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April 2009

Letter from the Editor- Michael Hupp

April was a very busy month for everyone. I will let Mike Atkinson fill you in on the details of the Flying for a Cure event and the air shows, but I would like to take a moment to thank David Mills, Rick Sunderland, Jim Ogorek, Geoff Lawrence and Bill Rogers for all of the awesome pictures and video they sent me. I will be putting a couple pages of pictures at the end of this newsletter for everyone to enjoy. Also, a few members have answered the call for any interesting information that they thought others in the flying community might enjoy reading. Look for those letters in the Afterburner section of this newsletter.

Well, that's all for now. So, keep 'em flying and if you can't, check your area for your trash pickup days. It's embarrassing having it sit by the curb all week for others to laugh at.

Chief Pilot - Mike Atkinson

The weather has been beautiful and Spring flying is getting into high gear. There have been many club activities over the past month and everything has gone pretty good. Our annual Flying for a Cure event was a great success. We had a good allotment of volunteers. Thanks, especially, to Frank Bastos (our CD for the event), Jim Ogorek (overseeing the registration table), and Joe Satterwhite (as usual, our fantastic cook). This is the 3rd year for the event. I believe our 1st year raised about \$700. Last year was close to \$900. At this point, we have raised around \$1200 to be donated to the American Cancer Society. At the next club meeting, we will collect all the pledged donations and prepare a check to be presented to the ACS in memory of Walter Dodson (for whom the event was named) and all our other former members who have died as a result of Cancer.



The school air shows have been real fun. We have performed for Shadeville Elementary, Crawfordville Elementary, and Medart Elementary. Our last show for the season is scheduled May 12th at Riversink Elementary in Crawfordville. The Wakulla County schools seem to be a better location for these shows due to the rural area and absence of housing adjacent to the school yard. I'd like to give a special thanks to Bill Atkinson, Frank Bastos, John Hall, and Geoff Lawrence for their help during these shows. You guys are great and I couldn't do it without you!

Don't forget our scheduled participation in Airfest 2009. Jeff Owens is organizing our activities. We will have a static display at the event with electric planes and helicopters flying behind the tents. This is a very tight flying area, so please be careful. If you have any doubt about your ability to stay within our boundaries, please don't fly at this event. Saturday seems to be the most popular volunteer day, so we need help on Sunday morning, if possible. I'll miss most of the event due to business in Atlanta, but I should make it out by noon on Sunday.

We're still trying to organize another float fly-in and reschedule the helicopter fly-in. We'll get with the float and helicopter guys and discuss prospective dates.

Until next month.....

Michael Atkinson



Upcoming AMA Regional Events

Top Gun

FL

5/06/09-5/10/09 - Lakeland, FL (B restricted to invitations) Top Gun for 512, 515, 520, 522(JSO). Site: Lakeland Airport. Frank Tiano CD, 3607 Ventura Drive Lakeland FL 33811 PH:863-370-1288 email: frank@franktiano.com. Visit www.franktiano.com. 120 world class aircraft, flying rounds Wed - Sun, sttic judging Wed - Fri, huge manufactures area, giant food station, bleachers, 20th anniversary, noon time airshow Fri-Sun. Sponsor: IMPERIAL RC CLUB

Atlanta Stunt Meet '09

GA

5/15/09-5/17/09 - Marietta, GA (AA) Atlanta Stunt Meet '09 for 323, 324, 325, 326(JSO). Site: Lockheed Martin Parking Lot. Tom Dixon CD, 315 Santa Anita Ave Woodstock GA 30189 PH:770-592-3279. No BOM, no apperance pts, unofficial events: nostalgia (1985 cutoff), old time, profile, basic flight. Sponsor: COBB CO SKY REBELS

Warbirds Over the Glades

FL

5/23/09-5/24/09 - DelRay Beach, FL (C) Warbirds Over the Glades. Site: West DelRay Regional Park. Alexander Acuti CD, 8204 SW 11th Ct N Lauderdale FL 33068 PH:954-257-2435 email: spitfireluckyb@yahoo.com. Landing fee \$15 which \$5 will go to benefitting the Alexander Nininger Florida State Veterand Nursing Home. 600' paved runway and an adjacent grass runway. Restricted to models of trule military fixed or rotary wing in authentic military paint schemes, minimum wingspan of 48" and be capable of a rolling takeoff, helicopters must have a minimum rotor span of 40", turbines are welcome subnject to restrictions that may be in effect, Visit www.palmbeachrc.com. Sponsor: PALM BEACH RADIO CONTROLL ASSN

