

Osceola Flyers Newsletter

February 2006



Typical Days??

We all have good and bad days, we roll with the bad ones, and rock with the good ones. But typically we all survive both types of day.

The same theory can be applied to flying Radio Controlled aircraft. Some days, no matter what you do, everything goes wrong. Whether one blames the transmitter, the receiver, the aircraft, the weather, someone else, more than one person. Or (and we all know this is a very rare one, as we are never wrong.....), we blame ourselves.....

But even on the worst possible day you can ever imagine happening at the field, we must all show good manner, tolerance and consideration of the views and actions of others. We must be constantly aware of the different types, sexes and ages of people around us and act accordingly.

We might not agree with their views and actions, and have every right to disagree with someone else. But it is **HOW** we do it that matters.

Yes, let people know you are upset if they do something that is blatantly against rules, regulations, laws or beliefs you hold dear. Or against rules upon which groups of people have banded together and all agreed upon, (Perhaps, as in a "Flying Club", with Field and Safety Rules).

We all have moments of frustration, we all convince ourselves of just causes, but none of these things are the supreme right of one person to enforce their views on another, especially by the use or implied use of force.

Just a few simple thoughts on tolerance and good manners.

Newsletter

Until further notice, the newsletter will be posted as a downloadable PDF file in the Safety Forum. There has been some talk of the club reverting to sending all members the newsletter via Snail Mail.

If this happens, you will learn about it when the newsletter drops into your home mailbox.

Flight Instructors

The club still needs Flight Instructors,. With the advent of the new 3 Channel Park flyers appearing, experienced pilots who can fly and teach with only Motor, rudder and elevators (No ailerons) are going to be needed more and more, as well as full flight instructors..

Membership

By the end of January, over 80 members had renewed their subscriptions to the club. This really is a wonderful reflection on the club. Traditionally, the club loses 10-12% of it's members each year, but these are made up by new members joining throughout the year. The treasury is very strong, and the boards plans for 2006 are all within reach.

Club Website

Still a great disappointment to see so few members taking advantage of the site.

www.Osceolaflyers.com

Laminator

Jack is still trying to borrow a laminator, if anyone has one, and is willing to loan it out (for club usage) please give Jack a call.

Yoder & Frey

At the time of writing this newsletter, there do not appear to have been any mysterious aircraft crashes attributed to the presence of Trucks visiting the auction. Lets hope this trend continues. But for newer members, and those operating the new park flyers, (especially those operating on 27Mhz), CB radios operate on that frequency, and can interfere and cause problems. Also, certain truckers use huge (illegal) linear amplifiers, which swamp the area with harmonics. These signals can also effect those operating in the 72 Mhz band.

Impound Box

As was mentioned at the February meeting, a new notice board and Impound Box are in the offing. But there will also be some changes to the Impound Box.

With the advent of Ready to fly models, straight out of the box, many of which operate in the 27Mhz band, plus some members bringing RC cars to the field. It has been decided to add a 27Mhz section to the Impound Box. The Board are checking on exactly how many frequencies are needed, and will create an Impound section specifically for this frequency. More info will follow on this topic, but when completed, members will need to follow the same rules as are currently in use, when driving their cars, or flying their park flyers. Also, and **MOST** important, members will need to educate their children who drive RC cars, that they will need a Frequency pin before switching on their transmitters.

Annual General Meeting

The AGM will be held at the March Meeting, (March 11, 2006) where the 2006 officers are elected. If you would like to stand for election to any of the club Officers positions, nominations will be accepted right up until the March meeting.

Howard Hosenbold and Bob Bonnell have been appointed independent election officers. To tally both votes cast at the meeting, and any absentee ballots.

Members who have declared their intention to stand for office are as follows:

President — Bob Vanderbrook

Vice President — Jerry Wiltse

Secretary—Lance Wilson

Safety Office — Jack Fisher

(Lenny Perry has expressed an interest in being an Appointed Safety Officer).

If you cannot make the meeting on March 11, and wish to vote by absentee ballot, please notify Josh Flythe ASAP.

Florida Seals Ice Hockey



The Osceola Flyers night at the Seals Hockey game is all arranged. Bob V has secured an entire section of the rink for the club, so all are welcome to attend. The Seals have given us free tickets for every club member plus one

March 4 is the big night. The game starts at 7:35, and runs until about 10. The doors open at 6:30. We will also be having a static display in the foyer, so if you want to display your model, contact any Board member. We will need volunteers to man the stand for the complete evening, so once again, if you are interested, contact any board member.

This is the perfect time to get your Osceola Flyers Polo shirts and hats from Joe King, then you can show your support for the club. Lets see a sea of Osceola Flyers shirts and hats.

Remember, the blimp drops free tickets, cheap pizza tickets etc, but only to the sections that cheers loudest to them. “Just perhaps”, the Blimp flyers might drop some goodies on your section, if you cheers loudest..... (Or buy the blimp flyers a beer or three).

March 25 2006 Fly-In

The 2nd AMA sanctioned club Fly-In, is all set to go. The day begins at 8am and ends at 4pm. Members attending are not charged for flying or parking, but visitors are charged a \$5 landing fee, and spectators will be charged \$2 for car parking.

We still need a suggestion regarding giving a prize to the best visiting aircraft. What criteria should we use for the visitor? i.e. Best War Bird, best 3D, Largest model (flown), smallest model (flown), farthest traveled visitor. Anyone got any suggestions?.

Raffle prizes from some of the manufacturers should be here soon. Steve from Bob’s Hobby Center is expecting approx the same amount as were provided last year.

The raffle this year will consist of lots more winners. It has been decided not to batch prizes together, but instead to give away every prize separately. This might mean winning a chicken stick a cup holder or the star prize, but the organizers decided this would be the best way to do it this year.

A couple of ladies have volunteered to sell raffle tickets, (I just haven’t told them they have volunteered yet), so dig deep people and support your club,

Any suggestions for the Fly In are more than welcome, we might even have a few games.....

Bob & Gayle Bonnell will once again be taking care of the catering. And hopefully we will once again have Coffee and Donuts for breakfast (Hint Hint Bob Kane.....)

Please tell all your friends about this event and if possible bring them along, it is not only a club event, but also, hopefully a fund raiser for the club. Last year, the club made almost \$1,000. Lets see if we can top that this year.

Swap Meets

RCACF are having their swap meet this weekend at the Central Florida Fairgrounds on Colonial drive.

The swap meet at Perry Georgia is being held on March 4 & 5. Great meet, some nice bargains to be had if you are prepared to shop around and barter. Plus, just before the meet ends, there could be some great stuff going very cheap. I 75 takes you right past the Fairgrounds where the meet is held.



