



The Airmasters RC Flash

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From the President's Hangar

With our record heat this summer, it's great to see lots of members still got out to fly! I generally get out in the late morning and early afternoon, just as the last vestiges of morning flyers are heading home; yet we're still flying!



Hopefully, the cooler weather will soon be with us as well as our snowbird members and we can get back to better, longer days at the field. Stay tuned for email announcements for upcoming events as we plan them.

The hot weather was bad for work parties, too. Fortunately, we don't have anything that is super urgent to repair/replace right now, just a bunch of stuff that's in need of TLC. Once the cool weather hits, we'll schedule some time and have a work party cookout. I'd like to thank Ron and Tom for helping me build the prototype canopy sunshade. I've gotten a few suggestions for improving the design. Geoff discovered that the AMA has grants that clubs can apply for, so we're going to send in an application and see if we can get some help to defray the cost of additional sunshades. One of the first things we're going to tackle is the west charge station. Shaun and I talked about a plan where we can upgrade the west charge station without increasing its footprint. We plan to replace the aging 150W panel with 600W of new panels, controller and 4 more batteries. We will also be adding a large inverter so we will have a source of 120 AC power at the field when we need it. The panels, controller and inverter have all been donated to the club.

We're going to have a few open positions this year and I sincerely hope some people step up and help. Our Secretary, Tom Kempf has been a club officer for so long, he can't remember not being one! Ray has also said he would like to step down as safety officer. I'd like to encourage everyone to step up and participate. When Tom called me last year and asked me if I would help, I really wanted to say no, but I quickly realized the club won't run itself, so I stepped up and tried to do my best. We have a lot of talent in the club, and I hope a few will step up. Finally, when you see Tom or Ray at the field (or any of the other officers, board members and committee heads for that matter) give them a well-deserved pat on the back, shake their hand or just say thanks. As always, Happy Landings!

Your club President,
Conway Bolt



Charter Club 2814

Recent/Upcoming Events

- Next club meeting is Saturday October 11, 2023, at 9:00 am
- 2024 Officer/Board Election and Budget Approval November 11, 2023

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Vice-President's Update

Greetings fellow Airmasters,

Normally, I write about some of the great things the club has done and what new positive ideas we have in the works. However, I would be remiss to overlook the issues that have divided the membership in recent weeks. The North - South runway controversy was unexpected and had the membership at odds with one another. At best it was tense and at worst it was confrontational. I can only hope that we can get past all of this and get back to our primary task ... enjoying the RC hobby.

There have been good things that have happened in recent weeks. We met with the Indian River County Parks and Recreation folks (our landlord) and we have developed a very good relationship with them. We invited them out to the field for a visit and they were very impressed. We are looking forward to working with them on several community-based projects in the future. In addition, we have received approval from the FAA on our request for FRIA status. This ensures we will not need to use any of the Remote ID devices when flying at the club field.

Lastly, I would like to remind everyone that the leadership and board members term expires at the end of the year. If anyone feels they would like to run for any of the positions they should do so. I believe there will be some openings for those who wish to help in running the club.

Stay safe and keep'em flying!

Rob Stevens



Photo courtesy of Tony Finazzo



Safety Coordinator Update

Hello pilots and front row hecklers!

Summertime has left us and fall is here. All in all, we had a great and safe summer with minimal damages. But as always if you fly, there will and has been sightings of foam and balsa remains in the pines and on the field. All pilots have done a great job. We have had a great amount of rain and if the pine tree gods reach out and grab your plane, the water is deep out there, with snakes or pot-holes you may not see, so please go out with a buddy to be on the safe side and take a phone.

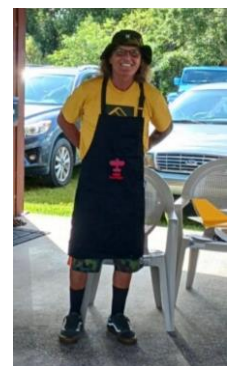
Safety rules:

- Newcomers must get with a instructor to get solo status before flying alone
- Instructors - please make sure your trainees are on a buddy box and soloed if they fly alone
- Pilots must have badges on when flying
- Throttle cuts must be programmed on transmitters
- Aircraft always pointed toward runway
- No taking off anywhere but runway
- No flying over pit areas and always fly the pattern

I wanna thank everyone for being safety conscious and helping out! Remember we are all safety officers, and we all strive for one common goal, to come out and have fun and bring our planes back in one piece with out any injuries.