King Orange Scale Rally

FL

5/23/09-5/24/09 - Land O Lakes, FL (C) King Orange Scale Rally. Site: Club Field. William McCallie CD, 10501 Sago Road Tampa FL 33618 PH:813-932-0622. Rally for all scale aircraft. Sponsor: BAY CITY FLYERS

Smackdown of the South

GA

5/23/09-5/24/09 - Acworth, GA (C) Smackdown of the South. Site: Club Field. Karl Durant CD, 118 Cedar Point Dallas GA 30132 PH:770-966-7297 email: mlkdurant@comcast.net. Visit www.ccrcc.info. Come out to CCRC and fly with us. there will be food, fun, prizes and most importantly comraderie and the love of RC Helicopters. Sponsor: COBB COUNTY RADIO CONTROL MODELERS CLUB

May Daze

GA

5/24/09 - Whitesburg, GA (A) May Daze for Cat III 101C, 102-103C, 104-105C, 124, 130, 140, 142, 160, 161, 162, 501, 503(JSO). Site: NG Turf Farm. Dohrman Crawford CD, 1400 Mile Post Drive Dunwoody GA 30338 PH:770-698-8737 email: tum25@bellsouth.net. Visit www.thermalthumbers.com. Sponsor: TTOMA

5th Annual Electric Fly

FL

5/30/09-5/31/09 - Morriston, FL (C) 5th Annual Electric Fly. Site: Club Field. Richard Hinton CD, 851 SE 148th Terrace Williston FL 32696 PH:352-528-9729 email: rhinton1@embarqmail.com. Sponsor: ONE WING LOW SQUADRON



Chief Treasurer- Theo Titus

Editor's Note: The Treasurer's report is published for Members only. The public version of the Newsletter does not include account balances.

Checking Accounts

Capital City Bank	\$000.00
Premier Bank	\$000.00

Savings Accounts

Capital City Savings	\$000.00
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Funds for Deposit

\$000.00

Cash On Hand

\$000.00

Total Assets

\$000.00

Income for the period

Dues / New Memberships	\$000.00
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TOTAL INCOME -	\$000.00
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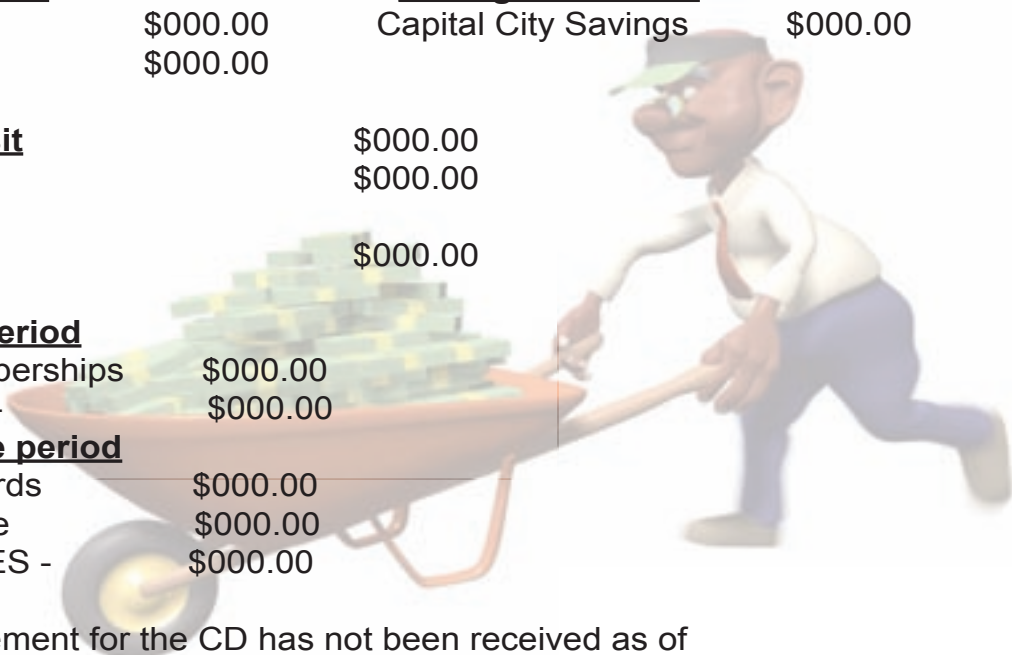
Expenses for the period

