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FLYRC club's flying demonstration at St. John the Evangelist School in Watertown CT. (Adults L-R) Ron Faanes, John Petto (principal), Bob Milanese, and Jay Weiner. (Students L-R) Shane Gillis, Hudson Brown, and Julia Rusi.

A variety of glow, electric, and ducted-fan model aircraft were part of the static display. Back row (L-R): Jay Weiner, Steven Phillips, Brian McWhirt, Samantha Warren, Katelyn Honegger, Jack Cassidy, Arthur Pappas, Sam Henderlite, Louis Perugini, and Erick Zuniga. Front row (L-R): Maureen vanMoffearet, Gwendolyn Brown, Matthew Pang, Kylee Dubroski, Jack Paulin, Kasey Ingerson, Sarah Woermer, and Bob Milanese.

It's nice when a District I club member submits an event report from a club that we haven't seen in this column. Such is the following report sent to me by the club's secretary, Ron Fannes.

On February 4, 2016, members of the Fairfield League of Yankee Radio Controllers (FLYRC) club of Southbury, Connecticut, held its second indoor flying demonstration at the Saint John the Evangelist School in Watertown, Connecticut. This is a private school for children in prekindergarten though eighth grade.

All 180 students enthusiastically attended to learn about traditional RC model aircraft and drones that utilize autopilot systems for autonomous flight.

An introduction to the club included the location of the club's flying sites and times at Mitchell's Farm in Southbury and the Newtown Field in Newtown, Connecticut. Students were told that the club welcomed new members and was dedicated to advancing member's model building and flying skills. The basics of flight, distinguishing types of model aircraft and power systems, and using a radio to control the model's flight path were discussed.

Club members delighted students with an hour-long session of flying a variety of model aircraft from Vapors to multirotor drones. The FLYRC team also talked about the role of the AMA in providing insurance for members and flying sites, creating rules for safe competition and fun flying events, and representing and promoting the hobby.

The big hit this year was real-time video transmitted from the quadcopter's onboard cameras to a large television monitor. The students and teachers were able see themselves on the big screen from the drone's birds-eye camera view as it flew in the gym.

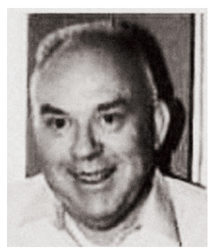
The flight demonstration session ended with a question-and-answer session around a static display of model aircraft. As expected, many of the students had received multirotors for Christmas, and they had lots of questions.

Members of FLYRC who participated in this student education event, as well as the teachers and students, expressed their enjoyment of another mutually beneficial experience and look forward to doing this again.

The FLYRC club especially thanks Ron Faanes, Bob Milanese, and Jay Wiener, who did the flying and presentations and to school principal John Petto for giving the club an opportunity to interest the students in aeromodeling.

On a sad note, my predecessor, Don Krafft, 82, passed away on March 19, 2016. He was an airline pilot for 35 years who retired from full-scale flying in 1991.

We are grateful for his service to the members and clubs as District I vice president and for his efforts on the AMA Executive Council for 18 long years.



May Don rest in peace.

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