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The President's Column

Club members,

I hope everybody is staying safe and doing well. I have not been to the airfield much lately but I understand things are running smoothly.

Please remember this will be mine and Bobby's last year as club president and vice president. If you or somebody you know would be a good fit for the positions then please let it be known. November elections will be here before you know it and we will need to fill the positions.

We have had some new members join us. If you see them please welcome them to the club.

Stay safe and happy Flying!

Your club President,
Shaun Frank



From the Vice President's Desk...

Hope all our members are enjoying the good morning flying.

The outer field cutting looks good and the quarterly club meeting will be this month. I am looking forward to flying a new aircraft soon and hope to see some of the members at that time..

Most important, is to stay well and enjoy the flying.

Your club Vice President,
Bobby Hay

Club meetings: As a COVID-19 precaution the members voted at our last meeting to temporarily change our monthly meeting to quarterly. The next meeting will be on March 13, 2021 at 9:00 am. [Meeting minutes.](#)

Recent/Upcoming Events

- Club dues were to be paid by January 1st to continue flying in 2021
- Field maintenance activity TBD.



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Safety

Safety is an issue which we all need to be concerned with. Most of the time, everything goes fine. Every so often 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. This is especially helpful for a new plane.

- There has been a noticeable reduction of incursions over the pit area. Thank you to all members for this positive trend. It is imperative that pilots fly with safety in mind and fly in the center of the field. **Pilots are to stand in the designated flight areas located in front of the pavilion to the north of the pit area.** This is to help with the communication between the pilots.
- **Pilots must be aware of their surroundings and pay extra attention when entering the runway.** Communicate with other pilots. **Clearly sound-off during ground and flight operations – Going out; taking off; landing; on the field; clear of the field; etc.**
- **While other planes are in the air you must fly the pattern as indicated by the arrow.** To ensure proficiency for safe flight in both directions, proactively practice take-off and landing from both directions. Figure eights and practice approaches at altitude in both pattern directions are good ways to develop these skills. Only practice figure 8's when no one else is flying.
- **Don't mix dissimilar aircraft or flying styles.** Drones, helicopters, fix wing scale, **3D flight**, other special flight operations should not be mixed.
- During training be sure that the master/slave configuration is connected and operated correctly.
- **Fail-Safe: The intent of fail-safe is not particularly to save your plane, but to increase safety. A lowered throttle may give someone a little more time to get out of the way of an errant aircraft. Please remember, fail-safe or other custom settings need to be set-up in your transmitter when each new aircraft is added.** For helicopters and other specialized aircraft different settings may be appropriate.
- **Throttle Cut:** Many transmitters are now equipped with "Throttle Cut" capability. Try to set that up in all your electric planes if possible. It's a tremendous safety feature as it prevents the prop from spinning if the throttle is accidentally moved. Each plane must be set up individually as you are setting up programming for that plane.

Special Notice

- In the event of a fire we have 2 fire extinguishers hanging on the posts under the pavilion. If 911 needs to be called let them know **we are located on 10025 WW Ranch Rd. just past the pool and soccer fields.**

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

Jerry Davis

Field Marshal News

We had wetter than normal weather at the field toward the end of 2020 so I only had them cutting the runway when they could. Thank you to everyone who put forth the extra care to be easy and use the high ground in the parking lot preventing excess damage when the area was really wet.

On a better note, we are now in our winter dry period and mowing can return back to normal. Thank you to everyone that participates in field clean-ups. All members are encouraged to join in clean-up and work days when they are scheduled to ensure that our facility is well maintained, safe and ready to enjoy at all times. Be safe and have fun!



Brett Givens

Membership

Club dues were to be paid by January 1st and current AMA membership is required to continue flying in 2021. If any of your info has changed you need to fill out a [Join/Renew Airmasters RC Club Membership Form](#). A check is all that is required if there are no changes to your membership information. The membership fees are:

- Initiation fee \$10.00 per adult --\$5.00 per junior membership For renewals, the initiation fee is required if delinquent for a full year.
- Open membership \$75.00 Family membership \$85.00
- Junior membership (under 18 years old as of July 1st) \$10.00
- Please make checks payable to Airmasters R/C and send to:
Airmasters
P.O. Box 780498
Sebastian, FL. 32978

Tom Duesler

FAA Regulations

There are a lot of questions and concerns around how FAA regulations will affect our hobby. Our most current guidance from the FAA is included in FAA Advisory Circular [AC 91-57B Exception for Limited Recreational Operations of Unmanned Aircraft](#). To fly under [The Exception for Recreational Flyers](#), you must:

- Register your drone
- Fly only for recreational purposes
- Follow the safety guidelines of a community based organization
- Keep your drone within the visual line of sight or use a visual observer
- Give way and do not interfere with any manned aircraft
- Get prior authorization before operating in controlled airspace
- Fly at or below 400' in uncontrolled airspace
- Comply with all airspace restrictions
- Pass an aeronautical knowledge and safety test

As AMA members flying at an AMA sanctioned field, we are to abide by the FAA and AMA rules. Your AMA magazines and emails are great sources for the latest information.

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.

Show and Tell, Tips and Techniques from the Members

This section is for members to share their projects, 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.

In fond memory of our fellow Airmasters...

Bill Gallagher had a great sense of humor. He usually held court, under the pavilion until about 10 AM every week day morning. The small group there would talk and joke about anything and everything under the sun. When there was a disagreement over a subject, Bill would be fast to take out his phone, get on the internet and find the answer. The camaraderie was great, and the many Airmaster members who knew him will miss Bill. He was a wealth of knowledge on the RC hobby. He was always willing to help in a myriad of situations at the airfield, be it fixed wing, rotor or search and rescue. He had searched and found several of my planes over the years. He also devoted a lot of time, along with others, to maintaining the electric fence, which saved the runway from the pigs. Over the years, I think he has held every Club office. Bill's presence will be missed.

High Flight

Oh! I have slipped the surly bonds of Earth...
And danced the skies on laughter-silvered wings.

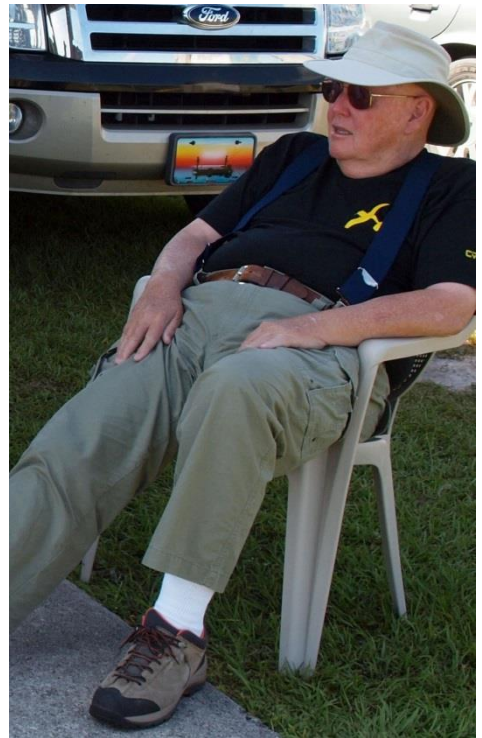
Sunward I've climbed, and joined the tumbling
mirth of sun-split clouds, — and done a hundred
things you have not dreamed of — wheeled and
soared and swung.

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*



Clyde Reisert was a long time friend and Airmaster. He seemed quiet and low keyed. Yet, he was always eager to help if you were having trouble with your plane and, I remember years ago, he really got into pylon racing here at the club on Saturday mornings.



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