Plaques and Awards	\$000.00
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Field Maintenance	\$000.00
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TOTAL EXPENSES -	\$000.00
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The monthly statement for the CD has not been received as of this date.



Chief Scribe- Geoff Lawrence

The April meeting was called to order at 6:57 pm Thursday April 9, 2009 due to extremely bad weather on the regular scheduled first Thursday. The meeting was called to order by Vice President Mike Kinsey in President Mike Atkinson's absence. Welcome new members Dave Humphreys and Dave Humphreys Jr. Theo Titus read the treasurers report. Theo reported eight new members in last sixty days. Motion was made to accept the treasurers report, seconded and passed.

Old Business:

Esposito's is coming the week of April 13th to give quote for weed and feed of the runway. It was determined after the County spread free fertilizer more treatment was needed before leveling with sand. We're still awaiting sand from the County. We were told about mid-April. Proposed Float Fly will be held May 30. Date not yet finalized. John Hall has obtained two samples of runway fabric for a proposed electric aircraft runway to be laid on a portion of the existing runway.

New Business:

A request was made for a hard copy roster of Club Members. Geoff Lawrence will bring that to the May meeting for those who need it. Frank Bastos requested volunteers for the Flying for a Cure event April 25th.

Announcements:

Hobbytown Tallahassee has moved to their new location at 1812 Thomasville Road. Frank Bastos of Hobbytown announced they are offering a 10% discount off internet pricing on all special orders for items not in stock. Hobbytown coupons still apply and Tower Hobbies gift certificates may be redeemed for Great Planes products.

With no more announcements and no more business, the motion was made, seconded and passed to adjourn at 7:26pm.



These are letters and informational tid bits that members like you wanted to share with their fellow pilots:

This was submitted by Jim Vennerholm.....

IRKS SOARING CONTEST #2 (Non-sanctioned club event.)

Saturday, June 13, 2009

"524" club flying site, Adamson Road, Cocoa (Brevard County Waste Management Site)

Registration starts @ 9:30 AM

Field Closed to all other model flying @ 10:30 AM (until end of soaring competition)

Pilot's Meeting @ 10:40 AM

Contest starts @ 11:00 AM

Contest Director: John Vennerholm, AMA 6615, 321-254-3289, <johnrv1@bellsouth.net>

IRKS Club Contest Coordinator: Don Fourson, 407-353-3941, <combatgoblin2005@yahoo.com>

Classes: Unlimited and RES. Pilots may fly both classes.

Contest Entry Requirements;

1. Current AMA card
2. Brevard County Waste Management regulations require all visitors to register at the guard house at the south entrance to site when arriving. If you are not an IRKS club member, call or E-mail the CD ahead of the contest date, and you will be placed on a list for immediate entry and you will be given a pink IRKS Guest Pass when you arrive at the gate.

If you arrive at the gate without prior notice, you will have to phone the CD on the field at 321-604-0956 and wait for someone to be available to come out to the gate to meet you. Please try to give advance notice to the CD.

Driving directions to contest site:

From I-95, take Exit #202, SR 524, (west toward Orlando) about 1.8 miles to Adamson Road on the right.

From eastbound SR 520 from Orlando, turn left at SR 524 and go east about 0.2 miles to Adamson road on your left.

Turn north on Adamson Road for 2.0 miles to the first entrance to the Brevard Waste Management Site. Drive up to the gatehouse weigh scale and tell the attendant that you are going to the IRKS contest.