Thank you!

Ray Jones (aka Chef Moon Doggie)



Flight Instruction/Certification Update

Ensuring compliance to the AMA guidelines for our flight training program is important to the safety and success of our members. I'm assuming the role of Chief Flight Instructor (CFI) until we can get this position off the ground, and I can hand it over to someone as a finished project ready to run. I spoke with Chip before making this decision and we both decided that my taking this role in an interim capacity is best for now. Hopefully, someone from our team of instructors will be ready/willing to step in once we have things formalized.

In my capacity as interim CFI, I will not be teaching students. Rather, I'll be working with our instructors to ensure consistency with our instructional program and that we have an established process for teaching new pilots to fly. We will also be ensuring that new members who are accomplished pilots receive an orientation as well. *We're not going to change anything that affects current pilots, only how we handle instruction and orientation in the future.*

The AMA has established guidelines for developing a flight training program and how a student can demonstrate proficiency to be a solo pilot. The document is several pages long so I've posted the link here, [AMA Guide for Introductory Pilot Instructor Selection Criteria and Flight Proficiency Demonstration](#), where anyone that is interested can go to the AMA site and review it. One thing that the AMA does not address is the use of stabilization systems like gyros and SAFE. The AMA does not require the use or absence of these systems for a student pilot to demonstrate proficiency. Granted, a pilot will only progress so far in developing their skills with the assistance of automated stabilization, but not everyone is aspiring to be an aerobatics flier either. The goal is to ensure that members can enjoy the hobby safely. Thank you to all our Airmasters RC Flight Instructors past, present and future!! They help us realize our dreams of flight!

Airmasters RC Instructors



Bret Givens



Paul Jacobs



Tom Kempf



Chip Hayes



Ed Rowe

Conway Bolt (Interim CFI)

Membership

Remember that AMA membership is required for insurance coverage for both the field and racetrack. 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.

We now have 157 paid members in the Airmasters RC Club. 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 RC and send to:
Airmasters RC Club
P.O. Box 780498
Sebastian, FL 32958

It is important to know, Airmasters RC membership is from Jan 1st to December 31st and not from the month you joined the club or the month your AMA membership needs to be updated. If your AMA membership expires, or your Airmasters RC dues are not renewed, all flying, driving and voting privileges are suspended until those issues are resolved.

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.

Membership Cards: With almost 160 members from last year's count, not everyone recognizes everyone in the club. In order to ensure that only members (or their guest) are flying at the field. We are asking everyone to have your Airmasters RC membership card and your AMA card with you when you are flying at the field. Ensuring that all pilots engaged in flying have a current membership with both the club and the AMA will help ensure we have this wonderful location to fly for the future. The club has purchased card holders with a clip so you can display both cards back-to-back. I will be handing these out at the meetings or mailing one with your renewals.

Clips will be available at the monthly meetings. Please do your part, wear your cards and help the club stay safe and secure this year!

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:
 - Pass an aeronautical knowledge and safety test (TRUST)
 - Register with the FAA
 - Mark your unmanned radio-controlled drone(s) with your FAA registration number on the exterior
 - Fly only for recreational purposes
 - Follow the safety requirements of the AMA and Airmasters RC
 - 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.

SAFETY and FAA

- Abide with the Airmasters RC 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 RC 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

Membership

We now have 157 paid members in the Airmasters RC Club this year!

We have 7 new members that joined since June of this year. *Welcome one and all!!*

Roby Blevins 8/14
Bradford Dunn 9/1
Stover Witte 8/6

Charles Brigando 8/27
Dennis Gertis 9/7

Barney Cable 8/12
Connor Proffitt 8/10

I would also like to highlight that we have 11 members under the age 18! These young ladies and gentlemen are learning knowledge and skills of the RC hobby, developing values of honesty, integrity, perseverance and teamwork and developing confidence through the involvement of their parents, grandparents and the club members. We share their excitement, joy and accomplishments as we watch them learn and grow.

