

RCACF FLYPAPER

The Official Monthly Newsletter

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Cover photo: Zachary Ketchersid with his Great Planes Cub.

This fine airplane is about two years old and has an OS-81 four stroke engine. It is swinging a 14X5 Zinger wooden prop. Zack has flown it about 5 times when this picture was taken. This is the largest plane that he has flown. He has only been flying about a year and already flies the pants off this thing. You would think a big heavy slow Cub would be real slow and docile, but not with Zack flying it, no Sir. He took off, went straight up and threw it into a hover. There I stood being amazed by a student with only one year of real stick flying and it came so natural to him. His Dad tells me that he always had planes hanging up in his garage and one day Zack said he wanted to see them fly. The rest is history as they say.

Keep up the good work Zack!



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Greg Foushi Chief Flight Instructor
Al Marin Publicity Officer
Barry Vaught Photographer
Michael Vivona Webmaster



President's Corner

John Foushi
President

Donations! With the economy as it is today, everyone is looking for donations. And RCACF is no different! We have many members throughout the year that donate their personal time and some donate financial help to our club. I believe it fitting that we recognize some of our members that do donate to the club. The first one that comes to mind is Jim Lackey. He is always volunteering to help the Club for every event we have had. He has volunteered to help all members with their airplane repairs to helping them with their flying skills. Brian Provost stands tall when it comes to the tough jobs. He had taken the lead role in construction of our IC and many more projects. There are many others that also come to mind, like Al Ward for his financial help, Bob Violett for his continued financial help to his donation of products that we raffle at our monthly meetings. When we needed to have bulletin boards for the IC and we could not afford them, Bill Freeland said he would make them for us and he did. Bill has also volunteered to make some of the new signs you see around the flight area. Don Lowe, is another contributor to the Club in so many different ways. Recently, he has donated many of Billy Girod's aircraft, gliders, motors, radio equipment, computer, etc to our Club. The sale of those donations have started to strengthen our badly depleted bank account. I want to say, "Thank You" for all that you do for the Club.

We want to encourage all of our members to donate to the Club when the opportunity presents itself. You, can donate your personal time to giving financial help. All will add to the future strength of RCACF. Right now the club is looking for some shades or curtains to cover our five windows in the club house. This would allow us to show slides, videos and other training media without the interference of sun light. The windows are 57" wide. Someone may have some old shades to donate to the club.

For those of you that missed our January meeting, Here are some of the highlights. We have upgraded the Club House itself with aviation and member's pictures on the walls and a flight training desk with a computer with "Flight Simulator". You can practice your takeoff and landing skills at your convenience. We only ask that you turn it off and unplug the computer from the wall outlet when you are finished. We have a newer refrigerator to keep our food nice and fresh. A few reminders when using the Club House, clean up after yourself, no unsupervised children and remember to lock both doors when you leave. The Apopka Chief newspaper ran an article about our club recently. If you didn't see it, we have the article framed inside the Club House for your reading pleasure.

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Our board members are still looking for members to join their committees. Please try and support our board members with your help. Other news, we are continuing to look for a new field and we are developing some options. Although, our landlord said they are willing to compromise on the rent depending on our level of membership. Our second meeting with the landlord is scheduled after the first quarter. We are also going to work with the Equestrian operations (Horse Lady) as to riding their horses on our field. We believe that a "good neighbor policy" is the route we should take. Our landlord agrees with some insurance consideration.

Here are the results of the Questionnaire we did last month and I want to thank the 31 members that took the time to fill them out. For those of you that chose not to fill one out, you must not have any opinion as to what direction our club should take.

Meetings

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
1- Should we continue to have monthly meetings?	29	2
2- Should we change the location of our meetings?	2	29
3- Should we have "Guest Speakers" at our meeting?	18	10
4- Should we have "Model of the Month?"	23	5
5- Should we include Non RC subjects in meeting?	10	15
6- Should we include RC flying techniques in meeting?	23	6
7- Should we continue to raffle airplanes at meetings?	28	2
8- Should we restrict the number of members in the Club?	4	23
9- If yes to the above questions, "How Many Members?"	Range 200-250	
10- Where do you see areas of improvement for our meetings?	See #10 below	
11- What would you like to see us do during a meeting	See #11 below	

Flying field

12- Should we continue to have events at our field?	29	1
13- Should we limit the number of events per year?	19	9
14- If yes to the above question, "How Many"	Range 1-6 events	
15- Should we limit the number of days per event?	19	6
16- If yes to the above question "How Many Days"	Range 2-4 days	
17- Should we actively be looking to move to another field?	26	2
18- Should we have "Fun Fly" events for our members?	28	2
19- Would you like to have "Fun Fly" with other RC Clubs?	24	5
20- Should we publish our By-Laws on our web-page?	23	3
21- What improvements would you like to see to our Flying field?	See #21 below	

#10-More training, example what is Expo? Flying techniques, landing clinic, etc.

