



The Airmaster Flash

Newsletter of the Airmasters Radio Control Club

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The President's Column

Club members,

Hopefully, everyone made it safely through hurricane Ian. We had a good amount of rain across Florida and our airfield was pretty soggy for a few days. Thankfully, things have dried up now and the field is back open for operation after some clean-up and road repair.

It is that time of the year to start the process of selecting our club leadership team members for the next year. If you are interested in serving as a club officer or would like to nominate someone, please let me know before our next meeting on October 8th. All offices are open for nomination, but the two for which there is no incumbent are President and Vice President. We will organize all nominations in October and the election will take place at the following monthly meeting November 12th. Newly elected Officers and Board members transition effective January 1, 2023.

Thank you to all the volunteers and anonymous donors of time, talent and treasure that shows through the continuous improvements and hard work on the airfield, track and other maintenance. Working together, we will continue to create an inviting and educational experience for future generations as a result of our dedication to the hobby.

Your interim club President and club Secretary,
Bret Givens and Tom Kempf

Club meetings: Next meeting is Saturday October 8, 2022, at 9:00 am
[Meeting minutes.](#)

Recent/Upcoming Events

- October 8, 2022 – Nominations for 2023 Officers and Board members.
- November 12, 2022 – Election for 2023 Officers and Board members.
- 2023 annual membership payments are due by January 1, 2023. Current AMA membership for 2023 is required for all Airmasters members.



Charter Club 2814

Vice-President's Update

We have seen a positive trend of new members, and many are young and impressionable. It is our responsibility to provide a good example and coaching for these new members so they will enjoy the hobby safely for a very long time.

Parents of children at the field must be careful and watchful of their children when they are flying or driving on the racetrack. Children should not be in the pits or on the driver's stand unless they are members and are flying an aircraft or driving a vehicle on the track.

Spectators should remain behind the pits or on the bleachers, not in the pits or on driver's stand. The driver's stand is limited to six drivers at a time. If there are more than that, we should do as we do on the flight line, share and let others have a turn.

Be safe and have a good time!



Jerry Davis

Safety Update

Hello fliers!

Well, I believe we all had a fun and great time flying this summer. We all beat the heat, weathered hurricane Ian and slapped a few mosquitoes, we haven't conquered them yet.

We did have a few small mishaps, some wrinkled foam and splintered balsa wood. All in all, summer went very smooth. I'm glad all members are following the rules and using safety awareness, it makes for a great time of flying.

During our last meeting we did update safety rules for setups and tuning of planes as follows:

Building Interior Safety

While being maintained or repaired under the building roof, all aircraft are to be disconnected from power unless the propellers have been removed. All live testing of power systems is to be done outside the building, properly restrained on a table or on the ground, and headed toward the runway. Cars may be maintained inside the building but must be disconnected from power. Vehicle motor testing must be done outside the building.

We have added tie downs on all tables in pit area for that purpose, remember always face planes toward runway and have throttle cuts setup.

A few reminders:

1. No flying over the pits.
2. No flying out of pavilion or pits, all planes must be on runway to take off.
3. Make sure all planes have throttle cuts setup in transmitter.
4. If you need to work on planes/ cars under pavilion, props must be removed and no live engines.
5. All new fliers must be on a buddy box until solo is checked off by instructor.

I want to personally thank all members for helping out and following the safety guidelines that have been set up for our club.

See ya at field!

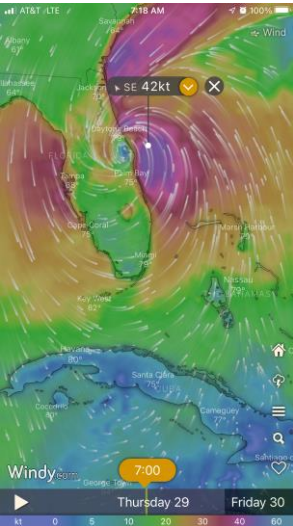
Ray Jones



Field Marshal News

Guys and gals,

The summer is winding down now. Hurricane Ian brought some cooler weather along with a lot of wind and rain. We did have a lot of standing water across the site and part of the entrance road washed away. We got temporary road repairs done, some minor clean up was completed, now the water has receded, and the field is back open for operations.



Before the storm, we cut the grass along both sides of the electric fence and applied weed stop to keep the grass from growing up around the fence. This fence is the only thing keeping the hogs from rooting up the runways. If you see anything wrong with the electric fence, like when you are unfortunate enough to have to retrieve a plane outside of the fence line and you see a part of the fence that is down, please let me know.

When the sun is behind the clouds it is very easy to get disoriented in the woods. If you venture outside of the fence, make sure you have a cell phone with you. Having a cell phone with either Google maps or a compass app is very useful. Anyone who does not have one of these on their phones can see me and I will be glad to help install this on your phone.

The club does not have trash service, so it is important that everyone help keep our grounds clean and free of clutter by taking everything you bring to the field back out with you and, as they say, "leave only footprints."



