



# The Airmasters RC Flash

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## From the President's Hangar

I hope this message finds everyone doing well this new year.

The officers and I are busy planning for some great events for

2024 so be sure to check the website for the current calendar

of events and be sure to come out and participate! This year

promises to provide opportunities for more picnics, fun-flys, and other

modeling events.

We also have several projects that have been completed in the clubhouse

recently. New lighting has been added inside the storage room. These

lights are both motion activated for a dimmer quick light and brighter set

of overhead lights that are switched should you need more light for a

longer period of time. We've added capacity to the west charging station

by putting each "side" on its own battery bank. We've added 600w of

additional solar panels and 4 new deep cycle batteries for a total of 12

charging batteries. Each bank is now independently switched and charged

and you'll notice an additional on/off switch on the west side. If you're the

last to leave, be sure to turn off the batteries at all 3 switches. A huge

thanks to Shaun and Rob for lending a hand with this project. Shaun spent

the day on the clubhouse roof (who knew he was a roofer?) installing the

new panels while Rob and I worked on the ground drilling mounts.

Before Christmas, the board visited Port St. Lucie RC Hobby Group to tour

their facility and see firsthand how their club has designed and built

infrastructure at their field. Their president Jack Ferland was gracious

enough to host us for a "tour" and show us how PSL RC HG has built out

their field. Of particular interest to the Airmasters is their design for

sunshades. Everyone has seen our prototype by now. This prototype was

constructed to test the concept and will be replaced when we build our full

set of shades. PSL RC HG has a complete set in their pit area and Jack was

able to give us some great design ideas and lessons learned. Thanks to our

leaders; Ed, Mike, Tony & Bret for taking time out of their busy schedules

to make this field trip.

As always, Happy Landings!

Your club President,

Conway Bolt



Charter Club 2814

## Next Club Meeting

Saturday January 13, 2024, at 9:00 am

**New in 2023!**

## President's Hangar (cont.)

I'd like to give a huge thanks to Ray for stepping up and building us a new sign!!! The old one was, well, old. When we reached out to the members and asked if anyone could repaint the sign, Ray jumped up and created his own artistic twist on our old logo. He built a whole new sign. It's volunteerism like this that makes our club great! WTG Ray!



Photo courtesy of Bret Givens

## Vice-President's Update

Greetings fellow Airmasters,

I hope everyone had a great holiday season! Now that the 2024 budget has been passed and we have members in new roles on the leadership team we can focus on getting down to business with the exciting projects we have been planning for a while now. One idea we have is to post on the website a list of members with RC skills they would be willing to share with new members or anyone who needs some extra help. Maybe you have some knowledge on radio transmitter settings, model building techniques, helicopters, drones or even RC cars. I know we have had folks ask for assistance on Futaba radios for example.



Photo courtesy of Bret Givens

You may have noticed several members flying foam board delta wing "combat" planes recently. All are scratch built from plans originally designed by Roger Gagnon recently published by Chip Hayes available at [Airmasters Combat Plane - Airmasters R/C Club \(airmastersrc.org\)](http://airmastersrc.org). The idea is to cut the streamer of other planes during a flying session. Maybe we can organize an information day to work through the process with anyone interested in building one. I believe we have a few members who are putting together a parts list as well as a template for the foam board.

It looks like a lot of fun!



See you at the field!

**Rob Stevens**

## Safety Coordinator Update

Hello all members.

Well fall is almost complete and Mr. winter is here. All in all we have had a great time with minimal issues and haven't had to render much from the pine tree gods or bandage any body parts, haha. With that I wanna thank all members for helping out and being safety conscious. I do wanna touch on a few specific safety rules:

- Make sure all planes have throttle cuts and programmed on a switch on your radio.
- Newcomers must get with an instructor to get solo status before flying alone
- Instructors - please make sure your trainees are on a buddy box or approved for solo to fly alone
- Pilots must have badges on when flying
- If your gonna work on your planes underneath the pavilion , have prop removed.
- We have a runway. Please use it, no taking off from the run-up area and flying straight across , a few exceptions ( combat pusher planes and hand toss planes, Umx planes if you can't take off from the runway, try hand tossing

Remember we are all safety officers and if we notice an unsafe act, please address it. Our goal is to fly and have fun and go home with our planes in one piece and no bandages on our bodies. I wanna wish everyone a happy and safe holidays and see y'all at the field.

Thank you!

**Ray Jones** (aka Chef Moon Doggie)



## Airmasters RC Hobby Shop

Hello and Happy New Year!

Our hobby shop has been successful for almost a year now. It was started when I saw a need in the club, had a vision of how to fill that need and received support of the club members to move forward. Once established, other members saw the value of the shop and have furthered our success through purchases and donations of money and materials. **New in 2023!** Collaborating with our Web Master, Shaun Franks, we have launched the **Airmasters Hobby Shop** web page so members can see what is available from home or even on your smart phone. I appreciate the high level of honesty and integrity of our club members that allows the Hobby Shop to support everyone in the club. I will continue to look for ways to be a benefit to the club as we move forward. Thank you for the opportunity to serve!

**Rusty Pieper**



## Flight Instruction/Certification Update

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



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**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 ended the year with 161 paid members, including 25 new 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 \$100.00. Family membership \$120.00  
Junior membership (under 18 years old as of July 1st) \$10.00

**New in 2024! We now have the choice of electronic or mail-in for dues payment!.**

### Electronic Transfer:

Geoff Templeton has set up a Zelle account for those who want to use electronic payment for 2024 dues. The sender will use Geoff's email address, [templetonbb62@gmail.com](mailto:templetonbb62@gmail.com), to send the payment. Please include your AMA number in the comment/memo section of the Zelle application. Once received, Geoff will inform Judy and she will process your membership renewal.

