

# THE MAFC NEWS FOR MARCH 2020

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## MONMOUTH AREA FLYING CLUB

### Club Meetings

Board Of Trustees:  
7:00 PM 3/5/2020  
Club House

General Meeting:  
9:00 AM 3/21/2020  
CAP Building



### 2020 Assignments and Posts

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#### **President: Joe Bonacci**

The President oversees meetings of the organization following Robert's Rules. The President oversees and monitors the club and can make recommendations to the Board of Trustees. In addition, the President can create and assign members to various posts and has the option to cast a vote when it is required.



#### **Vice President: Tom Griffin**

The Vice President assists the President in all related matters and can cast a vote when required.



#### **Treasurer: Tom Smock**

The Treasurer is responsible for all of the Club's finances. He accounts for funds brought in, pays bills for expenses incurred, and prepares a financial report which is issued at the BOT and General Membership meetings. He makes recommendations on how best to manage our financial resources and is responsible for filing the Club's taxes each year.



#### **Assistant Treasurer: Mike Bernicker**

The Assistant Treasurer is responsible for collecting checks from members and verifying the amounts entered into Flight Circle. The AT enters checks that have not already been entered and makes deposits 2-3 times per month. These actions help the Treasurer in preparing financial reports.



#### **Chief Flight Instructor: Frank Fine**

The Chief Flight Instructor checks to ensure that each MAFC Instructor is current and meets FAA requirements for CFI and/or CFII, as appropriate. He flies with, evaluates, and recommends for approval new prospective MAFC Instructors to the BOT. He is also charged with ensuring that student pilots are properly prepared for solo flight by review with their Instructor or other means as appropriate.



#### **Maintenance Officer: John Pereira**

The Maintenance Officer and Assistant Maintenance Officers are responsible for making sure that each airplane is kept in good condition and when problems are encountered, they take appropriate actions to correct them. They also make recommendations to the Board of Trustees regarding maintenance work that must be done and also provide suggestions for updating equipment.



#### **Operations Officer: Tom Griffin**

The Operations Officer is responsible for bringing the computer files up to date, based on the Pilot Database Update forms and also handling the RON requests. He also ensures an adequate supply of engine oil, light bulbs, wash & wax materials, etc. are available for club use.

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**Assistant Maintenance Officers: Assists the Maintenance Officer in his duties.**



**Tom Flieger**



**Dan Coles**



**Girish Mandhwani**



**Tom Russell**



**Nick Billows**



**Bill Butler**



**Tom Griffin**



**Darren Mattos**

**Web Site Officer: Dave Trulli**

This officer is responsible for the maintenance and updating of both and as well as the associated hardware.

**Recording Secretary: Chris Kuelzow**

The secretary is responsible for taking minutes at the BOT and General Membership meetings that usually includes the attendance, various reports and matters that have been conducted during these sessions.

**Membership Officer : Tom Flieger**

The Membership Officer is responsibility for publicity and recruitment. In addition, he maintains records on members and screens applicants to make sure they meet the established requirements. When a membership slot becomes available, he then presents them to the Board of Trustees.

**The Safety Officer: Joe Bonacci**

The Safety Officer is responsible for coordinating safety meetings, safety briefings and programs.

**The Probation Member Officer: Charles Burke**

This office manages and assists mentors as well as the probationary members to help insure a successful first year in the club.

**Facebook Administrator: Steve Fox**

The Facebook Administrator is responsible for maintaining the site and also monitors those accessing it.

**Club History Committee Chairman: Charles Burke**

The purpose of the History Committee is to not only gather and preserve information about the club but to also recognize those who currently are making significant contributions.

**Plant Manager: Greg Gelnow**

The plant manager is in charge of our corporate headquarters performing maintenance, repairs and alterations to the club house.

**Activities Committee: Steve Fox & Charles Burke Co-Charman**

The goal of this committee is to develop and suggest club-wide social and aviation related activities. If activities are approved by the BOT, they may be asked to implement the programs



Steve Fox



Charles Burke

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**Newsletter Staff: Charles Burke, Dave Pathe & Keren Barbagelata:**

The Newsletter Editors are responsible for gathering materials that go into the newsletter and then distributing the completed issues to all members at the beginning of each month.



Charles  
Burke



Dave  
Pathe



Keren  
Barbagelata



**Rules Committee Chairman: Joe Bonacci**

The Rules Committee is charged with reviewing the By-Lays and the Rules & Regulations in an effort to bring them up to date .

**Interfacing with MAFC Information**

The beginning of the unfolding of MAFC information portals took place at the February 15, 2020 General Membership meeting when President Joe Bonacci listed both the information that will be forthcoming and then noted how and where it could be found. To begin here is the list of how information can be obtained:

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| a. Email both individual and the membership wide E-blast method. | g. Information reference cards in the aircraft |
| b. MAFC Newsletter   | h. MAFC Websites                               |
| c. MAFC Facebook   | i. Cameras on the field                        |
| d. Bulletin board in trailer                                     | j. Directory                                   |
| e. At Meetings   | k. Calendar                                    |
| f. Handbook  |  |

Now that we can see how the information will be distributed, what will it consist of?

