

Osceola Flyers Newsletter

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What If ????

What if we did not have such wonderful volunteers who give up so much of their free time that others might enjoy the club.

Lets assume there were no Board of Directors, no membership fees, no rules, no field regulations.

Q: Would people still congregate at the field and fly???,

A: Yes of course they would.

Who needs shade areas, places to sit, start up stands etc.

Q: For how long would they fly?

A: Until the grass was too long to take off and land.

(Two weeks at most).

Ok, someone would then get the mower out of the shed and cut the runway.....

Oops—No Club—No Shed—No Mower—Hmm dilemma.

I know—some dedicated person, would load up their lawnmower from home, take it to the field, and cut the grass, so that everyone could once again enjoy the hobby.

Once, twice, perhaps three times this might happen, but then this dedicated person would perhaps begin to think that people were taking advantage of him.

Cutting the grass, using his equipment, extra work getting the mower to and from the field, personal gas for the mower, time taken to cut, and not one person has yet to offer help, say thanks, or offer financial assistance.....

Of course the major error in this train of thought, is:

“Would people be allowed to fly at the field at all”.

The county would not recognize anyone or allow people to fly there. I am sure they would lock the gate, as the property does belong to them.

What the County does, is generously lease 5 acres of land to Osceola Flyers, who are an accredited and AMA Chartered club, with all the necessary insurances, and documentation to permit participation in the RC hobby in a safe and controlled environment.

We are the cheapest club for miles, if not in the state of Florida. \$40 per year gets you a great place to fly, a field that is cared for, discounts at hobby shops and great camaraderie.

But the same dedicated volunteers are raising their hands every time work needs doing. Ten percent of the membership, are doing 99% of the work at the club.

So Next Time There is a Club Work Day.....or volunteers are asked for, ask yourself when was the last time you did something more for your club than pay your \$40.

Safety Matters

A reminder to all Instructors and members who chose to teach their friends/children etc. As per the club's field regulations, all trainee pilots under instruction, must utilize the Buddy Box system.

Spektrum System

At last months meeting, President Bob V brought his new Spektrum system to the field, to allow members to see what could be the future of RC transmitters.

The Spektrum system operates in the 2.4GHz range, and utilizes two channels per system, with the number of channels available to them of 80 and a Maximum power output of 1 watt. This means that at any one time, there could theoretically be 40 Transmitters in use at the same time, with (according to the manufacturer), zero interference between them.

The Tx and Rx “Bond” to each other, and until you physically change that “Bonding”, they are then permanently locked together. The Tx scans the available frequencies, and selects two free frequencies and when the Receiver is switched on, it “Bonds” to the transmitter’s chosen frequencies and locks itself to that Transmitter. Nor is there a problem with switching the receiver on first, all it does is scan, until the transmitter is switched on, and then locks to the selected frequencies.

Plus, as the systems operate at such high frequencies, there is no Frequency Pin needed.

Currently, Horizon Hobby are recommending these systems for, (and I quote):

“Whether you're a parkflyer, foamie or micro-heli fan, you can fly with the no-pins, no-crystals, no-glitches, no-interference freedom and security of 2.4GHz Spektrum DSM* technology.”

It seems that they are not recommending them for larger models, due to the possibility of a large chunk of metal (the engine, the muffler, tuned pipe etc), blocking one or both the signals to the Receiver, should the aircraft be in a particular attitude.

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Safety Matters (cont from page 1)

Well, another Hurricane season has arrived, which hopefully will not be as bad as the last couple of years. But I would like to remind everyone that the club does have a Hurricane preparedness policy. This involves having members ready to come out to the field and remove the metal roofing over the shade areas, take down the safety fence, strap down the shed, and carry out a few other general house-keeping duties.

If you would like to volunteer to help on the "Hurricane Team," please give President Bob Vanderbrook your name and contact details.



Air Show/Fly-In October 21.

Our second Fly-In of the year is on October 21st. We are still looking for volunteers to help out, and for commitments from Pilots to fly on the day.

So far, I only have 4 volunteers to help out on the day. Come on guys, it's YOUR CLUB. And all funds generated go directly to club improvements, which benefits ALL members.

The Air Show part is very important, hence we need to keep aircraft in the air all day, so come on, show off your skills or just swan around the sky in the circuit.



