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The President's Column



Club members,

I hope everybody is staying safe and doing well.

It has been an honor serving as your club president for these past 5 years. You all are a great group and it's been a lot of fun. Please welcome Jim Olszewski as our new club president and Jerry Davis as our new vice president. I'm sure they will do a great job.

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

Stay safe and happy Flying!

Your outgoing club President,
Shaun Frank

From the V.P.s Deck

This will be my last report from the V.P. deck. I have served as the field marshal or the V.P for many years, and it has been a pleasure to do so. Working with people like Gary, Dick and Shaun has made the jobs I have done very easy. Thank you, to those guys who have done a great job for our club. I'm looking forward to getting out and flying soon and hope that our new leadership will continue to lead our club to great success. Thanks for all your support over the years.

Vice President,
Bobby Hay

Club meetings: Next meeting is Saturday Dec. 11, 2021 at 9:00 am
[Meeting minutes.](#)

Recent/Upcoming Events

- Minos Givens' 90th Birthday celebration Wednesday Dec. 8, 2021 at 8 am
- Hoge Woolwine 's celebration of life Sunday Dec. 12, 2021 at 11 am
- 2022 annual membership payment is due by Jan. 1, 2022. Current AMA membership for 2022 is required for all Airmasters members.



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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. If you are having any issues with your vision then don't fly. Also, if you are not feeling well then it would be better to wait before flying. Concentrating on flying your aircraft is difficult enough even when everything is right. 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. When the wind is out of the north be especially careful flying past the pit area as the wind may push your aircraft over the pit area unexpectedly. **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. **Please note, the blue tape over or tissue in the nozzle is to keep wasps from clogging the output with mud. Please do not remove unless using to extinguish a fire.** 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

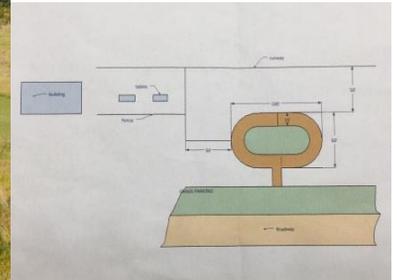
We are now into the winter weather cycle. Less rain, cooler weather and many great flying days.

The high grass areas, medium level borders, pits and runway short cut are all being maintained with some reminders to the contractors to keep them on schedule. We continue to apply pesticide to keep the fire ants down.

We have had some critters digging on the side of the runway and in the pit areas. A section of the electric fence was repaired. If you are walking out near the perimeter of the field and see any damage to the electric fence say something to me or anyone of the other members at the field so we can keep the fence in good repair and hopefully prevent the hogs and other animals from damaging the runway or other areas of the club.



Field Enhancement Project Update



Draft sketch courtesy of Roger Gagnon

Recently, we installed drainage pipe to drain the water from the track when it rains and sprinkler pipe to wet the track to prevent dust between rains.



Thank you to everyone that participates in field projects that preserve and improve our club grounds for everyone's enjoyment. All members are encouraged to join in clean-up, work days and special projects 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

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

Club dues are to be paid by January 1st and current AMA membership is required to continue flying in 2022. 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
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Tom Duesler

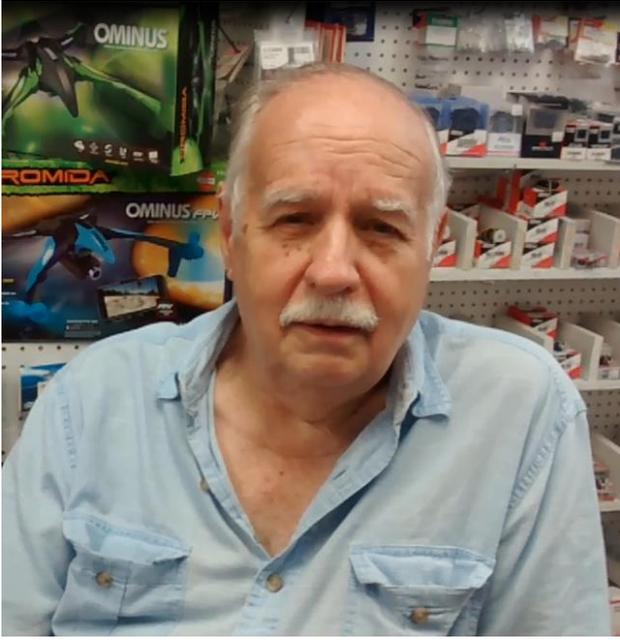
FAA Regulations

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.

Remembering our good friend Hoge Woolwine...



In years past, Hoge was an active member of our club, not so much of these last few years. It was exciting to fly with him. Years ago he and I had a mid-air. My plane landed without much damage, he had a foam plane that didn't survive.

Running the hobby shop for the past 20 years he knew just about all of our club's members. Every member of our club was saddened to hear of his passing. He gave help and encouragement to all, young and old alike.

Hoge will be missed but thought of often by those who were fortunate enough to call him a friend.

Tony Finazzo

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

Riverside Hobbies was more than Hoge and Pat. It was a big part of the hobby community here in Indian River county. But more than that, Hoge was a friend to many.

I met Hoge after I moved here about 8 years ago and was considering getting back into the hobby. Well after talking to Hoge I ended up buying a plane, engine and a radio! Soon I was making almost daily trips to Hoge's for all of the rest of the things to get the plane together. Well, that was a while ago and Hoge has been a friend ever since.

Hoge's was a place where you could go to shoot the breeze, find out about what was new and more often than not meet up with other Airmasters club members. There may be hobby shops that are larger or have more of this or that, but there will never be another hobby shop with a heart and soul like Hoge's. Hoge was a good man and was always willing to help anyone no matter what kind of project they were working on.

So Hoge, get to work and get that hobby shop in the sky in operation!

We will miss you Hoge.

Chet Carner