**E-mails:** All of the documents, calendar and other types of information will be distributed initially by e-mail. As updates occur, the newer versions will be sent out.

**MAFC Newsletter:** Either the actual document , an abbreviation of the document or a reference to it, will be noted in the club's newsletter.

**MAFC Facebook Page:** This page can only be accessed by members who sign up to participate. Contact Steve Fox for help.

**Bulletin Board:** The trailer white board is populated with documents but hopefully this will soon be replaced with a cork board.

**At Meetings:** Announcements will be made at meeting about important information that the members should know about.

**Info Cards in Planes:** A card keyed to each aircraft will be in the plane showing where to park and who to call for help.

**MAFC Web Page:** ([www.flymafc.com](http://www.flymafc.com)) Look in the Members Only document section for the materials.

**Cameras:** As soon as the camera on the field have been fixed you will be able to view the area via a computer or phone.

**Handbook:** A handbook is being developed that will help you to easily find out where things are and how to access assistance. This is under development.

**Directory:** A listing of key elected and appointed officials is already available.

**Calendar:** A club calendar has already been published and will be regularly updated

**MAFC Directory**

(This is a listing of MAFC officers and key contact personnel)

- President/- Joseph Bonacci [jbona25@gmail.com](mailto:jbona25@gmail.com) 908-433-4118
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*Other assignments and committees are a work in progress as we move along this year.*

**Maintenance Report by John Pereira**

**N66977-C152.** The throttle cable was removed at N12 for repair or replacement. After a few weeks of inactivity Bill reported that the part was on backorder and that the replacement part would not be available for quite some time. I contacted AirMods and they were able to locate the part with a more realistic delivery time. The repair facility also agreed to come to N12 and install the new component.

**N67818-C152.** The aircraft was at BP Air for an annual inspection. On the return trip it was reported that the Nav/Comms were inoperative. The crew reported that # 1 Radio would not work, # 2 Radio would receive ok but only transmit intermittently, and the Co-pilot's PTT switch was inoperative. This is a loaner radio from Three Crowns avionics. I contacted Carl from Three Crowns Avionics and he agreed to come to N12 on Saturday, 8 February, and address the issue. He also informed me that the aircraft's original Nav/Comm has not returned from the Avionics shop where the warranty work is being done. Flaps would not extend because of a wiring issue. The wiring, limit switches and connectors were cleaned and repaired.

**N4287Q-C172-L.** The aircraft was at BP Air for a 50 hr inspection. While there a few squawks were addressed: The Pad heater plug was relocated to the front of the plane for easy access. The instrument lights had a dead short to ground and were repaired. Both mains have flat spots but still meet operational standards. Nav/Comm #1 was reported to have intermittent issues and was assessed.

**N93KK-C172-M.** The aircraft was at BP Air for a 50 hr inspection. While there are few squawks were addressed: The Pad heater plug was relocated to the front of the plane for easy access. Several cowl fasteners were replaced. The nose tire and both mains were replaced. The Pilot's seat needs repair and must be removed and sent to an upholstery shop.

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**N268BG-PA28-181.** The aircraft was at Ocean Aire for a 50 hr inspection. While there a few squawks were addressed: Nose wheel shimmy on braking. The Pad heater cord and plug were replaced due to fraying. #2 Nav/Comm was found to be defective, the unit was removed, and it was determined that the repair could not be performed at Ocean Aire. Radio was sent to Aircraft and Avionics Sales in New Cumberland PA for repair. As a side note Lenny (Ocean Aire owner) has a serviceable unit that he will sell for \$1,200.00 if our radio is beyond repair we can consider this as an option, the only issue is that it does not have a glide slope option (secondary instrument on this aircraft).

**N55804-PA28-200.** The trim tab continues to be a considerable issue for this aircraft. The electric trim is inoperative, and the trim wheel is very stiff. I spoke to Billy O (BP Air, VAY) and he informed me that there is a facility in Hyannis MA (Griffin Avionics) that specializes in Piper autopilots and carries a large inventory of replacement parts. I suggest the aircraft be brought there and we combine the trip with WT's engine break in procedure. First however Air Mods said that they would look at the issue. The electric trim tab has a short in the switch; I've placed a zip tie on the circuit breaker to prevent its use.

**N61WT-C172SP.** The aircraft was at Ocean Aire for the engine overhaul and propeller replacement. Engine and propeller have been installed and tested. We have to adhere to very strict break in procedures. Only experienced pilots with some former break in time will be allowed to fly the aircraft for the first 25 hrs of operation. We will supply pilots with an instruction pamphlet.

