum

Stuka Stunt Works - www.cstunt.com/htdocs/dc/dcboard.php

Brotherhood of the Ring - <http://brotherhoodofthering.info/>

Airfield Models - <http://www.airfieldmodels.com/>

One of the best sources of modeling and building explanations and illustrations on the web

PAMPA - <http://www.pampacl.org/>

You must be a member of PAMPA to access many areas of this valuable site

AMA - Academy of Model Aeronautics - <https://www.modelaircraft.org>

Brodak - www.brodak.com

Complete Control Line hobby shop and manufacturer of supplies and kits

Sig Manufacturing - sigmfg.com

Bob Machado's Museum and Gallery: www.hobbyistparadise.com.

Phil Brown's Web site: www.mastercontrollinelinksite.info/

A complete listing of control line web sites.

Tulsa Glue Daubers Website - www.tulsacl.com/

Flying Lines Website - <http://flyinglines.org/>

Great site out of the Northwest. Lots of columns on all aspects of CL modeling.

**Pitts Special Archives, all back issues plus the annual club Calendar
of events and contest flyers:**

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VENDORS' CORNER

The following are club members and frequent contest attendees who provide parts, tools and supplies.

Norine Armish - Phone: 717-805-4457. Email: karmish@ptd.net

We are a small, neighborhood shop in Selinsgrove, PA. I do artwork on wood, tin and slate, and I have two associates who do stained glass and crochet.

Website: <https://www.facebook.com/ArmishsCountryStar>

Phil Cartier - Phone: 717-566-3810. Email: philcartier@earthlink.net

Combat & Stunt kits, Cores & misc. combat & Stunt CL items.

Website: <http://home.earthlink.net/~philcartier/webcat/catalog.html>

Tom Dixon - Phone: 770-592-3279. Email: bdixon@mindspring.com. (Does not use email-Call)

Plans and accessories for the stunt flyer. Double Starr engine importer. Stunt eng. mods.

Website: <http://tomdixon.tripod.com/tomdixon.htm>

Bob Krug - Phone: 923-696-1291. Email: rlkrupa@sbcglobal.net

Supplies Powermaster fuel and other miscellaneous items for sale at contests. Does not ship fuel. Contact him for contests he will attend.

Jim Lee - Phone: 785-266-7714. Email: jlee9@cox.net

Expertly machined parts and tools for model building.

Website: www.leemachineshop.com

Bob Machado - Phone: 508-404-6376. Email: bobandedy@aol.com.

Buy /sell CL and everything else from the website info. Also has a model museum.

Website: <http://www.bobmachadosgallery.com>

Brian Malin - Phone: 321-537-1159. Email: brian@bmjrmodels.com

Laser cut FF, CL & RC kits.

Website: www.bmjrmodels.com

Bill Mandakis - Phone: 336-499-1192. Email: mandakis@bjm-home.com

Brodak distributor

Website: <http://www.bjm-home.com/modelshop/openingselectionwindow.html>

Watt Moore (Brodak distributor) - Phone: 803-789-9430, 803-517-1153 Email: medplans@truvista.net.

He can order anything from the Brodak catalog or may have it in his shop.

Tom Morris - Phone: 256-820-1983. Email: ctmorris@cableone.net

Extensive line of built models. Electric supplier.

Tom's supplies are available through <http://stunthanger.com/hobby>

John Saunders - Phone: 856-697-0656. Email: Stiletto46@comcast.net.

Look for John at contests with all sorts of CL supplies. Brodak Dealer.

Randy Smith - Phone: 687-407-9376. Email: Randyaero@msn.com

Full service stunt items, Engine tuners, Plans, Props. Engines, etc...

Website: <http://www.aeroproduct.net>



If you find any dead or erroneous links, addresses or phone numbers, please notify me at RknRusty@sc.rr.com

Directions to Waymer Field in Huntersville, NC



GPS: 35.401170, - 80.814600

And that's a Wrap for February, 2018 Thanks for Reading

If you have any questions, trouble reading or
accessing, or if I irritated you in some way.
Mistakes, corrections or any other reason

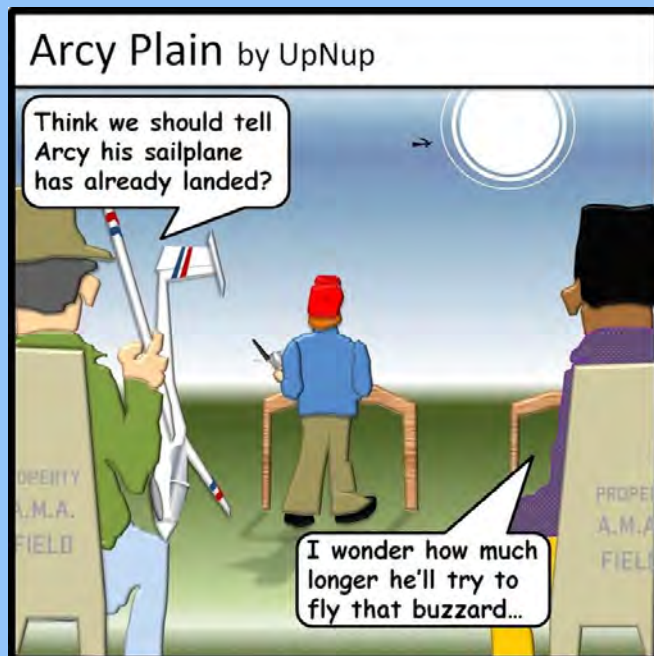
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That's all Folks

See y'all in March