Photos courtesy of Mike Hobbs

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, workdays and special projects when they are scheduled to ensure that our facility is well maintained, safe and ready to enjoy at all times.

Until next time keep the planes in the air and your feet on the ground!

Brett Givens



Membership

Remember that AMA membership is required for insurance coverage for both the field and race track. I will be contacting members, in the beginning of the month to remind them that their AMA membership is expiring and needs to be renewed.

As of 9/30/2022 we have 158 paid members. Please check the list of current members posted on the bulletin board at the field to make sure that your membership and contact information is current. If you need to renew your membership and/or update your contact information, use Join/Renew Airmasters RC Club Membership form posted on the website or in the club house.

AMA membership is paid for 12 months or more, based on the renewal duration chosen. AMA is valid beginning on the date of payment. If your AMA membership expires, you are no longer insured and will be unable to fly or drive at the club.

Airmasters RC Club membership dues are paid annually due on January 1st and is valid from January 1st through December 31st.

The MEMBERSHIP fees are:

INITIATION FEE \$10.00 per adult - \$5.00 per junior membership
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 R/C Club
P.O. Box 780498
Sebastian, FL 32958

If either your AMA or Airmasters memberships expire, all flying and/or driving privileges are suspended.

All new members will be receiving a membership card and a welcome letter. A copy of the welcome letter is provided on the following page.

Judi Ingerowski

Welcome to Airmasters RC Club



We value our members as part of our family and hope you enjoy happy days and good memories. Thank you for joining us and welcome to Airmasters.

We are providing you with information regarding the rules and regulations of our club. Be sure to check our website and newsletter for further information.

As a member of Airmasters, you are required to:

- Complete an Airmasters application enrollment form. <https://airmastersrc.org>
 - AMA magazines and emails are great sources for the latest information.
- Obtain a valid AMA membership (insurance and safety rules) <https://www.modelaircraft.org>
- If you plan to fly, you must also:
 - Take and pass the free, The Recreational UAS Safety Test (TRUST) <https://www.modelaircraft.org/trust> (This is easier than you might think)
 - Register your aircraft with the FAA at: <https://faadronezone.faa.gov/#/register>
 - Currently \$5.00 – registration number can be used on all your aircraft.
 - The FAA considers anything that flies and can be maneuvered remotely to be a drone. To fly under the FAA regulations for the Recreational Operations of Unmanned Aircraft you must:
 - Register your drone (unmanned radio controlled)
 - Fly only for recreational purposes
 - Follow the safety guidelines of the AMA
 - Keep your aircraft within the visual line of sight or use a visual observer
 - Give way and do not interfere with any manned aircraft
 - Fly at or below 400 feet above ground level.
 - Pass an aeronautical knowledge and safety test (TRUST)

SAFETY

- Abide with the Airmasters rules and regulations. <https://airmastersrc.org/safety/>
- Abide by the AMA National Model Aircraft Safety Guide. <https://www.modelaircraft.org/system/files/documents/105.pdf>
- For complete AMA Manual: <https://modelaircraft.org/files/100.pdf>
- In order to solo fly at Airmasters field, new members must receive clearance from one of our instructors, a safety coordinator or a club officer. <https://airmastersrc.org/instruction/>

MEMBERSHIP

AMA membership is required for insurance coverage. Our insurance will not cover members if they have not renewed their AMA membership. You will not be able to use radio control for any purpose until you have a valid AMA number.

RACE TRACK

- Participants must take care not to deliberately or repetitively ram, bump or disregard other racers on the track.
- Do not switch on your transmitter or drive your car in the pit area.
- Respect all skill levels by being patient.
- Drivers are solely responsible for their cars and must have total control of their car until it has been safely switched off.

Feel free to contact me at any time for any information you need. I am always happy to help our members.

Best regards,

Judi Ingerowski
Membership Chairman
astrogen14@gmail.com

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.

Airmasters RC instructors:

- Take us up for our first buddy box flight
- Coach us on our first take-off
- Demonstrating level pattern flight
- Encourage us as we practice the pattern “3 mistakes high”
- Coach us to go easy... a little more easy... on the elevator control and let the aircraft settle gently on the runway
- And after they pat us on the back when we finally grease in the perfect landing and say it’s time for you to solo... off the buddy box - They stand by us!

Thank you to all our Airmasters RC Flight Instructors past, present and future!!
They help us realize our dreams of flight!

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.

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.

Traxxas Slash with a Proline Jeep Body

Sean Pieper



Sean Pieper presenting his Traxxas Slash with a Proline Jeep body at Show and Tell. Sean is a skilled radio control truck and car driver that is regularly seen competing and having a great time with his fellow drivers at the Airmasters RC oval track. Sean presented the custom airbrushed body with Parma paint created by his chief builder, painter, pit crew, and dad, Rusty Pieper. "It is all paint, no decals!"



Photos courtesy of Rusty Pieper



Boy Scouts Rocket Launch

Craig Weyandt



Photos courtesy of Craig Weyandt and Mike Hobbs

Coast Guard Transport

Ray Jones



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