Junior Members (5)

Cru Thomas Bireley Koby Broze Connor Proffitt Zaiden Roth Stover Witte

Family Members (6)

Jaiden Dipenta Finnegan Donaldson Aiden Dudney Micah Dudney Madison Hobbs Jacob Thomas

Hats of to all of our Airmasters RC members for their contribution to the future of our club! Clips will be available at the monthly meetings. Please do your part, wear your cards and help the club stay safe and secure this year!



Judi Ingerowski

Robert's Rules Of Order for Meeting Protocol

Our Club by-laws require that we follow the procedures detailed in Robert's Rules Of Order during our meetings. This will help us stay on track and complete business in an orderly manner. I have highlighted a few items from the condensed version of Robert's Rules Of Order that was emailed to the members recently. These are opportunities to ensure that our meetings are organized and productive.

Guiding Principles:

- Everyone has the right to participate in discussion if they wish, before anyone may speak a second time.
- Everyone has the right to know what is going on at all times. Only urgent matters may interrupt a speaker.
- Only one thing (motion) can be discussed at a time.
- A motion is the topic under discussion (e.g., "I move that we add a coffee break to this meeting"). After being recognized by the president of the board, any member can introduce a motion when no other motion is on the table. A motion requires a second to be considered. If there is no second, the matter is not considered. Each motion must be disposed of (passed, defeated, tabled, referred to committee, or postponed indefinitely).
- If you want to bring up a new idea before the group. After recognition by the president of the board, present your motion. A second is required for the motion to go to the floor for discussion, or consideration.
- If you have heard enough discussion. Move to close the debate. Also referred to as calling the question. This cuts off discussion and brings the assembly to a vote on the pending question only. Requires a 2/3rds vote.



Tom Kempf

Field Marshal News

Guys and gals,

Welcome to fall! The weather has been great at the airfield. Still pretty hot but sometimes a little cooler. Very nice none the less. Afternoon rains are here like clock-work and the field is green and growing. Thank you to the members that get out and mow the runway when the grass has grown faster than the current contract lawn service supports.

Last summer, 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. That lasted about a year and it is time to do it again. We are just waiting on the ground to dry up enough for the mower to get out and cut the tall grass and cut back the grass along the fence. Once that is done we can re-treat so we can keep a good clear area around the fence. Keeping the grass off the fence is really important. 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.

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."

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

Bret Givens



Photo courtesy of Ray Jones

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.



Members,

I have a few photos from last weekend. Heck, I have photos from a lot of weekends. I promise to get flying soon. Just need a lot of help and even more importantly... need time.

On another note... I wanted to share with the group two things. First, I listen to podcasts at work and while traveling and one of my favorites is "[Flat Out RC](#)". It's a show from Australia but he interviews guests from all over the world.

Secondly, I flew model rockets for years before RC planes. I try to get my two sons back together for launches once in a while and one is coming up November 11th in Port St Lucie. This is a regional launch called Slugr 6 that will be held at the St Lucie County fairgrounds with a waiver to 12,000 feet. Rocket motors through M are allowed with proper certification of course. Airmasters are welcome to watch and or fly. Registration is \$30, I believe, and your AMA membership covers the insurance. The rocket clubs don't advertise these launches, so word of mouth is the only way to learn about them. Anyone wishing to fly drones for photography and tracking rockets are welcome, just need to touch base with the club President.



Family members Finnegan and John Donaldson



Junior member Zaiden Roth and grandfather Scotty Roth



Family members Madison Hobbs, father Grant Hobbs and future Airmaster Asher Hobbs

Lastly, it is great to see parents and grandparents supporting the many junior members flying and driving at the field. The hobby and the club are better for it.

See you at the field,
Craig Weyandt

Photos courtesy of Craig Weyandt and Mike Hobbs

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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.

RC Aircraft Experimental Designers, Builders and Test Pilots



Leonard Cumbridge's prototype EDF plane of his own design



Photos courtesy of Mike Hobbs



Photos courtesy of Chip Hayes



Finnegan Donaldson's field glue-up mashing a Corsair with a Steerman wing.

Highlights:

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- Take and pass the free, The Recreational UAS Safety Test (TRUST)
- Register with the FAA and mark your aircraft
- Experienced, new, family and junior members are the fun and future of our club
- Leave only footprints



Photo courtesy of Mike Hobbs

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The Members Make the Club!