We would also like a very large static display, so even if you don't want to fly, bring some of your hanger to the field and let people see it. Let me know what you are bringing, as we would like to arrange models by type.

We have over 100 members, so we should be able to fill the field with aircraft.

We already have commitments from a couple of vendors, and hopefully we will have more as the day draws nearer.

Grass Cutting

Summer is here, and the rains are beginning, which can only mean long grass. Kenny is always looking for volunteers to add to the grass cutting roster.

The new mower chops down the cutting time by at least half, and if there are two volunteers working both tractors, the field is done in no time.

Anyone want to volunteer their time once every 6 or seven weeks to keep the field looking good?



Articles For the Newsletter

Articles/photo's/Trivia/For Sale/Swap, in fact anything at all, will be welcome to be included in the newsletter.

We have heard reports of world class flyers, testing these systems in standard and larger type (40%) models, with no ill effects, but at the moment, we are recommending to all members to stick to using this system in Park Flyers until more testing and details are available. Horizon say they are working on technology to "soon" offer this system for general aviation, but no time scale has been given.

These Transmitters are easily identifiable by their short stubby antenna, bright Orange buttons, and needless to say, if a pilot is at the flight line, there will be no Frequency pin displayed on the Transmitter.

If any member would like more info, President Bob V has a CD, which goes into much more detail.

RC World

On Saturday July 22, as was mentioned last month, it is RC World's last ever Fly-In at their current field.

A few of us from Osceola Flyers intend to attend, (meeting up at 10am), and while there, pass out some of our flyers, and talk to people, to try and encourage them to come see us on October 21.

Plus remind their members that we are offering their paid up members free membership with Osceola Flyers until the end of the year.

RC World ceases to exist at it's current location with effect from July 31. To the best of our knowledge, they have no alternative field as yet.

So come on out to their field and give them a great send off.

Monthly Meetings

Remember, the club monthly meetings are held at the field, on the second Saturday of each month, at 9:30am.

Attendance at the monthly meetings is still very small. They average about 17% of the membership. This is really low, especially when compared to the membership numbers.



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, Space
ships, Drones, Modern, Ancient, Rocket, Jet, Thrown-Together, Passenger, 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 CELE-
BRATE 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 various loca-
tions around the field.

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**Register On Line, By Phone, or at Bob's Hobby Cen-
ter Orlando**

Air Show/Fly-In update

Over the last couple of weeks, our Treasurer Joe King, mailed/E. mailed/Contacted over 60 vendors, advising them of our October event. At the same time, politely asking for any type of donations/freebies for the raffle.

So far, Joe has received a 40 size Trainer from Kyosho, and the promise of a WWI kit of our choice from Balsa USA.

Not only that, but Balsa USA have made provisional plans to attend our function, bringing their tent/display and their motor home.

Kudos' to Joe for the work he has put into this.

Likewise, Howard has been busy contacting people, so with a little luck, we should have a great turnout on the day,

I have been in touch with a couple of smaller vendors who say they will display on the day.

Steve Thomas has various "Irons in the fire", with one vendor commitment already. Plus he is working on recruiting pilots.

If Steve from Bob's Hobby Center, and John from JR Hobbies are as good as last time, our raffle will be superb.

Another point to note, is that soon there will be "Special" raffle tickets going on sale at the club. But there is no physical prize for the winner, because what ticket buyers will do, is write the name of a Board member on the back of the ticket. The Board have all agreed that the "winning" (or perhaps that should be losing) ticket drawn, will result in that Board member spending a day working at the Give Kids the World Village. So come on folks, buy tickets and pick a board member to do some work.

Also, we are hoping to have a balloon race on the day. Buy a helium filled balloon (\$1) fill out your name on the attached address tag, and release the balloon. The farthest traveled tag that is returned within 28 days, will win you \$25 and the sender of the returned tag will also be sent \$25.

We will have an Aerial Camera Blimp at the field, taking pictures of the event from various heights.

Don't forget, we will need volunteers in September, to help make the field look good. White Stone spreading in the shade areas, extending the safety fence, general tidy up.

Plus volunteers on the actual day. Safety, Impound, Security, Spotters, Recovery Teams, Raffle Ticket Sellers (Young well endowed ladies preferred), Garbage, car Parking, etc. The list is quite long people, so let me know of you want to offer your services.

Now, we are beginning to wonder just how big this event could grow