#11 Keep meeting short, use Roberts Rules of Order, ask for comments or questions from the membership, less bickering, communication with other members, Audio/Visual presentations.

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#21 Add flight station to north end, add toilet to north end, seating for guests, after meeting pick up trash, cut grass, remove junk, fix roofs, paint Club House, stop spending money, have Board Members abide by the By-Laws, no pets, should have two Swap Meets per year, clean up the area, next time have an East/West runway, repair the driveway.

For those of you that took the time to provide detailed comments, we Thank You, I read them all!

LAST Minute Information

The impending FAA NPRM (Notice of Proposed Rule Making) has been postponed from February 2012 to the Spring 2012. This will give our AMA leaders a little more time to demonstrate that we can operate responsibly without the help from the FAA. As RCACF member Bob Violet said, "We must all understand that our behavior now and in the future can affect our privilege to continue enjoying our sport."

Fly Safe and Have Fun

John J. Foushi
President RCACF



Fred Hale
Vice President

Look forward to the February general meeting.

If you know of someone who might be of interest as a speaker, please let me know.

We will have a competition Fun Fly in March so get your thumbs loosened up and plan to have a great time. Date, time and maneuvers will be announced later.

I need someone to volunteer to take charge of the cooking at our events. Bo Swope will help with the cooking but we need a lead person . Please help if you can.

Keep your wings level,

Fred Hale



Alyn Jackson
Treasurer

This month I would like to thank Bob Violett of BVM Jets for his support of the RCACF. BVM has made many do nations over the years to the RCACF, both supplies for raffles and monetary. Not to mention his assistance to flyers on the line. BVM has donated some turbine quality epoxy, O-links, wire loom, and some files/rasps for raffles this past month, which will be used for a silent auction. The silent auction will also include some engines, a plane, and some other donated equipment from various donors. We will hold this auction at the February meeting, so come and bid.

We are looking good for this time of the year, and I'd like to thank everyone who has renewed their memberships, and manpower to make the RCACF a club and field we can be proud of.

The work party in January went quite well, and the field looks great.

If you would like to hold an event, be sure to get an event bid in to the Board. We will be trying to make sure all events held this year make a profit.

If you have any questions about the club finances, please contact me and we can arrange a time to meet and discuss.

Alyn Jackson



Greg Foushi
Chief Flight Instructor

This year's Flight Training starts right in our very own club house. That's right..... We now have a flight simulator to begin your training. If the weather is too bad or starts to rain just continue your training in the club house. The new RCACF Flight Simulator was donated by the late "Great" Milton "Billy" Girod. I know he smiles every time we are using it....

If you're a brand new member and need instruction we have six (6) Certified Flight Instructors to choose from to begin your flight training. If you're a new member who knows how to fly we have (4) Pilot Examiners to get your check ride completed. The Pilot Examiners are Dustin Buescher, Bob Fiorenze, Don Lowe and I. The Certified Flight Instructors are Fred Hale, Steve Homenda, Jim Lackey, Charlie Pierce, Tom Spelzhausen & Gary Zaffino and all of their contact information is on-line or in the I.C..

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at gfoushi@aol.com or by phone at 407-453-1060.

Have fun and fly safe!!!

Greg Foushi



Barry Vaught
Photographer

Hello Pilots

A big "Thank You" to everyone who signed up to assist with the Photography for RCACF. We are fortunate to have so many talented members.

We know there are even more of you out there that may be at the right place, at the right time to make a contribution to the flight history of our club. If this happens, go ahead and make the photograph, and bring your photographs on a cd to the next club meeting. Stay tuned for a short model airplane/helicopter photography workshop in the near future. Also make sure you visit the website often, and read The Flypaper. There may be some new surprises coming soon.

