



# The Airmaster Flash

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Bret Givens

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## The President's Column

Club members,

Many of us have spent less time at the airfield since our last Airmaster Flash. Probably due to the summer heat, hurricane Irma and other personal recovery. Thank you to everyone for your help at the airfield.



With deep compassion, I must report that one of our members, Herbert Palmer, has passed. We dedicate this News Flash and include a tribute to Herb for all that have enjoyed sharing life with him.

Lets hold our flying friends in our hearts, welcome in the new members and dust off our wings and fly!!

Your club President,  
**Shaun Frank**

## From the Vice President's Desk...

My deepest condolences to Herb and his family. I know he would appreciate that I am hopeful!!

I hope this Airmaster Flash finds our members well and I am hopeful the weather will turn for the better as the season changes. We may have to face more wind, but at least the field will be dry. I'm thinking that there are some projects that we may be able to discuss and work on as the cooler weather heads our way.

Your club Vice President,  
**Bobby Hay**

**Club meetings** are held the second Saturday of every month at 9:00AM. The next meeting will be on November 11, 2017. [Meeting minutes.](#)

## Recent/Upcoming Events

Nominations for club officers for 2018. The following people volunteered to be officers for 2018:

President: Shaun Frank  
Vice president: Bob Hay  
Treasurer: Lloyd Randolph  
Secretary: vacant—need volunteer  
Board: Clyde Reisert, Jerry Davis, Tom Young,  
Harold Good, and Herb Brannan.



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## **Safety**

Safety is an issue which we all need to be concerned with. Most of the time, everything goes fine. Some times, an issue will occur just because we are rushed or get distracted and don't focus on the aircraft readiness or flight plan. It is always good to get a buddy to help you with your pre-flight checkout or stand with you during the flight.

Many mishaps can be prevented. Slow down, take a little more time, focus on the mission and enjoy the experience.

**Steve Pastula**

**James Olszewski**

## **Flight Instruction/Certification:**

Airmasters RC instructors are dedicated to helping new members gain the knowledge and skills needed to safely enjoy remote control aircraft flight. Flight instructors are available at the airfield each morning from sun rise until approximate 9:00 am.

## **Membership**

141 members total as of October 14, 2017.

## **Lloyd Randolph**

### **Field Marshal News**

Thankfully, our clubhouse and field survived Hurricane Irma and all the rain since.

We are now being over run by armadillo holes and sand hill crane beak dig marks looking for grubs. I plan to treat the pits and surrounding areas for insects including grubs, mole crickets and cinch bugs. If you get rid of the food source the digging will stop... I hope!

The outer field is still very wet from all the rain we've had so make sure to wear the waders if searching for a downed plane.

## **Brett Givens**

### **Tips and Techniques from the Members**

The section is for members to share lessons they have learned or techniques they have developed with other members. If you have a tip or technique you would like to share please send your input to the editor: mdhobbs@bellsouth.net.

### **Show and Tell**

#### **3D Printer Construction – Edge 540**

James Olszewski showed the Edge 540 which he constructed on a 3D printer. Material to make the plane cost less than \$25; printing time was about 80 hours. Plans cost \$30 and came from 3DLab Prints.

#### **Taranis x9D Transmitter**

Don Smith showed the Frsky Taranis x9D transmitter which he purchased on Ebay.

#### **Cleaning Wheel Pants and Magnetic Tools**

Gerry Davis demonstrated that compressed air worked well for cleaning grass clippings out of wheel pants. Also, he showed how a screwdriver could be magnetized/de-magnetized using an inexpensive tool available from autos parts stores.

## **Secretary**

**Tom Young**

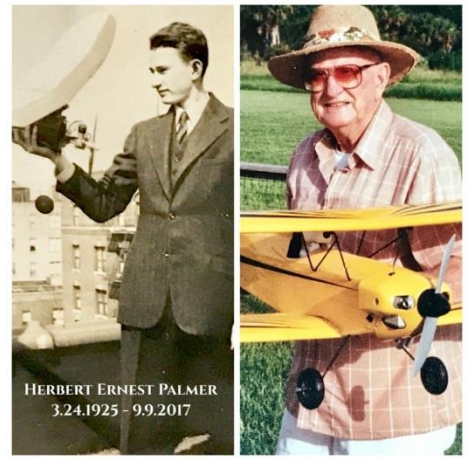
## Airmaster Herbert Palmer...

In loving memory of my 93 year old grandfather. He was a brilliant man and loving father. As a 1st generation immigrant to NYC from Germany he proudly served our country in WWII, spoke fluent German, a leader, on the front lines of one of the most influential conflicts "The Battle of the Bulge".

He was a hard working, disciplined entrepreneur who I admired. We shared many stories of his stock market buys, his remote planes and he inspired many things, certainly my love of numbers. "Running numbers" for a major kingpin was a story I'll never forget.

He was a pilot, an artist, a craftsman an avid golfer and most importantly a father of 3. He had the opportunity to find love again after the passing of his first, my grandmother and his life and lessons learned have been engraved in so many hearts. I'm sad that all his stories will never be told, but cherish the ones that have and promise to pursue his legacy.

Jason Zebrowski



### High Flight

Oh! I have slipped the surly  
bonds of Earth...

And danced the skies on  
laughter-silvered wings;  
Sunward I've climbed, and joined the tumbling mirth  
Of sun-split clouds, — and done a hundred things  
You have not dreamed of — wheeled and soared and swung  
High in the sunlit silence. Hov'ring there,  
I've chased the shouting wind along, and flung  
My eager craft through footless halls of air...  
Up, up the long, delirious burning blue  
I've topped the wind-swept heights with easy grace  
Where never lark, or ever eagle flew —  
And, while with silent, lifting mind I've trod  
The high untrespassed sanctity of space,  
Put out my hand, and touched the face of God.  
— *John Gillespie Magee, Jr*

Herb donated his airplanes to  
the Club to help his fellow  
Airmasters continue his dream.



Thank you Herb!