



The Airmaster Flash

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The President's Column

Club members,

I hope you all are having a great summer. This summer is a hot one so please remember to drink plenty of water to keep from getting dehydrated.

We now have an official address for the field to be used in case of an emergency. 10025 WW Ranch Rd. Sebastian, Fl. It is posted at the field as well.

I keep seeing more and more new members so please be sure to welcome them to the club.

Stay safe and happy Flying!

Your club President,
Shaun Frank



From the Vice President's Desk...

Flying conditions have really been nice over the last month. We've gotten some rain and the field looks good, come out fly. Just a shout out to the new members, if the club can help with your flying let us know.

It's quite hot at the field these days so make sure you have something cool with you when you come to the field. See ya there!

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 August 10, 2019. [Meeting minutes.](#)

Recent/Upcoming Events

New solar panels and charging station installed.



Charter Club 2814

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.

- 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. **All flight operations are to be conducted north of the pit area.**
- A pilot called a dead stick landing and had to crash his plane to avoid hitting another pilot that ran out onto the field after the dead stick landing was called. **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 knowledgeable flying in the wrong pattern a pilot caused a mid air collision. **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.
- **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.
- **New Rule: Pilots are to stand in the designated flight areas located in front of the pavilion.** This was added to help with the communication between the pilots.
- **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.** For helicopters and other specialized aircraft different settings may be appropriate. I don't remember how the subject came up at the field. A few of us either didn't set it or didn't remember if we had set our radio's fail-safe. We should all be sure to see that (at the very least) the throttle is lowered. As fliers, in the case of an accident, we want to be sure we take every available safety precaution. If you are using a radio system without fail-safe, this doesn't apply, of course. But if your radio has it, you paid for it, might as well use it.
Contributed by Ron Ellis

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.** The last 911 call made did not go well due to a dispatcher not being able to figure out where we were located.

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

Jerry Davis

Membership

For new or renewal memberships, please provide your email, address, phone number and your current AMA membership. As of our last meeting there were 117 members that have renewed or joined. [Join/Renew Airmasters RC Club Membership](#)

Lloyd Randolph

Field Marshal News

The outer grass has been mowed in March. My dad, Minos Givens, and I did the yearly spraying around the fence lines so as the grass does not touch the fence as to short it out. The outlying grass soon will need to be mowed again as it will be 6 months in September. Thank you to everyone that participates in field clean-up. All members are encouraged to join in clean-up and work days to ensure that our facility is well maintained, safe and ready to enjoy at all times. Things are looking good!

Brett Givens

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](#)

The main thing here is, as AMA members flying at an AMA sanctioned field, we are to abide by the 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.

Tips and Techniques from the Members

This 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.

[There is unlimited space available for member input.](#)

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Show and Tell

This section is for pictures of projects, aircraft, accessories or ideas shared by club members while flying, sharing ideas, meetings or whenever you see some one sharing something new, unique or interesting that they bring to the Airmaster experience. Please send your inputs for the newsletter to the editor: mdhobbs@bellsouth.net



Space Shuttle Atlantis

Scratch built by Bill Whichelo visiting from Colorado.



Airmasters RC 2019 New Solar Panel and Charging Station Installation

During the February meeting it was stated that the club members were needing more space and power for the increase of electric flyers which prompted us to add an extra charge station. The new station has 4-100 watt panels and 3-12v marine batteries.

We thank everyone that helped with the installation of the new solar panels and construction of the new charging station. It was quite a project. It turned out great and doubled our charging capacity.

Colliers Twin Mig... Amazing!



We appreciate the input from all of our members to help continue to improve the positive experience of our Airmasters RC club!