### Mailing in a Check:

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 160 members from the 2023 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.

# 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.
- All NEW members must be certified by an Airmasters flight instructor before flying solo.

## 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  
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# Membership

## New in 2023!

We now have 161 paid members in the Airmasters RC Club including **25 new members that joined in 2023.**  
*Welcome one and all!!*

### 2023 NEW MEMBERS

CRU THOMAS	BIRELEY
HAROLD	BLAKNEY
ROBY	BLEVINS
MARK	BOWMAN
CHARLES	BRIGANDO
BARNEY	CABLE
FRANK	COLUCCIO
BOB	CONDON
RON	CZARNOTA
MICHAEL	D'AMICO
JAMES	DEUTSCH
BRADFORD	DUNN
DENNIS	GERGITS
G. PAUL	JOHNSON
TIMOTHY	LAWRENCE
BRUNO	MACEDO
DAVID	MASSEY
KRISHNA	MURPHY
MANUEL (MANNY)	RODRIGUEZ
ZAIDEN	ROTH
DOUGLAS	SILVER
WILLIAM	TENBORG
KRIS	VAN NOSTRAN
WAYNE	WALTERS
STOVER	WITTE

### FAMILY MEMBERS FOR 2023

DONALD	DIPENTA
JAIDEN	DIPENTA
FINNEGAN J	DONALDSON
AIDEN	DUDNEY
MICAH	DUDNEY
MADISON	HOBBS
DYLAN	YARISH
JACOB	YOUNG
JOHN	YOUNG
PATRICIA	ZADLO

### JUNIOR MEMBERS FOR 2023

CRU THOMAS	BIRELEY
KOBEY	BROZE
CONNER	PROFFITT
ZAIDEN	ROTH
STOVER	WITTE

**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.

Hats off 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 Florida winter! The weather has been great at the airfield. Still warm but sometimes a little cooler. Very nice none the less. We have had quite a bit of rain in the last three months, so the field is green, and the surrounding areas are very wet. We have had to close the field occasionally to let the water recede. Thank you to the members for taking care when driving so as not to damage the parking lot.

We cut the grass along the electric fence and apply weed stop to keep the grass from growing up 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.



Photo courtesy of Ray Jones



L-R: Mike, Ed, Conway, Tony, Bret and Pres. PSLRC Jack Ferland

Thank you to Conway, Shaun and Rob for upgrading our solar charging stations. We now have 3 independent charging stations. Each bank is independently switched and charged, and you'll notice an additional on/off switch inside for the west side charging station. If you're the last to leave, be sure to turn off the batteries at all 3 switches.

**New in 2023!**



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.

As Conway mentioned, we went to the Port St. Lucie RC Hobby Group site to bench mark their sunshade arrangement for ideas and lessons learned in preparation for designing additional shade over the areas where we prepare our aircraft for flight. We will be preparing some designs for recommendation early this year.

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**

## 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: [airmastersrcnewslettereditor@gmail.com](mailto:airmastersrcnewslettereditor@gmail.com)

### RC Aircraft Historical Model Building Artisan and Pilot – Rusty Pieper



My P-51B is built from a fifty-three-year-old kit from Top Flite that I have had for a long time. The plans were designed in 1968 for Top Flite by Dave Platt the guy that lives in Palm Bay. He has been here for some of our picnics. He won the Nats with this model. [AMA Biography of David \(Dave\) R. Platt](#)

The kit comes with a lot of blocks of wood that are very hard. The cowl block was twice the size and took two days to grind it down. You have to use machinery to grind and shape the parts. When I first built it, it weighed a ton! I figured it would never fly. So, I took the parts and ground out the insides. That lowered the weight about a pound and a half. It has a 60-size engine, and I made cooling ducts for the air to get into the engine. Right now, it weighs about 4 pounds.



Photos courtesy of Mike Hobbs



Wait till you see the history of the plane I am modeling! It's really amazing!! The aircraft was flown by a guy named Bill Overstreet. In 1944, he was in a dogfight over Paris with a Messerschmidt Bf 109 (AKA as Me 109 by Allied forces). The Messerschmidt was trying to get away by flying under the Eiffel tower! Overstreet flew under after him and he got him!!



Photo courtesy of www.alamy.com

Overstreet flew his P-51B on many bomber escort missions to Berlin. They called it the "Berlin Express". When a P-51 was damaged, or a newer aircraft was placed into service, the color scheme was slightly different. My model is going to have the silver fuselage sides and this flying mustang artwork on the right side. There is a story behind it. Here are links about mine and more information about the history:

[P-51B/C's x 2: "Berlin Express" 357thFG June 1944 \(now V1.1\) and August 1944](#)

[More about the LEGENDARY P-51B MUSTANG THAT FLEW UNDER THE EIFFEL TOWER](#)

**New in 2024!** [Watch the Show and Tell Video](#)



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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

## 2024 Events:

- 20 Jan Field Day Work Party at 8:00 a.m.
- 26 Jan Sanford Aero Modelers R/C Club 1903-1919 Scale R/C Challenge & Fly In
- 17 Feb Airmaster's Swap Meet at 8:00 a.m.
- 16 Mar Airmaster's Annual Picnic & UFO Fun Fly
- Acrobatics School, Pattern Contest and more events to come... **In 2024!**

**Airmasters RC**  
**The Members Make the Club!**