

FREEEEEEEEEEZE Fly!!! 2026

Hey Miami R/Cers!

We had a GREAT turnout today for our Annual Freeze-Fly. 14 pilots showed up and most of them even flew! There was very little wind but the temp was around 21 degrees, so fingers got cold quickly.

Here we have a nice group of active men. Tim Herr is taking it to the next level with BIG planes!!! Rick McCarty is in the air while Rick Current is taxiing in. Mo Azar is just trying to stay out of danger.



John Drake and Roger Reedy are just trying to stay warm!

Usually, it's Jim Hammond who is the lone glo-flyer, but today, Jeff got into the picture...



Look at that exhaust! There's nothing better than that nitro smell in 20-degree weather. Mike Morgan, being the nostalgic guy that he is, just had to get fully enveloped in the cloud of joy!

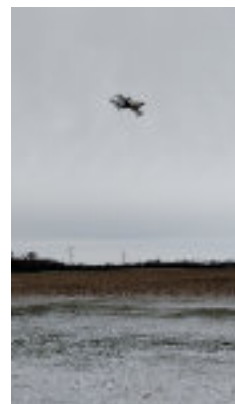
And speaking of Old Timers, of course Jim Hammond brought a nitro plane. Here, Joe Hammond is in front of Jim's plane, mugging for the camera. Why is he smiling so big???



Well, he's smiling so big because he successfully (???)
flew his nitro-powered "Lawn Dart"!!!



Brian Reber also had some personal
interaction with gravity while flying his
SeaWind. You don't see this
plane very often, so it was a treat to
see in the air.
It's perfect in the snow!



But the servos froze up and it hit the snow just a little too hard...



The good thing about these "incidents" is that both Joe and Brian have gotten their crashes out of the way. The rest of the year will be nothing but great flying and happy landings!

Here, Tom Bean shows off his Christmas Present from his father-in-law. What a blessed man Tom is!!!





After all that fun, eight of us worked up an appetite and went over to Applebee's



Everyone enjoyed getting out. Yes, it was cold but flying is still fun and there was lots of good banter between the pilots. We are so blessed to have a club as vibrant and enjoyable as Miami R/C!

AND THAT'S NOT ALL!!!

Rick McCarty gave us a very nice Christmas present by fixing the port-o-potty! The door had nearly ripped off its hinges from the winds we've had this winter. Between that and the fact that the door is plastic, it looked as though the potty needed to be replaced.

Enter Mr. Fix-It. The potty is ready for another season thanks to Rick's handiwork and about two dozen screws and some pipe strap!



It looks as good as new! Thank you, Rick!!!

Our next event is the Winter Dinner on Jan. 23 (Friday) at 6 p.m. at City BBQ near the Fairfield Mall complex. We have the party room reserved. Go to the counter and order your dinner and then come join all your R/C buddies along with their wives for a good time of fellowship.

It just doesn't get any better than this! Just think how great the new flying season will be when the weather breaks. But, until then, I look forward to seeing you at the Winter Dinner!

All the best, and Happy New Year!

Bruce

Here's the list of the 2026 Freeze-Flyers: I think it was our largest group, ever!

Tom Bean, John Drake, Mike Morgan, Jim Martin, Rick McCarty, Rick Current
Jeff Holsinger, Mo Azar, Tim Herr, Roger Reedy, Jim Hammond
Joe Hammond, Brian Reber, Bruce Curlette