Once past the gatehouse, drive straight ahead past the lake until the main road turns sharply right. However, you turn left onto a southbound road and proceed past the green shed to the first driveway on the right. You will see the sailplane crowd.

Drive slowly and BE CAREFUL OF ANY HOLES LEFT BY WILD HOGS.

They can realign your steering!



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Radio Controlled Airplane Flies Across The United States

A group of model airplane enthusiasts will fly a battery powered Radio Controlled (RC) airplane designated as a parkflyer in all 48 contiguous United States. The name they have given this adventure is Wings Across America 2008 or WAA-08 for short.

This type of project has been attempted before. What sets this project apart from all the others ever attempted or completed is that the pilots will hand deliver the plane from pilot to pilot. The plane will never be shipped by mail to its next destination. This method will be creating a "chain" of pilots that personally fly, then hand off the model to the next pilot, all across the continental United States. In the end, the model airplane will have flown in all 48 states and cover a distance of over 14,000 miles along the way. It will end its journey at home field about 12 months after it made its maiden flight in eastern Virginia. Currently, over 250 pilots have registered to take part in this history making project.

On Saturday, April 18th, Richard Feezel was the 100th pilot to fly "Squirt", as the WAA-08 airplane is known, at the Seminole R/C Club field in Tallahassee, Florida. Squirt was then handed over to Steve Cooper, pilot #101, of Sopchoppy for another successful flight. Richard and Steve will have a display and fly a demo at SEFF on Friday, April 30th.

A few statistics of the WAA-08 adventure as of today's date: 125 pilots have flown the WAA-08 plane. 5,475 miles traveled. 19 states visited. 61 AMA Chartered clubs have supported our adventure. 363 registered pilots. 215 AMA chartered clubs represented. 4 nationally publicized magazines have run articles on the WAA-08 adventure. 1 registered pilot in Delaware. 35 registered pilots in California –the most; followed by NY with 23. See more information at :

<http://www.deserteaglesrcclub.com/waa-08.htm>

And follow the Wattflyer thread at:

<http://www.wattflyer.com/forums/showthread>



Afterburner - (Continued)

These are some of the photos taken at the Flying for a Cure and the school airshows. I thank everyone who supplied the great photos and all the help that was given to make this newsletter grow.



Seminole Radio Control Club Tallahassee, FL

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SRCC Officers

President – **Mike Atkinson**
Vice President – **Mike Kinsey**
Secretary – **Geoff Lawrence**
Newsletter Editor – **Michael Hupp**
Treasurer – **Theo Titus**
Field Marshall – **Joe Satterwhite**
Field Safety Officer- **Gordie Meade**

Field Hours

For Gas and Nitro (wet) - 12:00 noon until dark
For Electric - 9:00 a.m. until dark

Training Notes

To schedule a training time contact Mike Atkinson.

Flight Instructors

Mike Atkinson- Primary/ Advanced Flight Instructor (Coordinator)	926-4692
Mike Kinsey- Primary/ Advanced Flight Instructor	
Geoff Lawrence- Primary/ Advanced Flight Instructor	942-9807
John Hall- Primary/ Advanced Helicopter Flight Instructor	893-6457
Jay Leudecke- Primary/ Advanced Helicopter Flight Instructor	508-7135
Jeff Owens- Ground School/ Airworthiness Instructor (Fixed Wing)	894-2504
Frank Bastos- Hobby Town Flight Demonstrator	671-2030

Club Meeting Location and Time

November- March: The regular club meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM at the Grace Lutheran Church on Miccosukee Rd. Head out Miccosukee Rd., cross Capital Circle NE, and the entrance will be the first one on your right. Once you park, follow the sidewalk around the left side of the building and go down the hill. We meet in a room on the first level.

April- October: The regular club meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month at **7:00 PM** at the Flying Field. The Club offers food and drinks for a small charge.

Newsletter Submissions- Submissions are requested to be in M.S. Word format or via e-mail text. Photos should be in .jpg or .tif format. Vector art accepted in Corel, Illustrator and AUTOCAD format. We will, however, accept anything to make it easier for those who wish to contribute. Submissions are due no later than the 23rd of the month. Send your submissions to Michael Hupp - hbhobbies@gmail.com

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