Barry Vaught

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Al Marin
Publicity Officer

Saludos Todos,

The New Year is filled with obtainable goals and defeatable challenges. We have already made wonderful changes to the field and the club house. 2012 started with the Apopka Chief running a superb article about the club, its members and its future. We have a copy at the club house and I encourage all to call Sherry Brunson part of the Apopka Chief Staff at **(407) 886-2777** and thank her for her time and interest.

As members of the RCACF we all are Publicity Officers and are ambassadors of the club and the sport I encourage all to bring friends and family to the field. We are planning a Fun Fly Day and a SWAP MEET soon these events are great opportunities to invite them.

Remember we have our club meetings every month with raffles, 50/50 and T-shirts for sale. It is well known that I won the Yak 54 and what so few know is that I bought only one ticket hence the importance of attending and participating in our meetings. Special thanks to Don Lowe and Jason Shulman for setting up the plane. Soon all will see this beauty in the air.

Gracias Todos,

Al Marin



Gary Zaffino
Facilities Chairman

We had a good turnout for our work party on Saturday, January 21 thanks in large part to the cooperation of the weather. We accomplished a great deal, and many improvements were made to the field. The *Clint Ponce safety fence* was completed. Lunch was served to all who participated. For all those who volunteered their time and energy to the Club, nice work Guys. Special thanks to John Fushi, Joe Hooker, Richard Frazier, Brian Provost, Greg Fushi, Orlando Frets, Bob Harrison, Clint Ponce, Bo Swope, Al Marin and Scott Litzelman for all their hard work.

Bob Harrison and Bo Swope demonstrated their considerable landscaping talents by mowing the grass. The Field is looking good as all of the members can attest.

The next work party will be on February 18, 2012. Starting time will be 8:00 a.m. At 10:00 AM, food will be served. The food alone is worth showing up for. We will be on a clean-up mission around the shed and the container. Hope to see you support your Club and lend a hand.

Thanks,

Gary Zaffino

Monthly Airplane Raffle

At January's club meeting Al Marin won this fabulous Yak at our club raffle.



Next Airplane Raffle



Make sure you show up at February's meeting to get your chance at this 50" T-28 Trojan complete with retracts.

RCACF CLUB MEETING

Saturday, February 11, 2012

10:00 AM

Club House

Agenda

I. Open meeting,

II. ID any new members or visitors

III. Reading of last meeting's minutes

IV. President's Report

a. Review Questionnaire Answers

b. Members open discussion (Questionnaire)

c. Revenue income opportunity

d. Members open discussion (Revenue)

V. Vice President's Report a. Upcoming Events b. Upcoming Speakers

VI. Treasurer's Report

a. Financial Report

VII. Secretary's Report

VIII. Membership Chairmen's Report

IX. Safety Director's Report (Hand out Safety Rules)

X. Chief Flight Instructor's Report

XI. Facilities Chairman's Report

XII. Publicity Chairman's Report



Michael Vivona
Webmaster

I just read a story in Popular Sciences that is pretty darned amazing and any RC pilot would love to hear.

Flying ambulances could save troops

Story Highlights

- Autonomous ducted-fan aircraft could serve as future ambulances
- Mules, as they are known, can go places choppers with vulnerable rotors can't
- As an unmanned craft, it's both light and able to risk enemy fire

(PopSci.com) -- U.S. troops are pinned down in a crowded city center. Several are wounded and need immediate evacuation. There are miles of labyrinthine roads and thousands of enemy gunmen between them and the nearest base.

The threat from rocket-propelled grenades has grounded the big helicopters.

There's one, final hope for these soldiers: the Mule, a compact, fully autonomous medevac aircraft powered by ducted fans -- fully enclosed spinning blades that are smaller and more efficient than conventional helicopter rotors.

This concept, created by Israel-based Urban Aeronautics, could revolutionize military and civilian emergency care.

Within minutes of troops radioing in their GPS coordinates, two drones dart in at 100 mph and land neatly on a narrow rooftop. The casualties are loaded into pods on the UAV's sides - each vehicle can carry two patients -- and the fore-and-aft lift fans speed up for vertical takeoff. Once airborne, a medic's voice, piped in by radio, comforts the wounded soldiers, distracting them from the gunfire outside and the disconcerting notion that their rescuers are robots..

Michael Vivona

Next general club meeting - February 11th 10AM

**A great big *THANK YOU* to everyone who supports our great club.
We could not do it without your continued help.**

Have a wonderful day...

Come Fly With Us

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