**Spotlight On: Alex Justo**



I became involved in Aviation in 1989, and obtained my PPL in 1990 at KOPF. My primary trainer was a Tomahawk. Through the years I have accumulated approximately 800 hours in PA28's, PA 32's, C150/2 C172 , C182 and Mooney's.

Life hit me in the late 90's and took a hiatus from flying for 15 years (bought a boat!). After returning to flying I got my IFR and commercial tickets I and am now on the final stretch of the CFI certificate.

I have done a bit of flying in Central America, Southern US and in the NE. In my bucket list, I have doing an Air Rally one of these years.

Last year, along with 3 partners, I checked off another bucket-list item buying our own plane. We found the best looking M20J in Texas and brought it home. It is hangared at KBLM. I take it out every chance I get.

I was born in Argentina, been in the great USA since 1978, finished High School and attended UMASS at Amherst majoring in electrical engineering.

**MAFC Calendar**

	June	
Jan	4 BOT 6 & 7 Wildwood Air Show 19 KEWR Behind the ScenesTour 20 Membership meeting & 50-50 27 \$100 Hamburger Run (Details to Follow)	October
2 BOT 18 Membership meeting		1 BOT 9 KEWR ATC Tower Tour 17 Membership meeting & 50-50 24 \$100 Hamburger Run (Details to Follow)
Feb	July	November
6 BOT 15 Membership meeting	2 BOT 18 Membership meeting & 50-50 26 \$100 Hamburger Run (Details to Follow)	5 BOT 21 Membership meeting & 50-50 22 \$100 Hamburger Run (Details to Follow)
March	August	December
5 BOT 15 Greenwood Lake (4N1) \$100 Hamburger Run 21 Membership meeting & 50-50	6 BOT 15 Membership meeting & 50-50 22 \$100 Hamburger Run (Details to Follow) 26 Atlantic City Air Show	3 BOT 19 Membership meeting & 50-50 27 \$100 Hamburger Run (Details to Follow)
April	September	
2 BOT 18 Membership meeting & 50-50 25 \$100 Hamburger Run (Details to Follow)	3 BOT 4 War Birds Exhibit Wildwood 7 & 8 Air Show Flying W (N14) 20 Membership meeting Rub & Rub and Scrub (Rain Sept. date 19) & 50-50 27 \$100 Hamburger Run (Details to Follow)	
May		
7 BOT 16 Membership meeting & Rub and Scrub (Rain date 17) & 50-50 16 & 17 McGuire Air Show 23 & 24 Millville Air Show 24 \$100 Hamburger Run (Details to Follow)		



### Why Flying Over Scotland Can be a Challenge

submitted by Dave Pathe

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=UGRcJQ9tMbY](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UGRcJQ9tMbY)



Announcements

### DO NOT FLY RIBBONS

Located in the same cabinet are the aircraft keys, you will find a set of red ribbons that are designated GROUNDED- Please contact crew chief for further info. If you find that an aircraft has problems that are serious and need immediate attention, but you cannot establish contact with the ground crew or the maintenance officer, take one of these and attach it to the instrument panel in a visibly prominent position.



Brett Paulus  
Brett & Navin became new CFIs on 2/17



Navin Ohri

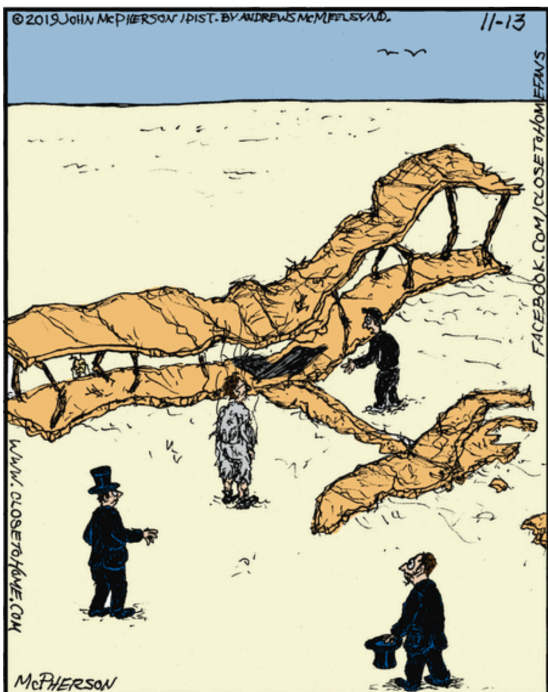


We have a new Commercial pilot in the club. Jon Ryan successfully passed his Commercial check ride !



### Top Flight Time Pilots for January!

Hannah Umberger 11 hrs in Archer  
Kyle Guilbeaux 5.0 hrs in KK & Q  
Joe Bonacci 4.8 hrs in Archer  
Ben Reznik 4.5 in KK & Q  
Israel Plonczak 4.3 hrs in Q



"Well, here's the problem, Wilbur! The seat wasn't in its full upright position!"

### Takeoffs are optional but landings are mandatory

