

# Osceola Flyers Newsletter

## August 2006



### Fall Airshow/Fly-In

The cast of characters and players is coming along nicely. From vendors to Candy Drops, from Pattern flyers to Pylon racers. But we are still looking for commitments from members. We need to know who intends to fly on the day and what type of model they will be flying.

To date, I have only had 5 offers of assistance from the general membership. Which from a membership of over 100, is absolutely pitiful.

Fortunately, but this now seems to be the norm, "The Old Goats" have volunteered their services to a man.

*"Never in the field of human endeavour was so much owed by so many to so few." (Sir Winston Churchill, 1874-1965).*

Remember, as well as bringing funds into the club, which will benefit all members, we are also sponsoring the "Give Kids the World Charity."

We do still need member commitments to fly, display, provide shade structures (tent canopies), and folding tables.

This could be a very special day for the club, potential visitors are the District V VP, some area assistant VP's, the Chairperson of the Osceola Parks and Recreation Board, plus quite a large number of visitors from the general public.

Hopefully on the day, the club will also be elevated to club Gold Status, with the subsequent presentation of gold pins to the complete membership.

### Club Work Day

Here is something close to all members hearts—  
**A Club Working day.**

On September 9th, the date of the next monthly meeting, we will be laying and grading the white stones in the shade areas after the meeting. We do need volunteers with rakes (bring your own rake day), to help with this task.

Rumor has it that due to this, the September meeting will be crowded .....So get there early and bring your own seat.

### Grass Cutting

At the August monthly meeting, Kenny specifically asked for volunteers to assist the grass cutting crews. These guys do a thankless job, but one which if it wasn't done, would certainly stop EVERYONE flying.

So, on behalf of all the members, Thanks Guys.

The growing season is slowing, so soon it will probably only need the runway cutting weekly.

Anyone want to volunteer their time once every six or eight weeks to keep the field looking good.

### Items For Sale

I met a guy who is getting out of the hobby and is selling up. He says he has an untold number of both new and used parts for sale. From new engines, new ARF's, new kits, to part built, fully built, both fixed wing and rotary. Anyone interested can contact me for his telephone number.

## Safety Matters

I've received a few E. Mails from members this month, and spoken to quite a few, all relating to two topics.

The first, is:

**Who has the authority to check the credentials of "Strangers", or people they don't know, who are flying at the field.**

The answer is very simple—**EVERYONE** has the authority.

If you don't know someone who is flying, I would suggest you politely introduce yourself, and ask them if they are members/visitors etc etc.

If they are visitors, then they really should have introduced themselves, and asked a member if it was ok to fly. The club rules state that visitors are allowed to fly a maximum of three times, and MUST have a valid AMA card with them. In other words:

### **No Card—No Fly**

If the people are not visitors nor are they members, then they must be asked to stop flying. There are membership applications on the notice board, and AMA applications.

If in doubt, you can always call a board member for clarification.

The second topic was with regard to:

### **"Unsafe Flying"**

The club has a rule, that all soloing pilots must be certified to fly by a club check Pilot. This is really geared more to students going solo, but it can also be applied to all pilots.

The club is large, and not all members know each other. Just because a person arrives at the field, has an AMA card and a club membership, a model and all the trimmings, does not mean they are qualified to fly.

If you feel a pilot is flying in a dangerous manner, again, everyone has the right to ask a "pilot" to stop flying.

The board are very conscious of safety, and will support members in every possible way they can, especially if it prevents a possible accident, which could cost us our field.

## Club Improvements

The addition of the white stones in the shade areas, will certainly reduce the muddy quagmire we have become used to after heavy rains.

This addition will also hopefully help our grass cutting crews, in that they will no longer have to move benches and chairs.

A thin membrane of weed preventer will be laid, so weeds and grass poking through will be at a minimum.

President Bob V has also advised that the new Impound box will "hopefully", be ready for the October Air Show.

Our only other modification, will be to add two extra "wings" at the center of the safety fence.

**Halloween Air Show &  
AMA Sanctioned Fly-In  
OCTOBER 21**

**8 AM - 4 PM**

**COME AND SHOW OFF YOUR MODEL AT OUR  
PRE-HALLOWEEN AIR SHOW/FLY-IN**

**Pre Wright Brothers, WWI, WWII, SPADS, Heli's, Warplanes, Gliders, Electrics,  
Spaceships, Drones, Modern, Ancient, Rocket, Jet, Thrown-Together, Passen-  
ger, Military.**

**You name it; we will offer you the chance to show it off.**

**NO LANDING FEES, Private Tented area and, light refreshments for all  
visiting pilots.**

**Allocated time slots for Models/Types/Era**

**Demonstration Flights**

**Concessions,**

**Static Displays,**

**Vendors,**

**Swap area,**

**Raffle.**

**350 \* 50 Ft, groomed grass runway**

**DRESS UP YOUR AIRCRAFT, AND/OR YOURSELF AND  
CELEBRATE AN EARLY HALLOWEEN WITH US.**

**PRIZES FOR BEST DRESSED MODEL AND PILOT.**

Osceola Flyers are also supporting

the charity **"Give Kids the World"** at this event. There will be representatives at  
the field from this tremendously deserving charity, and there will be donation tins at vari-  
ous locations around the field.

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